## Mission & Values

## How to Get Started

## Become a Volunteer

#### District 742 Mission

The Mission of St. Cloud Area School District 742 is to create a safe and caring climate and culture in which we prepare, engage, educate, empower and inspire all learners in partnership with their surrounding community to be successful in today's and tomorrow's society.

### We believe that...

- Everyone deserves equitable access to the highest quality of learning to maximize individual potential.
- Multiple and differing perspectives contribute to informed decision-making and learning.
- We all benefit when communities work together toward common goals.
- Lifelong learning is essential for individuals to shape and thrive in our global society.
- The greatest level of individual success is achieved through shared ownership by the individual, families, schools and our communities.



### Steps to Becoming a Volunteer in Education

- Complete the Volunteer Information Form. Go to www.isd742.org/volunteer.
- Complete a criminal background check Instructions will be sent via email after completing the Volunteer Information Form.
- Attend the Volunteer Orientation Field trip and special event volunteers are not required to complete orientation.

40+ Volunteer opportunities 1,200 Annual volunteers 10,000 Impacted students Annually contributed

# 75,000 volunteer hours

### Ready to Volunteer?

Contact Nantha Viswanathan, District 742 volunteer services specialist.

- 320-370-8200
- volunteer@isd742.org
- 800 S. Seventh St., Waite Park, MN











## **Community Partnerships**

## **Opportunities**

## Why Volunteer?

District 742 is committed to partnering with community volunteers to help personalize instruction and enrich curriculum for all learners. Volunteers serve as adult role models to students while encouraging them to do well in school.

There is no experience necessary to become a volunteer! Training is provided to ensure that volunteers are successful tutors for students. VIE volunteers set important examples and are resources that:

- **Focus** on improving academic outcomes for students
- Demonstrate that our community values children and education
- Encourage students to do their best
- Show the importance of service to others
- Support the work of teachers and

District 742 offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups 14 years of age and older. Typically, volunteers are asked to commit to volunteering for a full school year or a minimum of 20 hours before leaving the program. Opportunites include:

- Chaperone
- Classroom Assistant
- Reading Volunteer
- Math Volunteer
- AVID Program Tutor
- Elementary Tutor
- Mentor
- Career and Technical Education E-Mentor
- Pen Pals
- Partner Programs

"I love working with the students one-on-one or in small groups. Seeing their progress from the first day of kindergarten to the last is very rewarding, knowing that I played a small part in helping them learn." Volunteers can...

- Enrich and enhance students' learning
- **Enable** more individual attention to students
- Participate in a variety of activities within District 742 schools and programs
- Strengthen the partnership between families, community and school
- Make a difference!



"I have volunteered with so many programs within the District that it would be impossible to choose one experience as the best. Each experience has allowed me to grow both professionally and as an individual."

"I especially enjoyed working in my granddaughter's class and getting to know the students that she talks about. I often worked with small groups of students on special "hands-on" projects. Each day was different and exciting. The field trips to St. John's Arboretum, Quarry Park and the farm were great! I felt very needed and very appreciated!"

