

Community Relations

Volunteer Assistance

The Governing Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and abilities with students. Volunteer assistance in schools enriches the educational program, enhances supervision of students and contributes to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships with the community. The Board also encourages community members to serve as mentors providing support and motivation to students.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan for recruiting, screening and placing volunteers.

Volunteers shall be provided with information about school goals, programs and practices and shall receive an orientation and other training related to their specific responsibilities as appropriate. Employees who supervise volunteers shall ensure that volunteers are assigned meaningful responsibilities that capitalize on their skills and expertise and maximize their contribution to the educational program.

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations and school rules. At their discretion, employees who supervise volunteers may ask any volunteer who violates school rules to leave the campus. Employees also may confer with the principal or designee regarding any such volunteers. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for investigating and resolving complaints regarding volunteers.

Volunteer maintenance work shall be limited to those projects that do not replace the normal maintenance duties of classified staff. The Board nevertheless encourages volunteers to work on short-term projects to the extent that they enhance the classroom or school, do not significantly increase maintenance workloads and comply with employee commitments and contracts.

Volunteer aides shall not be used to assist certificated staff in performing teaching or administrative responsibilities in place of regularly authorized classified employees who have been laid off. (Education Code 35021)

The Board encourages principals to develop a means for recognizing the contributions of each school's volunteers.

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically report to the Board regarding the district's volunteer assistance program.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35021 Volunteer aides

35021.1 Automated records check

44010 Sex offense; definition

44227.5 Classroom participation by college methodology faculty

44814-44815 Supervision of students during lunch and other nutrition periods

45125 Fingerprinting requirements

45340-45349 Instructional aides

45360-45367 Teacher aides

49406 Examination for tuberculosis