

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

POLICY: COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The Springfield Board of Education encourages volunteers and/or residents of the community who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics to take active part in school affairs. Such persons maybe invited to act as advisors both as groups and individually in:

1. Clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by our residents regarding school.
2. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for pupils as well as evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices.
3. Giving active assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the Chief School Administrator and staff deem such aid valuable.
4. Offering suggestions on a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the Board must make a decision.
5. Assisting with the delivery of co-curricular, athletic, and/or social services to the students.

Volunteers carrying out prescribed functions under the supervision of designated professional staff members shall be covered by the Board's liability insurance policy. Community volunteers who will be in contact with pupils on a regular basis must pass the required screening for district employees.

The Chief School Administrator and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice which they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the school, especially those individuals and groups which have been invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems. The Board, Chief School Administrator, and all staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:7A-5(b) Major elements; guidelines
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of Board (county vocational schools)
N.J.S.A. 6:8-4.3 Quality Assurance
N.J.S.A. 6:29-2.3 Testing for tuberculosis infection
N.J.A.C. 6A: 10A-53 et. Seq. Establishment of School Leadership
N.J.A.C. 6A: 32-12.1 Reporting requirements

Cross References:

1000/1010 Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives

1120 Board of Education meetings

1210 Community organizations

1220 Ad Hoc advisory committees

5020 Role of parents/guardians

6162.4 Community resources

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