

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Bloomfield, Connecticut

BOARD POLICY

No. 1212(a)

**RE: School Volunteers
Community Relations**

Approved: April 3, 2018

The board of education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to our schools. the board endorses a program encouraging community residents to take an active role in improving schools and to become school volunteers in schools subject to suitable regulations and safeguards. Appropriate recognition of volunteer services shall be made by the board and school district administration.

Volunteers working within the schools must work under the supervision of district staff. Volunteers are held to the same standards of conduct as school staff and must observe all board of education policies, including applicable policies on the confidentiality of student information.

The board of education encourages the use of volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment, (2) provide enrichment experiences for students, (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills, (4) give more individual attention to students, and (5) promote greater community involvement.

The superintendent shall establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. No person who is a "sex offender," as defined by public act 98-111, an act concerning the registration of sexual offenders, shall be used.

Volunteers shall be required to submit to state criminal record checks. No person required to register as a sex offender under state or federal law may volunteer in any district school.

Legal reference: Connecticut general statutes

CGS 10-4g parent and community involvement in schools; model programs; school-based teams

CGS 10-235 indemnification of teachers, board members, employees and certain volunteers and students in damage suits; expenses of litigation.

CGS 54-254 registration of person who has committed a felony for a sexual purpose

CGS 10-220 duties of boards of education