

## **SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS**

It is the policy of the School Committee to encourage volunteer efforts in the schools. Parents/guardians, business representatives, senior citizens, and other community volunteers are recognized as important sources of support and expertise to enhance the instructional program and vital communication links with the community. Volunteers can not only help link schools to the community, but also help provide diverse perspectives to academic dialogue and all areas of study. Effort should be made on the part of the school to fully utilize volunteer support that becomes available.

The volunteer program will be coordinated with building administrators. An attempt will be made to maximize the resources volunteers can provide. Schools are encouraged to establish ways of acknowledging and honoring those who volunteer in our district.

School staff should seek to make volunteers feel welcome. In a situation where volunteers may come into a classroom, it is important that both the teacher and volunteers are comfortable with the relationship. Staff should also be aware that any specific information concerning sensitive issues should be addressed with discretion and with the caveat that confidential student information not be divulged.

LEGAL REF: ADDA, CORI Requirements

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