

PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC – PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The Oxford Township Board of Education encourages volunteers who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics to take an active part in school affairs. Volunteers may be utilized to give assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the Superintendent and staff deem such aid valuable.

Neither the Superintendent nor Vice-Principal shall be obligated to utilize the services of a volunteer who, in the sole discretion of the Superintendent or Vice-Principal, does not possess the appropriate training, experience, or personal characteristics to serve the specific needs of students. The Board, the Superintendent, or the Vice Principal may terminate the services of any volunteer with or without notice and with or without cause at any time.

A teacher seeking the assistance of a volunteer must present a written plan of the volunteer's proposed schedule and duties to the Vice-Principal for approval. Additionally, the teacher must interview each prospective volunteer and make a recommendation to the Vice-Principal regarding same. The written plan and the identity of the recommended volunteers must then be presented to the Superintendent for final approval. Volunteers may carry out only prescribed functions pursuant to the approved written plan under the direct supervision of a certified staff member. Such volunteers shall be covered by the Board's liability insurance policy.

Volunteers must sign in at the main office upon their arrival and sign out upon their departure. Volunteers shall be required to wear name tags whenever they are in school buildings. Volunteers are not permitted to roam the school buildings. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services for ten (10) or more hours per week may be required to submit to a New Jersey State Police Criminal background check. If the candidate has a current background check that is not more than 364 days old, this valid certificate may be accepted by the chief school administrator.

Volunteers shall receive no financial remuneration or reimbursement from the Board. (The Board will pay the cost borne by the volunteer up to \$50.00). The State Department of Education requires that a volunteer must receive a Mantoux test if he/she works indoors and has contact with pupils for at least 20 hours per month.

The Superintendent shall supervise the development of programs and procedures to enlist community participation in school events. He/she shall keep on file information on all volunteers and documentation that requirements of law have been fulfilled.

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

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Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A: 6-7.1	Criminal History check
N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3	Quality assurance
N.J.A.C. 6:29-2.3	Testing for tuberculosis infection

Possible Cross References:

1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
1120	Oxford Township Board of Education meetings
1220	Ad hoc advisory committees
5020	Role of parents/guardians
6162.4	Community resources

