Volunteer Assistance

Santa Barbara Unified School District
Board Policy

Community Relations

BP 1240

VOLUNTEER ASSISTANCE

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.

(cf. 1000 - Concepts and Roles)
(cf. 1700 - Relations Between Private Industry and the Schools)
(cf. 4127/4227/4327 - Temporary Athletic Team Coaches)
(cf. 4222 - Teacher Aides/Paraprofessionals)
(cf. 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities)
(cf. 6020 - Parent Involvement)
(cf. 6171 - Title I Programs)

The Board prohibits harassment of any volunteer on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, marital status, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, or military and veteran status. (Government Code 12940)

(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)

Volunteer work shall be limited to those projects that do not replace the normal duties of classified staff. The Board nevertheless encourages volunteers to work on short-term projects to the extent that they enhance the classroom or school and comply with employee negotiated agreements.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The Superintendent or designee shall establish procedures for determining whether volunteers possess the qualifications, if any, required by law and administrative regulation for the types of duties they will perform.

Volunteers shall act in accordance with district policies, regulations, and school rules.

(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)

Workers' Compensation Insurance

The Board desires to provide a safe environment for volunteers and minimize the district's exposure to liability.
Volunteers shall be entitled to workers' compensation benefits for any injury sustained while engaged in the performance of service for the district. (Labor Code 3364.5)

(cf. 3530 - Risk Management/Insurance)
(cf. 4157.1/4257.1/4357.1 - Work-Related Injuries)

Legal Reference:

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
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
48981 Parental notifications
49024 Activity Supervisor Clearance Certificate
49406 Examination for tuberculosis

GOVERNMENT CODE
3543.5 Prohibited interference with employees' rights
12940 Prohibited discrimination and harassment

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
3352 Workers' compensation; definitions
3364.5 Authority to provide workers' compensation insurance for volunteers

PENAL CODE
290 Registration of sex offenders
290.4 Information re: sex offenders
290.95 Disclosure by person required to register as sex offender
626.81 Sex offender; permission to volunteer at school

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22
101170 Criminal record clearance
101216 Health screening, volunteers in child care centers

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20
6319 Qualifications and duties of paraprofessionals, Title I programs

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD DECISIONS

Management Resources:

WEB SITES
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Parents/Family and Community: http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/pf
California Department of Justice, Megan's Law:  http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov
California Parent Teacher Association: http://www.capta.org
Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov