BP 1240(a)

Community Relations

Volunteer Worker

The Governing 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 other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and abilities with students.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop and implement a plan for recruiting, screening, and placing volunteers, including strategies for reaching underrepresented groups of parents/guardians and community members.

As appropriate, the Superintendent or designee shall provide volunteers with information about school goals, programs, and practices and an orientation or other training related to their specific responsibilities. Employees who supervise volunteers shall ensure that volunteers are assigned meaningful responsibilities that utilize their skills and expertise and maximize their contribution to the educational program.

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations, and school rules. The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for investigating and resolving complaints regarding volunteers. (cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities); (cf. 3515.2 - Disruptions)

The Board encourages principals to develop a means for recognizing the contributions of each school's volunteers. (cf. 1150 - Commendations and Awards)

Legal Reference:

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EDUCATION CODE
    8482-8484.6 After School Education and Safety program
     8484.7-8484.9 21st Century Community Learning Center program
    35021 Volunteer aides
     35021.1 Automated records check
     35021.3 Registry of volunteers for before/after school programs
     44010 Sex offense; definition
     44227.5 Classroom participation by college methodology faculty
     44814-44815 Supervision of students during lunch and other nutrition
                 periods
     45125 Fingerprinting requirements
     45125.01 Interagency agreements for criminal record information
     45340-45349 Instructional aides
     45360-45367 Teacher aides
     49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
     49406 Examination for tuberculosis
GOVERNMENT CODE
     3543.5 Prohibited interference with employees' rights
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
     1596.871 Fingerprints of individuals in contact with child day care
          facility clients
LABOR CODE
     1720.4 Public works; exclusion of volunteers from prevailing wage law
    3364.5 Persons performing voluntary services for school districts
PENAL CODE
     290 Registration of sex offenders
     290.4 Information re: sex offenders
     290.95 Disclosure by person required to register as sex offender
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    101170 Criminal record clearance
    101216 Health screening, volunteers in child care centers
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     6319 Qualifications and duties of paraprofessionals, Title I programs
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    10-11 Information on Assembly Bill 346 Concerning the Activity Supervisor
    Clearance Certificate (ASCC), July 20, 2010
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