

## Volunteers

Citizens who voluntarily contribute their time and talents to the improvement and enrichment of the public schools' instructional and other programs are valuable assets. The Board encourages constructive participation of groups and individuals in the school to perform appropriate tasks during and after school hours under the direction and supervision of professional personnel.

Any person authorized by the district for volunteer service into a position of working with students will be required to undergo a criminal background records check if the superintendent determines the frequency of the service warrants a background check.

Nonexempt employees<sup>1</sup> may be permitted to volunteer to perform services for the district provided the volunteer activities do not involve the same or similar type of services<sup>2</sup> as the employee's regularly assigned duties. In the event a nonexempt employee volunteers to perform services for the district that are the same or similar as the employee's regularly assigned duties, the Board recognizes that under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), overtime or compensatory time must be provided.<sup>3</sup>

The administration is responsible for the recruitment, use, coordination and training of volunteers. These assignments will be carried out as directed or delegated by the superintendent. Every effort should be made to use volunteer resources in a manner which will ensure maximum contribution to the welfare and educational growth of students.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Sections 206 and 207.

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<sup>1</sup>There are three types of FLSA exemptions: those for executive, administrative and professional employees. Generally, employees who are exempt under the executive, administrative or professional exceptions must primarily perform executive, administrative or professional duties at least 50% of the employee's time.

<sup>2</sup>Instructional assistant duties are generally viewed to be the same type of service, supervising and instructing students, as coaching.

<sup>3</sup>Districts should review with legal counsel the use of non-exempt employees in extracurricular activity positions such as coaching and as advisors for cheerleading and other district-sponsored activities for FLSA district impact.