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Subject: School Volunteers

The Board of Education encourages the use of volunteers in the educational programs and extracurricular activities. Such participation contributes to the students’ educational experiences, while bringing community resources into the schools’ programs, and fosters a climate of parental involvement and community support for the schools.

Volunteers are to work under the direction and observation of the teacher(s) and administrator(s) to whom they are assigned; shall be subject to the Board Policies incorporated by reference below; and shall sign an acknowledgment that they understand and accept those policies. Their activities with children will be closely coordinated with, observed and directed by, the appropriate teacher(s) and/or administrator(s). Volunteers shall at all times when on duty on school property or at school-sponsored activities sign in and wear their visitor’s badges, and shall be subject to District school-visit security procedures. When acting as a volunteer, they are expected to abide by all district policies and regulations, and with the directions of the administrators and faculty in charge of the activities to which the volunteers are assigned. This is true for in-district activities as well as out of district activities such as field trips.

All volunteers must complete the application and provide knowing written consent to criminal record checks so that the District can make reasonable and practicable efforts to identify individuals with criminal convictions bearing upon fitness to serve as volunteers in an educational setting, and applicants must be approved by the Board of Education. Volunteers appointed as athletic coaches (unpaid assistant coaches) must meet all requirements of the Commissioner’s regulations for coaches including applicable certification or licensing. Approval is in the sole discretion of the District. Volunteers are persons who donate time and talents to implement school programs, and serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits. The Superintendent may revoke approval of a volunteer at any time, without prior notice.

The Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to develop and implement regulations and forms consistent with the provisions of this policy establishing the parameters of selection (appropriate to the nature, frequency and, if any, opportunity for regular and unrestricted or unsupervised contact with students), training, placement and removal of volunteers consistent with the requirements of United States or New York State laws and regulations as they may, from time to time, be adopted or amended.

School employees will be considered volunteers as of date of hire.

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Policies Incorporated by Reference:

- 3200 Visitors to the Schools
- 6160 Code of Ethics for All District Personnel
- 6170 Sexual Harassment
- 6171 Staff- Student Relations (Fraternization)
- 7492 Dignity for All Students Act (DASA)

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