

JTHS Bridge Builders

Community Ambassador Volunteer Program

What is the JTHS Bridge Builders Ambassador Program?

Through the JTHS Bridge Builders Ambassador Program, parents/guardians, alumni, and community members will have the opportunity to use their leadership and other skills in support of meaningful communication between schools and the community.

The JTHS Bridge Builders Ambassador Program has been established to achieve Strategy 6.2 of the district's Strategic Plan, which calls for the "creation and implementation of a family and community group that aggressively builds relationships between District 204 families and staff in order to enhance the educational experience of all students."

The overall objectives of the program are to:

- Increase parent knowledge about district educational practices, opportunities, and events
- Engage parents in the district's community building efforts
- Stimulate the involvement of parents in advocating for their students
- Share information with the school and district

JTHS Bridge Builder volunteer roles and responsibilities may include:

1. Participate in campus tours
2. Personal contact with new parents (phone call, social media, email or hand-written note)
3. Outreach to sender schools, churches, and community
4. Participate in parent panels, school committees, and focus groups
5. Publicize and support events
6. Host a neighborhood gathering

What is the level of commitment to participate in the Bridge Builders Ambassador Program?

JTHS Bridge Builders commit to a one school year renewable term, which includes:

- Participate in one introductory training session
- Participate in additional trainings, as needed
- Complete online GCN trainings on topics such as Confidentiality and Student Records
- Complete a background check with the Human Resources office
- Volunteer for a minimum of three outreach endeavors

We know that our families are very busy, so the level of additional participation is up to you.

The benefits of volunteering as a JTHS Bridge Builder include:

- Increased knowledge about current education practices, opportunities, and events
- Participation in district and community activities and events
- Networking opportunities with families and community leaders
- Recognition at the Salute to Service Ceremony

How do I sign up?

Parents, guardians, alumni, and community members are welcome to join. JTHS is committed to serving a diverse group representative of all students; therefore, applicants will be reviewed and selected in accordance to the commitment to diversity.

- Complete JTHS Bridge Builders Volunteer Interest Form
- Attend the JTHS Bridge Builders Volunteer training
- Complete the JTHS volunteer process

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