

The Valley School of Southern Oregon

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School Volunteers

As a public charter school, we receive funding from the public school funds at an amount less than the neighboring public, non-charter schools. We are committed to maintaining a tuition free school, as well as providing a high quality Montessori middle school education for every student.

We strive to be fiscally conservative and therefore depend on school families to volunteer a small amount of their time to The Valley School to provide support inside and outside the classroom. Our students benefit from family volunteer commitments because when we work together, we build a closer school community and maintain stronger connections between home and school. Each school family is expected to contribute two hours a month volunteering their time inside or outside of the classroom. In addition, each family is expected to serve on one of the planning committees each year (averaging 3 hours/month), contributing to the decision-making and guidance of the school. Every effort is made to utilize these volunteer resources in a manner which will ensure maximum contribution to the welfare and educational growth of our students. Suggestions and opinions of volunteers are always welcome.

However it is the professional and certified staff that is held responsible, by law, for the decisions that are made regarding the instruction of students and school management.

For this reason, volunteers always work under the supervision of the professional staff. Volunteers should never: Discipline students; have access to materials in students' permanent record files; diagnose student needs; evaluate achievements; counsel students; or discuss student progress with parent/guardians. Any classroom volunteers who will have direct, unsupervised contact with students are required to undergo a criminal history check. Volunteers cannot be used, or granted access to students until the school director has given approval to assure the proper paperwork and volunteer training is complete.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 338.115](#)