

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The School Board recognizes the need to develop a volunteer program to support district instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

- Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction.
- Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process.
- Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

A volunteer is a person who works at the recommendation of professional personnel. A volunteer will serve without compensation or employee benefits of any type, except for workers' compensation if the school district is desirous of providing coverage. (To be covered for workers' compensation, the appointment of a volunteer must be reflected in the official minutes.)

1. New Coaches/activity volunteers must be approved at a regular school board meeting the month prior to the season starting.
2. The Superintendent may approve a qualified volunteer prior to the activity pending board approval.
3. All long term overnight chaperone volunteers must have a background check.
4. Volunteer coaches need the necessary certification completed prior to volunteering and school board approval.
5. Once a volunteer has been approved by the board, the administration will determine his/her continued status on a year to year basis.

Volunteers will work with students under the immediate supervision and direction of certificated staff and are expected to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the district.

Legal References:

SDCL 47-23-29 (Immunity of volunteers of nonprofit organizations)

SDCL 62-1-5.1 (Volunteers serving state or subdivisions without pay)

1st Reading – January 2013

2nd Reading – February 2013

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