

SUBJECT: School Volunteers

The Board recognizes the importance of a school volunteer program to support District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program is 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, and who **(except for volunteer coaches)** have been authorized by the Superintendent of Schools to participate in the school volunteer program. Volunteers shall serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits. The Superintendent may revoke the approval of a volunteer at any time without prior notice.

In the athletic program, volunteer coaches may be appointed only by the Board of Education and must meet all requirements of the Commissioner's Regulations for coaches, including the criminal history record check (fingerprinting) process, and applicable certification or licensing.

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

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997
42 United States Code
Section 14501 et seq.
Education Law Section 3023 and 3028
Public Officers Law Section 18
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