

School Volunteers, Student Interns and Other Non-Employees

The Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to the school. 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 Superintendent.

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

Persons interested in volunteering their services should contact the school principal.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes § 10-4g
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-220
 Connecticut General Statutes § 10-235
 Connecticut General Statutes § 54-254 et seq.

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