

## Volunteers

Community patrons who voluntarily contribute their time and talents to the improvement and enrichment of the public schools’ instructional and other programs are valuable assets. The Board encourages constructive participation of groups and individuals in the school to perform appropriate tasks during and after school hours under the direction and supervision of professional personnel.

A volunteer authorized by the district for service into a position that allows direct, unsupervised contact with students shall undergo an in-state criminal records check. A volunteer that may have direct, unsupervised contact with students, in a position identified by the district as requiring a fingerprint-based criminal records check, shall undergo a state and national criminal records check based on fingerprints. (See Board policy GCDA/GDDA – Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting and its accompanying administrative regulation.) A volunteer that will not likely have direct, unsupervised contact with students will be required to undergo a national criminal records check.

A volunteer who knowingly makes a false statement, as determined by the district, on a district volunteer application form may be denied the ability to volunteer in the district.

Any electronic communications with students by a volunteer for the district will be appropriate and only when directed by district administration. When communicating with students electronically regarding school-related matters, volunteers shall use district e-mail using mailing lists and/or other internet messaging to a group of students rather than individual students or as directed by district administration. Texting or electronically communicating with a student through contact information gained as a volunteer for the district is prohibited.

The administration is responsible for the recruitment, use, coordination and training of volunteers. These assignments will be carried out as directed or delegated by the superintendent. Every effort should be made to use volunteer resources in a manner which will ensure maximum contribution to the welfare and educational growth of students.

END OF POLICY

**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS Chapter 243](#)  
[ORS 326.607](#)  
[ORS 332.107](#)

[ORS 339.372](#)  
[OAR 581-021-0510 - 581-021-0512](#)  
[OAR 839-020-0005](#)

Senate Bill 155 (2019)

Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206-207 (2012).

**Cross Reference(s):**

GBH/JECAC - Staff / Student / Parent Relations  
GCDA/GDDA - Criminal Records Checks and Fingerprinting  
JECAC/GBH - Staff / Student / Parent Relations