

Model Policy

AR 1250 VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

Note: This AR addresses some of the details associated with the use of volunteers.

This regulation provides the procedures for approving members of the public to serve as volunteers, including chaperones.

Responsibilities of Principals:

1. Coordinate the use of school volunteers.
2. Confirm that the school volunteer has completed the volunteer packet.
3. Require updated volunteer packets are received on the schedule set by the District.
4. Keep and maintain a register of volunteer activity at the school.
5. Inform volunteers of school rules and routines, answer questions, and provide volunteer support as appropriate.
6. When required to ensure the safety of students and the smooth operation of the educational program, principals may decline the services of any volunteer.
7. Determine which volunteers are required to complete mandatory reporting training and inform volunteers how to receive the training.

Responsibilities of the District

1. Develop a volunteer packet for individuals to use to apply as a volunteer.
2. Facilitate the volunteer approval process.
3. Verify the identity of the volunteer with a photo id.
4. Maintain the volunteer packet materials in the volunteer's file.
5. Review the background check and make an individualized determination about the volunteer in accordance with BP 4112.5/4212.5/4312.5.
6. Keep and maintain an approved volunteer list, with the dates that the background check was completed, in order for school principals to verify the eligibility status of volunteers.
7. Notify the volunteer of their eligibility status.
8. Notify volunteers when background checks need renewal.
9. Inform volunteers that they are subject to the District's policies and regulations where applicable.

Responsibilities of Volunteers

1. Complete the volunteer packet.
2. Obtain and pay for a background check.
3. Submit to the background check every two years.

4. Self-report any convictions that occur in the intervening time between background checks.
5. Recognize that they are neither employees nor an independent contractor and serve at the discretion of the District.

Mandatory Reporting Training

Volunteers who interact with children for more than four hours per work are required to complete mandatory reporting training. This direction will be provided by the school principal.

Note: Pursuant to [AS 47.17.020\(a\)\(9\)](#), “volunteers who interact with children in a public or private school for more than four hours a week” must report child abuse and child neglect. [AS 47.17.020\(a\)](#) requires school districts to provide training to such volunteers on the recognition and reporting of child abuse and neglect.

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