

SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS

3150 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board recognizes the need to develop a school volunteer program to support District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

- a) Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction;
- b) Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process;
- c) Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

Volunteers are persons who are willing to donate their time and energies to assist Principals, teachers, and other school personnel in implementing various phases of school programs. Volunteers shall serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits except for liability protection under the District's insurance program.

An application shall be filled out by each prospective volunteer and forwarded to the District Office for evaluation. All persons performing volunteer services shall be screened and interviewed by one or more members of the regular school staff. A volunteer may or may not be added to the District list of approved volunteers pending approval from the Superintendent of Schools. In all situations, the Superintendent retains the right to approve or reject any volunteer applications submitted for consideration.

Administrative regulations will be developed to implement the terms of this policy.

Policy References:

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 United States Code (USC) Section 14501 et seq.

Education Law Sections 3023 and 3028

Public Officers Law Section 18

Policy Cross References:

[6540 - DEFENSE AND INDEMNIFICATION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES](#)

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