

## INSTRUCTION

### **6:250 Community Resource Persons and Volunteers**

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages the use of resource persons and volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment, (2) provide enrichment experiences for students, (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills, (4) give more individual attention to students; and (5) promote greater community involvement and intergenerational relationships.

Resource persons and volunteers may be used:

1. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of students.
2. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media (such as computers, video, and audio), detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities;
3. To assist with academic programs under a licensed teacher's immediate supervision;
4. To assist in times of violence or other traumatic incidents within the District by providing crisis intervention services to lessen the effects of emotional trauma on staff, students, and the community, provided the volunteer meets the qualifications established by the Ill. School Crisis Assistance Team Steering Committee;
5. As a guest lecturer or resource person under a licensed teacher's direction and with the administration's approval; and
6. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities.

\*Volunteers are not to transport students.

The Superintendent or designee shall follow Board policy 4:175, *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications*, to establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a *sex offender*, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, or has otherwise been convicted of a felony, is prohibited from

being a resource person or volunteer. All volunteer coaches must comply with the requirement to report hazing in policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*.

## Volunteers

The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) requires that non-exempt employees must be compensated for all hours they are required or permitted to work. Thus, even though employees volunteer to work beyond their normally scheduled hours, the employer must compensate employees for those hours worked. An individual is considered to be a volunteer only if the following conditions are met:

- A. Services are performed for which no compensation is received beyond expenses of a nominal fee; and
- B. Services rendered are not the same type services that the individual is employed to perform for the school employer.

**Example:** A custodial employee wishing to volunteer as a lay coach for a sport team. This individual is not considered an employee while volunteering.

## LEGAL REF.:

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.34](#), [5/10-22.34a](#), and [5/10-22.34b](#).

[105 ILCS 5/10-22.34](#), [5/10-22.34a](#), and [5/10-22.34b](#). [PRESSPlus1](#)

[720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1](#), Failure to Report Hazing.

[730 ILCS 150/1](#) *et seq.*, Sex Offender Registration Act.

[730 ILCS 152/101](#) *et seq.*, Sex Offender Community Notification Law. and

[730 ILCS 154/75](#) *et seq.* ~~-105~~, Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law.

[730 ILCS 154/101](#) *et seq.*, Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:95

(Parental Involvement)

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## **PRESSPlus Comments**

PRESSPlus 1. This line is a duplicate of above.