

Citizens' Assistance to School PersonnelCommunity Resource PersonsSchool Volunteers- Policy

The Brookfield Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to the schools during and after school hours.

The Board endorses a volunteer program that will provide supplemental assistance to the paid professional and paraprofessional staff by:

- increasing the educational attainment of students;
- providing more effective utilization of the teacher's time and skills;
- providing enrichment experiences beyond those which the school can offer;
- providing more individual attention to students who need it by increasing the adult to student ratio;
- promoting greater school-community involvement; and
- integrating the community into the school curriculum in a complete, comprehensive and cooperative manner.

On an annual basis, each principal shall assemble and submit to the Superintendent a list of those persons who regularly volunteer their time in connection with activities sponsored by that principal's school. Examples of "regular volunteers": chaperones of school functions/trips, aides, library and classroom volunteers, assistants at athletic and other events, volunteer coaches, etc., all of whom participate in more than one activity with students. Such list shall be kept on file for a period of three years.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for receiving and screening resource persons and volunteers. Persons with an adjudicated felony conviction shall only be allowed to volunteer at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee. No person who is a "sex offender," as defined by Public Act 98-111, shall be allowed to volunteer.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes
10-4g Parent and community involvement in schools; model programs; school based teams
10-235 Indemnification of teachers, board members, employees and certain volunteers and students in damage suits; expenses of litigation.
54-254 Registration of person who has committed a felony for a sexual purpose
P.A. 97-290 An Act Enhancing Educational Choices and Opportunities
P.A. 98-111 An Act Concerning The Registration of Sexual Offenders

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