

VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Education recognizes that certain programs and activities can be enhanced through the use of volunteers who have particular knowledge or skills that will be helpful to members of the professional staff responsible for the conduct of those programs and activities. While volunteers are valuable to the district, volunteering is a privilege not a right.

The Superintendent or his or her designee shall be responsible for recruiting community volunteers, reviewing their capabilities, and making appropriate placements. S/He shall not be obligated to make use of volunteers whose abilities are not in accord with District needs.

Any individual who volunteers to work in the schools or on any school sponsored activity or has access to students shall submit to a criminal history records check, prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program and again periodically as required by the district

Any person who volunteers to work with the District shall be screened through the Internet site for the Sex Offenders Registry (SOR) list prior to being allowed to participate in any activity or program.

If at anytime, a volunteer's actions or presence interferes with the positive and productive functioning of an individual child, a classroom, or a school as a whole, the administration reserves the right to reassign and/or remove the volunteer from the school setting.

The Superintendent is to inform each volunteer that s/he:

shall agree to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines and adhere to the directives provided at the building level while on duty as a volunteer;

will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District cannot provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers compensation;

Shall be responsible for maintaining confidentiality regarding information see or heard while volunteering.

The Superintendent shall also ensure that each volunteer is properly informed of the District's appreciation for his/her time and efforts in assisting the operation of the schools.

Policy 9800.01 outlines veteran volunteers requirements for recognition from the District and the Department of Public Instruction.