

## COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS AND VOLUNTEERS

The board recognizes the valuable resource it has in the members of the school district community. When possible and in concert with the education program, members of the school district community may be asked to make presentations to the students or to assist employees in duties other than teaching. The school district may officially recognize the contributions made by volunteers.

Recruitment, training, utilization, and the maintenance of records for the purposes of insurance coverage and/or recognition of school district volunteers is the responsibility of the superintendent.

The board of education believes that the use of volunteers within the school program enhances the educational process not only for students but also for the community. The use of volunteers provides additional support personnel in the classroom, promotes community-school cooperation in facilitating the learning process, increases community support, and provides for individuals who have expertise in various areas to be used as resource persons.

Selection and recruitment of volunteers is done at the local school. Interested individuals should contact the appropriate building principal.

The use of volunteers is encouraged and promoted through the local attendance center. Volunteers are screened at the local level and must be acceptable to the administrator. Volunteers whose primary role is that of working directly with students or assisting staff on a regular basis are required to have a satisfactory criminal records background check and a satisfactory abuse registries background check prior to volunteering. Volunteers who chaperone students on an overnight trip are required to have a satisfactory abuse registries check on file with the school for that current school year.

The assignment of volunteers is done by the principal or designee. The continuation of the services of a volunteer shall be at the principal's discretion. Accountability of the program shall include accurate record keeping at the local school.

Volunteers are bound by the same code of ethics, district policies and regulations as the professional staff.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 279.8; 670 (2011).

Cross Reference: 603.1 Basic Instruction Program  
903.3 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites

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