

## Community Relations

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

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

The Board has 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.

An application must be filled out by each prospective volunteer and forwarded to the District Community Programs volunteer office for evaluation and orientation. Following approval from the Superintendent or designee, volunteers selected for work in the District will be placed on the list of approved volunteers. However, the Superintendent and/or designee retains the right to approve, reject or revoke any volunteer applications submitted for consideration.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 USC § 14501 et seq.  
Education Law §§ 3023 and 3028  
Public Officers Law § 18

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #6540 -- Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees

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