

## CHAPTER 3.00 - SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

### SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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The School Board of Sarasota County encourages volunteer participation by individuals, businesses and groups in local schools, in central offices and for supervised off-school activities before, during and after-school hours.

A school volunteer is a non-paid person functioning under the sponsorship of the School Board and at the direction of the responsible administrator. Duties assigned to school volunteers by the principal or any staff member shall be consistent with Florida Statutes, State Board of Education rules, and Sarasota County School Board rules.

- I. ~~The School Board of Sarasota County recognizes the PALS Partners in Education program as the official volunteer program of Sarasota County. The PALS Partners in Education school district Volunteer and Partnership eOffice will provide support and coordination for school-based volunteer and partnership programs and for district community involvement.~~
- II. The Superintendent shall issue directives concerning school volunteers as may be deemed necessary.
- III. A school volunteer shall be accorded the same protection of Florida Statutes as accorded to certificated instructional personnel provided the school volunteer has officially recorded his/her attendance in the school where he/she is rendering services under an administrative or instructional staff member.
- IV. Volunteers are required to complete applications yearly. Background checks will be made on specific categories of volunteers as determined by the Superintendent or his/her designees. A person who has been convicted of a crime that would disqualify him/her for employment in the District, shall not be accepted as a volunteer.

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**NOTES:** Please Refer To: Volunteer Screening Procedures Principals Packet  
Volunteer Coordinators Handbook  
Volunteers in the Classroom Handbook  
1. A Volunteer Guide  
2. A Teachers Guide