

CHAPTER 3.00 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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A school volunteer is any non-paid individual who gives his or her time to a school or school staff member while performing assigned duties. Duties assigned to school volunteers shall be consistent with Florida Statutes and State Board of Education rules.

- I. The Superintendent shall issue directives concerning school volunteers as may be deemed necessary.
- II. Individuals interested in becoming school volunteers must submit a Volunteer Application and Preference Checklist and a Security Background self-disclosure form to a District principal for eventual School Board approval. School volunteers shall meet level one (1) or level two (2) screening requirements as determined by the nature of the volunteer activity(ies). A person who has been convicted of a crime that would disqualify him/her for employment in the District, shall not be accepted as a volunteer.
- III. The District, before making any decision to appoint or employ a person to work, whether for compensation or as a volunteer, at any District facility or school related function, where children regularly congregate, must conduct a search of that person's name or other identifying information against the registration information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders through the Dru Sjodin National Sexual Offender Public Website maintained by the United States Department of Justice. If for any reason that site is not available, a search of the registration information regarding sexual predators and sexual offenders maintained by the Department of Law Enforcement under s. 943.043 shall be performed. This section does not apply to those positions or appointments within a state agency or governmental subdivision for which a state and national criminal history background check is conducted.
- IV. School volunteers shall be recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.
- V. The school principal and each staff member who is assigned a school volunteer shall be responsible for assigning duties, which are consistent with Florida Statutes, State Board of Education rules, and School Board rules.
- VI. A school volunteer shall be accorded the same protection of Florida Statutes as accorded to certificated instructional personnel provided the school volunteer has officially, recorded his or her attendance in the school where he or she is rendering services under an administrative or instructional staff member.

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