

Descriptor Term: SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS
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The board recognizes the valuable contributions which school volunteers can make to the learning process and educational goals of the school district. Instructional programs are enhanced through the participation of community members, local business and industry, and parents of the students. These volunteers contribute time, resources, and expertise and provide needed support to help ensure educational success for all children.

Parents have the right to take four hours of paid leave from their jobs every year in order to volunteer in the schools as stated in North Carolina General Statute 95-28.3.

The board encourages schools to develop and implement plans for utilizing school volunteers. The superintendent and his or her designees will be responsible for the implementation and supervision of school volunteer programs. School volunteer programs must provide the following:

- adequate screening of volunteers based upon the amount of contact they will have with students;
- a criminal records check in accordance with applicable policy/procedure;
- reasonable supervision of volunteers based at least in part upon the amount of contact they will have with students;
- Adequate training of volunteers by the school, including familiarizing volunteers with applicable laws, board policies, administrative procedures and school rules.

All school volunteers to remain in good standing will be expected to be professional and dependable in their volunteer activities, and to comply with all applicable laws, policies, procedures and rules including the district Code of Ethics.

If you are interested in volunteering at a school, please register [here](#).

Cross References: GBDCA: Criminal Records Check on Volunteers