

9180 SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Howell Township Board of Education endorses the use of volunteers, those of character, responsibility and integrity in the Howell Township Public Schools.

The Board of Education recognizes that the services of the community volunteers can enrich the educational program, assist teaching staff members in the supervision of children, and enhance the relationship between the school district and the community.

The Howell Township Board of Education directs the implementation of a program that utilizes volunteer services in grades Kindergarten through eight. Volunteer activities will be approved by the Building Principal or his/her designee. These volunteers are not subject to a criminal history record check.

The Superintendent and the Principal shall utilize the preferred services of a volunteer whose abilities or interests serve the needs of pupils. Volunteers carrying out prescribed functions under the supervision of designated professional staff members shall be covered by the Howell Township Board of Education's liability insurance policy.

School volunteers, who will be in contact with pupils on a regular basis, i.e., who will have contact with pupils for at least twenty hours per month for the entire school year, must pass the required tuberculosis screening and a criminal history background check.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall supervise development of programs and procedures to enlist community participation in school events. The Superintendent shall prepare and promulgate guidelines for school volunteers. Each school volunteer shall be given a copy of this policy and the guidelines.

The Superintendent shall report annually to the Board of Education on all aspects of community support of the educational program.

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