

Volunteer Information

BP 6020

The Governing Board recognizes that parents/guardians are their children's first and most influential teachers and that sustained parent involvement in the education of their children contributes greatly to student achievement and a positive school environment. The Board of the district believes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by the family and school. The Board recognizes the necessity and value of family-school partnerships to support student growth and academic achievement and further seeks to facilitate this partnership through a parent involvement component in all school site plans. Recognizing that parent/guardian involvement takes many forms, the Board, administration and staff are committed to supporting districtwide parent participation via the six types of parent/guardian involvement described in The California Strategic Plan for Parent Involvement by:

1. Providing educational opportunities to help parents to develop parenting skills and to foster conditions at home that support children's efforts in learning.
2. Providing parents with training in effective strategies for assisting their children to learn at home.
3. Providing parents/guardians with knowledge of and access to school and community support services for children and families.
4. Training teachers and administrators to communicate effectively about school programs and student achievement with all parents/guardians, respecting the diversity and differing needs of families.
5. Involving parents/guardians, after appropriate training, in classroom support roles at schools.
6. Supporting parents/guardians as participating decision-makers and encouraging their leadership in governing, advising and advocacy roles.

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Volunteers may supervise students during lunch and/or breakfast 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 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 whom the instructional aide is assigned, may be performed by a person not licensed as a classroom teacher. (Education Code 45343, 45344)

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The Governing Board encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and abilities with our students. Community volunteers in our schools enrich the educational program and strengthen our schools' relationships with homes, businesses, public agencies and private institutions. The presence of volunteers in the classroom and on school grounds also enhances supervision of students and contributes to school safety.

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations and school rules. At his/her discretion, a staff member who supervises volunteers may ask any volunteer who violates school rules to leave the campus. Staff members 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.

Education Code 35021

It is the intent of the Legislature to permit school districts to use volunteer aides to enhance its educational program but not to permit displacement of classified employees nor to allow districts to utilize volunteers in lieu of normal employee requirements.