

Olathe Public Schools promotes the involvement of parent volunteers. The following information will help make each volunteer experience in our buildings positive and rewarding.

Parent Volunteers in the Olathe Public Schools

- Want to volunteer? Contact your child's school.
- Interested in volunteering in districtwide programs other than at your child's school? Contact Community Development at 913-780-8233 for information about mentoring, classroom support and *Watch Dogs*.

Volunteer opportunities at some schools:

- Academic Tutoring
- Booster Clubs
- Computer Assistance
- Field Trips
- Health Vision/Hearing Screening
- Office Work
- Student Mentoring
- Teacher Support



Parent/Patron Guiding Principles:

Positive Role Models

Setting a good example in words and actions.

Effective Communicators

Actively listening, seeking to understand and proactively interacting with children and other adults.

Respectful of All

Treating others as you wish to be treated.

Advocates for Education

Demonstrating the importance of learning and encouraging academic and personal excellence.

Actively Involved

Making children a priority by being informed and participating in all aspects of the lives of our children.

**Parent volunteers make
a positive difference!**

We appreciate you!

Important Information for Volunteers

1. Volunteers are positive role models who use appropriate language and discuss age-appropriate topics. Volunteers refrain from disciplining students, refrain from inappropriately touching students, and refrain from giving students gifts, rewards, or food items without the teacher's permission. Volunteers have not been convicted of a felony and know that Olathe Public Schools are smoke, alcohol and drug free.
2. Volunteers work with students under the direct supervision of a district teacher or staff member at all times.
3. Volunteers must sign in and wear building or district-issued identification at all times during volunteer activities, as do employees.
4. Volunteers keep student personal information in strict confidence. Federal regulations prohibit volunteer access to student records.
5. Volunteers report safety or emergency concerns to a staff member or administrator.
6. Any concerns regarding child abuse/neglect encountered should be immediately directed to the staff who are mandated reporters and will follow appropriate procedures.
7. Volunteers notify the front office if an illness or emergency prohibits attending a scheduled volunteer responsibility.
8. Volunteers follow fire or tornado drill procedures.
9. The district/school reserves the right to limit or refuse volunteers.