

# COLDSPRING-OAKHURST CISD VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



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# **PROCEDURE FOR VOLUNTEER APPROVAL**

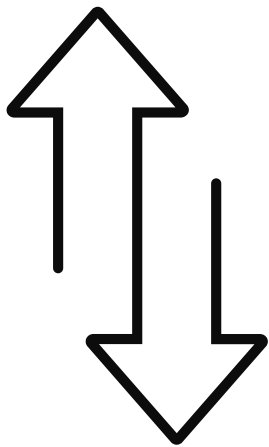
- Each person shall be approved by the office of Human Resources prior to volunteering at a school building, event, field trip or any related COCISD activity.
- Observation students will follow the same process of approval as volunteers.
- Volunteers must complete a volunteer application online. When applying, be sure to indicate every campus you are interested in volunteering.
- In accordance with TEC, Section 22.083, COCISD may obtain criminal history record information on an individual who has indicated, in writing, an intention to serve as a volunteer. By submitting the volunteer application, you give COCISD written consent to run a criminal history check using your name and other identifiers. The information is strictly confidential and will be processed through the COCISD Human Resources office.
- Campus principals and the campus volunteer coordinator will be notified of approved volunteers
- Volunteers must receive approval each year.
- Please click the link below to apply or find the application on our website by visiting [www.cocisd.org/families/volunteer](http://www.cocisd.org/families/volunteer)

**[Click HERE to fill out the  
COCISD Volunteer Application](#)**



### **BENEFITS REALIZED BY STUDENTS**

- IMPROVED GRADES
- FEWER DISCIPLINE REFERRALS
- INCREASED ATTENDANCE
- BETTER SOCIAL SKILLS
- INCREASED SELF-ESTEEM
- APPRECIATION OF EDUCATION



### **BENEFITS REALIZED BY MENTORS**

- HELPING OTHERS SUCCEED
- PERSONAL GROWTH & AWARENESS THROUGH INSIGHTS GAINED FROM STUDENTS
- SHAPING THE FUTURE BY INSPIRING A STUDENT
- INCREASED MEANINGFUL INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR COMMUNITY

## **WHAT IS A MENTOR?**

A mentor is an adult who commits to volunteering in a minimum of 30-45 minutes a week and giving their undivided attention to one child in order to make a positive impact on a student's life.

The mentor may play several roles throughout the partnership. A mentor may serve as:

- Role Model
- Trusted Friend/Advocate
- Encourager/Goal-Setter
- Self-esteem Booster
- Teacher, Coach, and Active Listener

## **HOW ARE STUDENTS SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM?**

Any COCISD teacher can request a Mentor Referral. The campuses use this as a guide to select students they feel can benefit from having a mentor. Once a student is identified, the parent or guardian is contacted and informed that their child has the opportunity to participate in the Mentor Program. Permission to participate in the Mentor Program is sought from the parent or guardian. The student is then contacted and asked if he/she would like to be a part of this program. No student is required to participate.

