

**TOLLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TOLLAND, CONNECTICUT**

BOARD POLICY

REGARDING: Volunteers

NUMBER: 1091

Community/Board Operation

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The Board of Education recognizes the importance of school volunteers at all levels of schooling. Volunteers can enhance collaboration between the school and community, broaden the school's educational environment and ultimately enrich students' school experience. The Board further acknowledges that it may, from time to time, be asked to provide learning experiences for student interns within the school environments. In recognition of the benefit of having volunteers, interns and other such non-employees providing services within the schools, the Board supports the involvement of these individuals in accordance with suitable regulations and safeguards to be developed by the Administration.

Volunteers, interns and other such non-employees working within the schools ("volunteers") must work under the supervision of Tolland Public Schools 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.

Volunteers may be required to submit to state and federal criminal record checks and a record check of the Department of Children and Families ("DCF") Child Abuse and Neglect Registry. No person who is required to register as a sex offender under state or federal law, or whose name is currently listed on the DCF registry, may volunteer in the Tolland Public Schools.

No employee of the Tolland Public Schools shall serve as a volunteer in any capacity, except as may be approved by the Superintendent or her/his designee based on the specific situation.

Persons interested in volunteering their services should contact the school central office.