

Volunteer Assistance

The Governing Board recognizes that volunteer assistance in schools can enrich the educational program, increase supervision of students, and contribute to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships with the community. The Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge, and abilities with students.

(cf. 1000 – Concepts and Roles)

(cf. 1700 – Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)

(cf. 4222 – Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

(cf. 5020 – Parent Rights and Responsibilities)

(cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs)

(cf. 6020 – Parent Involvement)

(cf. 6171 – Title I Programs)

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan for recruiting, screening, and placing volunteers, including strategies for reaching underrepresented groups of parents/guardians and community member. He/She may also recruit community members to serve as mentors to students and/or make appropriate referrals to community organizations.

(cf. 1020 – Youth Services)

(cf. 1400 – Relations Between Other Governmental Agencies and Schools)

As Appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide volunteers with information about school goals, programs, and practices and an orientation or other training related to their specific responsibilities. Employees who supervise volunteers shall ensure that volunteers are assigned meaningful responsibilities that utilize their skills and expertise and maximize their contribution to the educational program.

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 negotiated agreements.

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

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations, and school rules. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for investigation and resolving complaints regarding volunteers.

(cf. 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 3515.2 – Disruptions)

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.

Qualifications

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for determining whether volunteers possess the qualifications, if any, required by law and administrative regulation for the types of duties they will perform.

Prior to assuming a volunteer position to work with students in a district-sponsored student activity program, a volunteer shall obtain both a Department of Justice and Federal Bureau of Investigation criminal background check through the district. (Education Code 49024)

A volunteer who possesses a current Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, issued prior to July 9, 2010, shall have satisfied district requirements for the criminal background check. (Education Code 49024)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

8482-8484.6 - After School Education and Safety Program

8484.7-8484.9 – 21st Century Community Learning Center Program

35021 – Volunteer Aides

35021.1 – Automated Records Check

35021.3 – Registry of Volunteers for Before/After School Programs

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

45125.01 – Interagency Agreements for Criminal Record Information

45340-45319 – Instructional Aides

45360-45367 – Teacher Aides

49024 – Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate

49406 – Examination for Tuberculosis

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.5 – Prohibited Interference with Employees’ Rights

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

1596.871 – Fingerprints of Individuals in Contact with Child Day Care Facility Clients

LABOR CODE

1720.4 – Public Works; Exclusion of Volunteer from Prevailing Wage Law

3364.5 – Persons Performing Voluntary Services for School Districts

PENAL CODE

290 – Registration of Sex Offenders

290.4 – Information re: Sex Offenders

209.95 – Disclosure by Person Required to Register as Sex Offender

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22

101170 – Criminal Record Clearance

101216 – health Screening, Volunteers in Child Care Centers

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

62 – Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen 325 (1979)

COURT DECISIONS

Whisman Elementary School District, (1991) PERB Decision No. 868

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING CODED CORRESPONDENCE

10-11 Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate (ASCC)
July 20, 2010

WEBSITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, Parents/Family and Community: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf>

California Department of justice, Megan’s Law: <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>

California Parent Teacher Association: <http://www.capta.org>

Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

National Coalition for Parent Involvement in Education: <http://www.ncpie.org>

National Parent Teacher Association: <http://www.pta.org>

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Duties of Volunteers

Volunteers may assist certificated personnel in the performance of their duties, in the supervision of students, and in instructional tasks which, in the judgment of the certificated personnel to which the volunteer is assigned, may be performed by a person not licensed as a classroom teacher. These duties shall not include assignment of grades to students. (Education Code 45343, 45344, 45349)

(cf. 4222 – Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)

(cf. 5148 – Child Care and Development)

(cf. 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs)

Volunteers may supervise students during lunch, breakfast, or other nutritional periods or may serve as nonteaching aides under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel to perform non-instructional work which assists certificated personnel in the performance of teaching and administrative responsibilities. (Education Code 35021, 44814, 44815)

Volunteers may work on short-term facilities projects pursuant to Board Policy and the section below entitled “Volunteer Facilities Projects.”

Qualifications

Volunteers providing supervision or instruction of students pursuant to Education Code 45349 shall give evidence of basic skills proficiency. (Education Code 45344.5, 45349)

(cf. 4212 – Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

Any volunteer working with students in a district–sponsored student activity program shall obtain an Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate or criminal background check in accordance with Board policy. The Superintendent or designee shall determine which volunteer positions in the district are subject to this requirement.

(cf. 4212.5 – Criminal Background Check)

“Student activity programs” include, but are not limited to, scholastic programs, interscholastic programs, and extracurricular activities sponsored by the district or a school booster club, such as cheer team, drill team, dance team, and marching band. This requirement shall not apply to volunteer supervisors for breakfast, lunch, or other nutritional periods or to volunteer nonteaching aides under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated personnel pursuant to Education Code 35021, including parents/guardians volunteering in a classroom or on a field trip or community members providing non-instructional services. (Education Code 49024)

(cf. 4127/4227/4327 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)
(cf. 6145 – Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities)

The Superintendent or designee shall not assign any person required to register as a sex offender pursuant to Penal Code 290 as a volunteer who assists certificated personnel in the performance of their duties; supervises students during lunch, breakfast or other nutritional period; or serves as a nonteaching aide to perform non-instructional tasks. In addition, a person who is required to register as a sex offender because of a conviction for a crime where the victim was a minor under age 16 shall not serve as a volunteer in any capacity in which he/she would be working directly and in an unaccompanied setting with minors on more than an incidental and occasional basis or have supervision or disciplinary power over minors. (Education Code 35021, 45349; Penal Code 290.95)

(cf. 3515.5 – Sex Offender Notification)

The Superintendent or designee may require all volunteers to disclose their status as a registered sex offender and/or provide the district with sufficient information in order to allow verification of this status on the Department of Justice's Megan's Law web site.

No volunteer shall be assigned to supervise or instruct students unless he/she has submitted evidence of and examination within the last 60 days to determine that he/she is free of active tuberculosis. Volunteers who test negative shall thereafter be required to take a tuberculosis test every four years in accordance with Education Code 49406. (Education Code 45106, 45347, 45349, 49406)

(cf. 4112.4/4212.4/4312.1 – Health Examinations)

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from tuberculosis testing requirements those volunteers who serve less than a school year and whose functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students. (Education Code 49406)

Volunteer Facilities Projects

All volunteer facilities projects shall have approximate start and completion dates and shall be approved by the principal in advance. Projects also shall be approved in advance by the Superintendent or designee if they involve the following types of work:

1. Alterations, additions or repairs to buildings and grounds
2. Construction involving wall or roof penetration, drilling or nailing
3. Structural modifications
4. Electrical, electronic, plumbing, or heating and cooling work
5. Painting
6. Installation of carpet, playground equipment, benches, sprinkler systems, marquees or signs
7. Paving
8. Tree planting, pruning, or removal

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that volunteers possess the appropriate license and/or have sufficient expertise appropriate to the project. He/she shall also ensure that such projects comply with building and safety codes and other applicable laws and collective bargaining agreements. The district shall provide on-site assistance and supervision for such projects as necessary. Projects shall be inspected upon completion to ensure that the work was done satisfactorily.

(cf. 3514 – Environmental Safety)

(cf. 3514.1 – Hazardous Substances)

(cf. 7140 – Architectural and Engineering Services)

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