

SOUTHERN COLUMBIA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

ADOPTED: September 17, 2007

REVISED: April 20, 2015

<p>1. Purpose</p> <p>2. Definition</p> <p>3. Authority</p> <p>4. Delegation of Responsibility</p> <p>5. Guidelines</p> <p>SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">916. SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS</p> <p>The Board recognizes that community volunteers can make valuable contributions to the educational program. The use of community volunteers is endorsed by the Board, subject to legal requirements and administrative procedures.</p> <p>Volunteer - one who voluntarily offers a service to the school district without compensation.</p> <p>Direct Contact with Children- the possibility of the care, supervision, guidance or control of children or routine interaction with children.</p> <p>Adult- an individual 18 years of age or older.</p> <p>The Board may adopt and enforce reasonable rules and regulations governing school volunteers and their participation in the activities of the District. The Board authorizes the selection and use of parents/guardians, community members, and others as volunteers to assist and supplement regular district staff. The basic requirement of volunteer service shall be an interest in the educational program, enjoyment in helping children, and a sincere belief that by volunteering, a contribution will be made to the learning process.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall develop administrative guidelines to ensure the proper support for the volunteer programs of the District.</p> <p>The Superintendent is given the authority to interpret this policy.</p> <p><u>Clearance Requirement</u></p> <p>Clearances are required for all adult volunteers who are responsible for the welfare of a child or have the possibility of caring for, supervising, guiding or controlling children or routine interaction with children, regardless of the number of hours or frequency of the contact.</p>
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assignments.

The building administrator or designee shall assume general authority and responsibility over all volunteers serving at that site.

Under no circumstances shall a volunteer be considered an employee of the district. A volunteer shall receive no wages from the district. The volunteer position is not a right, but rather a privilege that is conferred by the Board and the administration. As such, any volunteer position may be eliminated at any time for any reason. In addition, any volunteer may be removed from a volunteer position for any reason.

Volunteers shall meet any standards that may be established by federal, state or local government, or by the Board or administration, from time to time. The volunteer must agree to be bound by all applicable privacy laws and regulations. In addition, the volunteer shall adhere to all rules and regulations and administrative guidelines governing the conduct of the district's professional employees.

Transportation

Volunteers who transport students in personal vehicles are not covered by insurance provided by the school district. Insurance coverage in this situation is through the volunteer's own insurance carrier.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1418

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.