

INTRODUCTION

Volunteers have an important and valuable role at Haleyville Middle Schools, whether volunteering for the school or for the PTO. It doesn't matter if you volunteer for one hour or one hundred hours over the course of the school year, any help is appreciated when enhancing the education of our students.

Some volunteers may assist in the classroom with instructional or clerical tasks. Others may provide help by shelving books in the library or work with PTO on fundraisers. Besides supporting the school, your efforts as a volunteer teach our children the joy and obligation we all have to give some of our precious time to worthwhile causes. We hope you find your experience as a volunteer to be a rewarding one.

To get the most from your volunteer experience, it is important to be informed. This handbook contains important information about your work at Haleyville Middle School; please take time to read through it. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Bo Wilcoxson or Chere' Fetter at 205-486-9240.

Just what is a SCHOOL volunteer?

A school volunteer is anyone (mom, dad, foster parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or even an interested community member). Volunteers are the backbone of many school programs. You do serve your local school by volunteering, but more importantly you serve the next generation, America's future leaders, who see you as a "role model" to follow.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The goal of having volunteers in the school is to:

1. Improve academic achievements of students by allowing teachers and other school staff more time for professional instructions.
2. Provide resources from the community for enrichment of the school program.
3. Increase community understanding of the problems facing public school personnel and citizens in an effort to improve education.
4. Provide an exchange of ideas, concerns, and proposals between school personnel and citizens of the community.
5. Increase self-esteem in students.
6. Provide positive role models for students.
7. Provide additional individualized instruction through one on one contact with students.
8. Broaden parents' understanding of the total educational process.

Volunteer Guidelines

- Confidentiality
- Preserving Instructional Time
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There may be times when you are in school volunteering in another area or visiting your child and you want to go to the classroom to see if the teacher needs any help with anything. While the teachers always welcome your help and we do not want to discourage volunteering, safety regulations and protection of instructional time require that you make arrangements through the office to meet with your child's teacher.

HMS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

PARENT/COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER REQUEST FORM

NAME: _____

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

GRADE: _____ STUDENT'S HOMEROOM TEACHER _____

Would you be interested in joining and helping with PTO projects? _____

WHAT SERVICES COULD YOU PROVIDE: (please specify) _____

PHONE: HOME: _____ CELL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

WHAT DAY(S) ARE YOU AVAILABLE? _____

HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

_____ DAILY _____ WEEKLY _____ MONTHLY _____ AS NEEDED