



VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a Volunteer, Your Role and Responsibilities in the School Are Unique

The Bay City Public Schools Volunteer Program is not designed to supplement current programs or reduce staffing needs, but rather to compliment what is already in place. The Bay City Public School Volunteer further enhances the educational opportunities and experiences of the children within the school system. He/she needs to be aware of the need for confidentiality in regard to any school/child related information and recognize that activities will be directed by the classroom teacher and/or Volunteer Coordinator in accordance with all established educational policies and objectives. This program is an integral part of the Bay City Public School District requiring dependability, cooperation and confidentiality on the part of the volunteer.

UNDERSTAND that your role is a supportive one. The teacher and principal are completely in charge. You must not be left in charge of a classroom.

REMEMBER volunteers are only permitted to work with students on school grounds and under the supervision of the public school staff.

MAINTAIN student confidentiality at all times. Do not discuss any student with anyone except teachers, counselors, and volunteer coordinators.

USE good judgment and avoid any compromising situations. Work in a room with other people at all times. Never be left alone with one student out of view of other people. Always keep the door open.

STRICTLY follow volunteer guidelines and discipline practices. Physical discipline is absolutely prohibited. Ask the teacher and volunteer coordinating staff for assistance with problematic student behavior.

Take Pride in Being Professional

MAINTAIN a constructive attitude. Don't make negative comments about the school, its personnel, or the students to other volunteers or individuals outside the school.

BE PROMPT and consistent in your attendance. Teachers depend on volunteers, and plan their work accordingly. Students depend on volunteers even more

NOTIFY your school as soon as possible if you must be late or absent.

KEEP an accurate record of your attendance by signing in each day you volunteer.

ESTABLISH and maintain good and frequent communication with your classroom teacher.

NEVER be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Do not smoke on school grounds.

DO NOT use the Internet inappropriately by going to websites that are not conducive to a professional or educational environment.

ALERT school staff immediately if any student has an accident while working with you.

Please remember that you must complete screening requirements by filling out an application with a clearance of a background check before you can become a volunteer. The program/school reserves the right to discontinue your volunteer service for any cause.



Bay City Public School District Volunteer Application 2010-2011

I am applying as a Volunteer Coach _____
I am applying as a Volunteer Driver _____

As a prospective volunteer of the Bay City Public Schools, I understand that it is the school's policy to secure conviction criminal history information and/or to check references as part of their screening process using the information provided below.

The Bay Public School District is required to obtain complete criminal background information regarding employees and volunteers. Your complete and accurate response is required. Conviction may or may not disqualify you, depending on the nature of the offense.

Some volunteers may volunteer in more than one school. However, it is only necessary to fill out this form one time, as it will be kept on file at the Volunteer Office.

School(s) volunteering at: _____ Parent/or Other of _____
(Name of Student)

Name: _____
PLEASE PRINT (Last) PLEASE PRINT (First) PLEASE PRINT (Middle Initial)

Maiden name/names previously used: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____ Race: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

Occupation: _____ Employer: _____

Hobbies/skills: _____

Have you ever been convicted of or pled guilty to a crime? Yes No

Do you have any pending felony charges? Yes No

I understand that the Central Records Division of the Michigan State Police, Lansing, Michigan, requires this information. I authorize the Bay City Public Schools to utilize this information for the sole purpose of obtaining a conviction only criminal history file search. I understand it is my obligation to report any criminal conviction while I am serving as a volunteer in the Bay City Public School District. If my duties as a Volunteer include the operation of a motor vehicle, I consent to the District obtaining a complete drivers license record history.

Signature

Driver's License #

Date

Any questions, call Amy Basket at: 671-8148 or email: basketa@bcschools.net. You may also mail your application to Volunteer Office, 910 N. Walnut Street, Bay City, MI 47806.