



Volunteering

What to expect?

Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in Newton's middle school HomeWork Club. The students you help this year will never forget you.

Instruction:

You will be expected to provide academic support and mentorship to the students, aiding with homework completion, reading and understanding the assignments, and teaching perseverance to complete tasks. You will be expected to create a positive learning environment, advancing students' organizational skills in an atmosphere of acceptance and support. You will be helping students with ages from 11–14.

The HomeWork club will also provide academic support and mentorship for the volunteers! Two, three-hour math sessions are available to brush up on basic arithmetic and algebra.

A qualified math teacher will be onsite every day to provide guidance and answer questions.

The most important requirements are patience and a desire to be of service to the students who need help.

Location and Parking:

The HomeWork Club meets at the F.A. Day Middle School located at 21 Minot Place. Parking at the school is limited. If you're arriving by car, we recommend on-street parking which is regularly available on Albemarle, Linwood, and Walnut Streets. You may also reach F.A. Day on the 556 bus which stops at Walnut Street in Newtonville.

Time commitment:

The HomeWork Club meets three days a week: Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:30–3:45 pm each day (1 1/4 hours per day) on days school is in session. The school bus arrives at 4:00 pm to take the students home. ([NPS School Calendar](#))

We request that you commit to at least one semester's schedule (3–4 months). You may choose all three days, two days, or one day — whatever works best for you. Studies show that consistency is an important factor in the quantifiable success of students in homework and mentoring programs.

Students:

Students are being asked to sign a contract of commitment. They will agree to leave their cell phones behind and to concentrate on work and not socializing. The HomeWork Club contract has a “3 strikes you’re out” policy.

We expect between 15–25 students per day, based upon homework programs in other cities and towns in our area.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please fill out the online form:

[Volunteer Sign Up!](#)

Unfortunately, in our world today, all adults working officially with minor children must complete CORI and SORI checks mandated by law. This information will be kept strictly confidential.