

DONEGAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: VOLUNTEERS

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916. VOLUNTEERS	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that volunteers can make valuable contributions to the educational program. The use of building volunteers is a decision that is made by the building principal. All independent volunteers shall be approved annually by the School Board.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The Board shall require the development of rules and regulations for the administration of the volunteer program.</p> <p>The Board shall establish two (2) levels for volunteers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An independent volunteer provides support to students outside the direct supervision or presence of a school district employee. Examples include, but are not limited to, chaperones for overnight and off-campus field trips, tutors, athletic coaches, equipment managers, music chaperones, and drama assistants. 2. An assistive volunteer provides support for students under the direct supervision and presence of a school district employee. Assistive volunteers include, but are not limited to, homeroom parents/guardians, game officials, mentors who work in supervised areas.
3. Guidelines SC 1418	<p><u>Requirements For Some Volunteers</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tuberculosis test (all volunteers who are with children more than ten (10) hours/week). 2. Complete appropriate training/orientation provided by building principal, teacher, athletic director, or designee when determined to be needed. 3. Sign a confidentiality statement, if assisting with children.

Requirements For Independent Volunteers

1. Criminal history check (Act 34 of 1985).
2. PA Child Abuse History clearance (Act 151 of 1994).
3. FBI clearance for coach volunteers. For all other independent volunteers, FBI clearance if PA resident less than two (2) years.

The cost(s) to procure the clearances shall be the responsibility of the volunteer candidate.

Insurance Coverage

Liability coverage is extended to all volunteers while working under the supervision of appropriate school officials. School district liability insurance coverage includes a basic \$1,000,000 limit.

Volunteers who operate district vehicles/equipment and those who use their own personal vehicle must provide a copy of their driver's license, insurance information, and a Pennsylvania motor vehicle report. Volunteers are not to transport students in vehicles without prior approval of the school district.

Personal vehicles are not covered by insurance provided by the school district, but by the volunteer's own insurance carrier.

References:

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 1418

Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.