

POLICY 250 VOLUNTEERS

The Board recognizes the value of volunteers and encourages the development of such positive relationships with parents/guardians/caregivers and the community. The Board believes that the education of students in our school community is an undertaking that should be shared among its employees, parents/guardians/caregivers and members of the community. The active involvement of volunteers has the potential to provide considerable benefit to the intellectual, social and emotional development of students.

Objectives:

1. To support the rights of parents/guardians/caregivers as per the School Act and encourage community members and students to be volunteers at schools while protecting against the displacement of staff and upholding the obligations within collective agreements.
2. To complement the skills and expertise of professional staff in order to enrich learning experiences for students.
3. To strengthen and enhance lines of communication between the school and the home/community.
4. To ensure the use of volunteers maintains the integrity of school-based programs and upholds the District's Code of Conduct and Core Values as articulated in [Policy 110](#).

While encouraging the community context of schooling, the Board expects its schools to be safe, secure, and caring environments for staff and students. Therefore, appropriate safeguards regarding the selection, role, and supervision of volunteers must support the use of volunteers. The Board of Education, through its employees, will retain responsibility for school programs and school-sponsored activities.