LEVITTOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT Policy 3150

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Education recognizes the need to develop a school volunteer program to support School District instructional programs and extracurricular activities. The purpose of the volunteer program will be to:

1. Assist employees in providing more individualization and enrichment of instruction;

2. Build an understanding of school programs among interested citizens, thus stimulating widespread involvement in a total educational process;

3. Strengthen school/community relations through positive participation.

Volunteers are individuals who are willing to donate their time and energies to assist Principals, teachers, and other school personnel in implementing various phases of school programs. Volunteers shall serve in that capacity without compensation or employee benefits except for liability protection under the School District's insurance program.

An application shall be filled out by each prospective volunteer and forwarded to the District Office for evaluation. The prospective volunteer will be fingerprinted at the School District's expense and subject to background checks before they can be considered further. The Building Principal will forward their decisions concerning selection, placement and replacement of volunteers to the Superintendent of Schools for final evaluation. Following approval from the Superintendent of Schools, volunteers selected for work in the School District shall be placed on the list of approved volunteers. However, the Superintendent of Schools retains the right to approve or reject any volunteer applications submitted for consideration.

Administrative regulations will be developed to implement the terms of this policy.

Volunteer Protection Act of 1997, 42 United States Code (USC) Section 14501 et seq.
Education Law Sections 3023 and 3028
Public Officers Law Section 18

NOTE: Refer also to Policy #6540 -- Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees

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