BP 1250 Visits to the Schools Volunteer Assistance

The School Board recognizes that volunteer assistance in schools can enrich the educational program, increase supervision of students, and contribute to school safety while strengthening the schools' relationships with the community. The Board encourages parents/guardians and interested other members of the community to visit the schools to learn about, observe, or partner in educational and extracurricular programs. Share their time, knowledge and abilities with our students.

The Superintendent or designee may authorize the use of volunteers. The Superintendent or designee shall invite parents/guardians and the community to open house activities, specific volunteer roles, establish regulations to protect the safety of both students and other special events. Announcements of these events shall have wide dissemination in the community volunteers.

(cf. 1110 - Media Relations)

Visitors are encouraged to demonstrate the highest standard of conduct and courtesy to help create positive learning environments and to comply with all policies within the school. Note: The following optional paragraph is offered for districts that wish to provide students the greatest possible protection, and should be revised or deleted based on the district's needs and ability to implement this policy.

All persons who wish to volunteer service unsupervised in the vicinity of students must undergo a background check.

<u>Like employees and students, volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies and regulations.</u>

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

(cf. 5141.42 – Professional Boundaries of Staff with Students)

<u>(cf.</u> The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures to facilitate visits during regular school days and register all visitors at the school office when entering school grounds. Procedures for school visits will be posted in readily available locations such as the district website and in parent newsletters.

The Board recognizes the staff time and commitment required for school visits and encourages the staff to develop practices to support community participation and to accommodate as many requests for visits as possible. To ensure minimum interruption of the instructional program, visits during school hours should be first arranged with the teacher and principal/lead-teacher or designee. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher during noninstructional time.

4112.5/4212.5/4312.5 – All Personnel (cf. 3515 - School Safety and Security Check)

(cf. 3515.2 - Intruders on Campus)

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