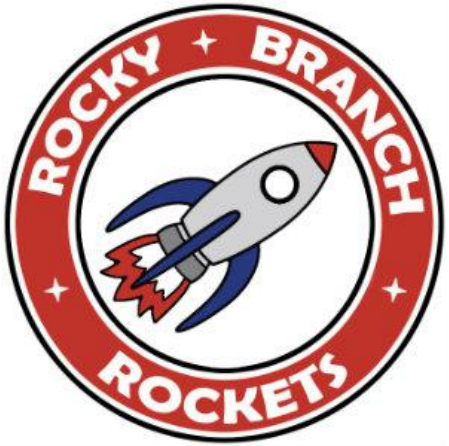
RBES Volunteer Training



Goals for this Training

1. Become familiar with procedures for volunteering at RBES
2. Identify opportunities for volunteering at RBES
3. Receive information regarding being a Mandated Reporter
4. Have an opportunity to ask questions

Procedures

- Make an appointment with staff to volunteer
- Check-in with the front office - BRING ID
- Stay only in assigned areas
- Cell Phones: please refrain from using while on campus.
- Teachers will let you know how to help and are your point of contact.
- We kindly ask only adult volunteers assist and younger siblings do not.
- Volunteers should refrain from taking any photos due to student confidentiality.
- We ask that all volunteers maintain a professional demeanor at all times and maintain from sharing any personal/confidential information that he/she may be exposed to.

Where?

- ➔ In your child's classroom
- ➔ Media center
- ➔ School Gardens
- ➔ Secret Santa
- ➔ School Art Work
- ➔ Counselor/Character Committee
- ➔ Mentoring Program
- ➔ Field Trips
- ➔ School Events: All Pro Dads, Field Day, STEAM Night, Fine Arts Night, School Plays
- ➔ Opportunities with PTO



Who do you contact to volunteer?

Your child's teacher is a great contact!

PTO will share sign-up opportunities throughout the year.

Be sure check our school webpage, principal newsletters, or attend a PTO meeting for these available opportunities.

STEAM Night

Interactive displays or demonstrations

- Math
- Science
- Math
- Engineering
- Technology

Fine Arts Night

Fine Arts Night is in the Spring and focuses on the Arts.

Counseling Volunteer Support

Career Day

- ★ Present on your career
- ★ Help on the actual day by welcoming presenters, directing classrooms, etc.
- ★ Recruiting colleagues, friends, etc.

Secret Santa

- ★ Adopt a student
- ★ Purchase a gift from Sign Up Genius
- ★ Sort gifts
- ★ Help deliver gifts to North Oconee High School

Mentoring Program

- ★ Operated by Oconee Area Resource Council
- ★ Involves meeting with a RBES student once a week for 30 minutes. This usually works best at the student's lunch time.

Questions? Contact Jen Truitt at 706.769.3235 ext. 1306 or jtruitt@oconeeschools.org

Mandated Reporters for Volunteers

1. **What is the role of a mandated reporter?**

   Mandated reporting is the **early recognition** of child maltreatment with the goal of preventing further abuse from occurring (GSU website). Anyone working with children under 18 years of age who have reasonable cause to **suspect** child abuse or neglect should report it.

2. **What things should be reported?**

   - Physical Abuse - intentional bodily injury
   - Emotional Abuse - **deliberately** causing mental or emotional pain
   - Sexual Abuse - Sexual child abuse is any sexual activity with a child, such as fondling, oral-genital contact, intercourse, exploitation or exposure to child pornography.
   - Neglect - Child neglect is failure to provide adequate food, shelter, affection, supervision, education, or dental or medical care.
     Excerpted from Mayo Clinic and DSHS websites

Disclosures

- **How might a student disclose abuse to me?**
  - All Oconee County elementary students receive instruction in the *Child Safety Matters* program as part of their classroom guidance lessons. These lessons teach students how to recognize unsafe or abusive behavior and how to report it to a safe adult.
  - Students may disclose abuse in different ways- either **directly** , by explicitly reporting mistreatment, or **indirectly** , through statements that suggest something may be wrong.

Making a Report

What happens after a disclosure?

All disclosures should be reported to Ms. Truitt, Ms. Johnson, or Ms. Hutcherson before you leave the building. There is a 24 hour reporting period that must be adhered to. Please try to remember as much as possible when you are reporting (who, what, when, where). Office staff can always locate one of us.

Questions?

Please be sure to speak with a school administrator or school counselor, Jen Truitt, with any questions.


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Please complete the appropriate paperwork to finalize the volunteer training. If completed virtually, please print and return signed forms to the front desk.

OCS Volunteer Information Form

Release and Hold Harmless Agreement