

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER POLICY

The Buncombe County Board of Education recognizes the valuable contributions that school volunteers can make to the learning process and educational goals of the school district. Instructional programs are enhanced through the participation of community members, local business and industry, and parents of the students. These volunteers contribute time, resources, and expertise and provide needed support to help ensure educational success for all children.

The board encourages schools to develop and implement plans for utilizing school volunteers. The superintendent and his designee will be responsible for the implementation and supervision of school volunteer programs. School volunteer programs will provide the following:

- Adequate screening of volunteers based upon the amount of contact they will have with students;
- A criminal records check in accordance with applicable policy/procedure;
- Reasonable supervision of volunteers based at least in part upon the amount of contact they will have with students; and
- Adequate training of volunteers, including familiarizing volunteers with applicable, laws, board policies, administrative procedures and school rules.

All school volunteers, to remain in good standing, will be expected to be professional and dependable in their volunteer activities, and to comply with all applicable laws, policies, procedures and rules including the policies of this board.

This policy will become effective July 1, 2011.