

9.16 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The School Board recognizes the need to develop a volunteer program to support district instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

1. Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction;
2. Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in total educational process;
3. Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

A volunteer is a person who works on an occasional or regular basis at school sites or other educational facilities to support the efforts of professional personnel. Such an adult volunteer worker will service in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits of any type, except for Workers' Compensation. The appointment of volunteers shall be recognized by the board through personnel action and entered into official minutes so that the volunteer may be covered by the district's workers' compensation policy.

Volunteers will work with student under the immediate supervision and direction of a certificated person.

Volunteers are expected to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the district.

Volunteers are immune from civil liability when acting in good faith and within scope of individual's function and duties for the School District.

Volunteers will be subject to the background test **and drug and alcohol test at their own expense.**

Legal references: SDCL 47-23-29; SDCL 62-1-5.1.

First Read: 2-27-2024

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Approved: