



Dear Volunteer,

We are pleased that you have decided to participate in the Sacramento City Unified School District (SCUSD) Volunteer Program! As parents, grandparents, neighbors and community members you have valuable ideas, talents and time to share with our students and our schools. As a volunteer, your deeper engagement directly supports the District's guiding principle:

"Ensuring every student has an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options."

It is our belief that our volunteer programs are beneficial to everyone involved. Volunteers help foster stronger school/community relationships by creating a common ownership in the success of our schools, as well as, demonstrating the importance of community service to our students. All SCUSD Volunteer Program requirements are designed with student and adult safety in mind.

The SCUSD Volunteer Program provides support and guidance to schools to help them facilitate their parent and community engagement programs. Volunteers can work in a variety of capacities: doing work from home; acting as tutors/mentors; providing assistance in the classroom; participating on business/community partnership advisory boards; assisting in a school's main office or library/media centers and organizing fundraising efforts for school foundations, scholarships, field trips and extracurricular activities.

**This packet includes:**

- Volunteer Protocols and Approvals
- Definition of the role of a parent/guardian visitor
- Definition of the role of a volunteer
- Volunteer Registration Process
- Volunteer Registration Form (maintained at site with a copy to Volunteer Office)
- Code of Conduct (maintained at site with a copy to Volunteer Office)
- Volunteer Fingerprinting and Authorized Approval
- Volunteer Interest Form (maintained at site)

**If you have any questions, please direct them to the SCUSD Family and Community Empowerment (FACE) Department at (916) 643-7924.**

## Definition of a Parent/Guardian Visitor

### Parent/Guardian Visitors\*

Sacramento City Unified School District wants to encourage parents/guardians to be active participants in their child's education. While some parents/ guardians may not be able to volunteer on a regular basis, there are still opportunities to be involved at the school site.

**\*Parent Visitors do not have the same definition as a volunteer.**

A Parent/Guardian Visitor is a parent /guardian who visits the school on an intermittent basis, **no more than 10 days out of the 180-day school year**, to participate in activities in view of school staff, and are never alone with students.

### Parent/Guardian Visitors may:

- Attend a classroom/school event, school fair, recognition ceremony or school celebration.
- Visit the classroom or lunchroom on a limited basis. Act as a presenter for a classroom/school event such as Career Day.
- Participate in school beautification projects such as a School Garden Day.

### Parent/Guardian Visitors on field trips:

- Limited to day field trips only, **no overnights**.
- Parent/Guardian visitors are allowed to take only their own child on a field trip **with prior approval from the administrator**.
- Parent/Guardian visitors must also make arrangements with their child's teacher to be on the field trip list prior to the event.
- Parent/Guardian visitor must wear a **visitor identification badge** at all times.
- Parent/Guardian visitor must remain with their own child throughout the field trip.
- Parent/Guardian visitor **must never be alone with other children**.
- Teachers must **not allow visitors to supervise children other than their own**.

### Visitor Identification

**All visitors must sign-in at the front office and wear an identification badge at all times.**

For more information on school/classroom visitation, please refer to the SCUSD Annual Parent and Student Rights Notification and Standards of Behavior.

## **SCUSD Visitor Code of Conduct**

As a Visitor, we require that you follow our SCUSD Visitor Code of Conduct:

Please make an appointment with your school site, if you plan to visit the classroom.

Understand that your role is a supportive one. The teacher and principal are completely in charge. If the teacher leaves the room, the teacher in the next room assumes responsibility.

**You must not be left in charge of a classroom. You may not be alone with students.**

Remember, visitors in a classroom for observation of their student may not interrupt teaching. If you have questions for the teacher, please ask them outside of class time.

Maintain student confidentiality at all times. Do not discuss any student other than your own.

Use good judgment and avoid any compromising situations. Never be left alone with students out of view of other people. Always use adult bathrooms.

Please do not take pictures or videos of students, other than your own, without permission.

Please maintain a constructive attitude. Do not make negative comments about the school, its personnel or the students in front of students.

Sign in each time you visit.

Please dress and act as a role model.

Remember, SCUSD has a zero tolerance policy. Never be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when with students on or off school grounds. Do not smoke on school grounds or at any time around students.

Do not use cellphones in the classroom or at any time around students.

## Definition of a SCUSD Volunteer

### Volunteer Definition

A volunteer is a parent/guardian, community member or other adult who assists at a school site or program on a regular or semi-regular basis in a **non-essential role**. Also, parents/guardians who observe or visit their child at school on a scheduled basis and stay more than 15 minutes each time are considered volunteers.

Authorized parents/guardians are not prohibited from visiting their child's classroom or school campus, if that visit is in compliance with Board Policy, school rules and applicable law. A parent/guardian picking up their child from school or occasionally observing or visiting their child's school is not considered a volunteer.

### Volunteer non-essential activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Coaching (non-paid)
2. Short term supervision of students
3. One on one tutoring or mentoring outside the classroom or other supervised setting
4. Attending or chaperoning school sponsored trips
5. Transporting students in private vehicle
6. Student observation as part of a formal teacher preparation program
7. Any other volunteer activity, including that done by parents in child care and developmental programs, where there is a possibility of unsupervised contact with children
8. Any volunteer activity where the funding agency requires criminal record clearance

### Volunteers who chaperone field trips:

Refer to the site administrator for direction and clearance.

### Volunteer Drivers (Optional):

If you wish to volunteer to drive students other than you own to a field trip or event, please fill out the Driver's Form included in this packet.

### Exclusion of Volunteers:

- Any person who is required to register as a sex offender shall not serve as a volunteer.
- Any person who has been convicted of a serious or violent felony shall not serve as a volunteer.
- Any person arrested for a serious or violent crime shall not serve as a volunteer.
- For any other conviction, the Superintendent or designee has the discretion to deny volunteer service depending on the nature of the conviction.

### **Volunteer Identification:**

- Volunteers are required to sign in at the front office and wear Identification badges.

### **Tuberculosis Testing:**

- Volunteers must provide documentation, dated within the past 60 days, showing they are free of infectious tuberculosis (TB). They may provide **one** of the following:
  - a Certificate of TB Risk Assessment and/or TB Examination
  - a negative TB Test
  - a statement from a medical provider that states that the volunteer is free of infectious tuberculosis.
- Per Education Code, a volunteer who has volunteered or has been employed in another school district will be approved to volunteer if they can provide written verification from the former district that they were examined within the past four years and found to be free of infectious tuberculosis.
- Volunteers must provide documentation showing them to be free of infectious tuberculosis every four years.

### **Workers' Compensation**

Unsalaries volunteers may be considered employees of the district for worker's compensation insurance purposes. If injured while serving as a volunteer in the district they must call the workers' compensation reporting line at: (916) 643-9299 or (916) 643-9421.

For additional information about SCUSD Volunteer Policy, please refer to the summary of Administrative Regulation (AR 1240) and School Board Policy (BP 1240) that are relevant to SCUSD volunteers.

## SCUSD Volunteer Registration Process

In order to start volunteering, you need to have the following items on file with your school:

1. A current and completed SCUSD Volunteer Registration Form

This must be completed each school year. This form will be maintained at your school site. Mandatory tracking in Infinite Campus by school site Office Manager.

2. Documentation showing you to be free of infectious tuberculosis (see above).

3. Fingerprinting Requirements

Fingerprinting must be done at the SCUSD Serna Center or at another site using the SCUSD Fingerprint Form which includes: CODE ASSIGNED BY DOJ – “A0283”; and MAIL CODE ASSIGNED BY DOJ – “A3353”. You must have a completed volunteer fingerprinting authorization form signed by the school site administrator (principal), or department designee with you. **The cost for volunteer fingerprinting at SCUSD is \$47.00. This can be paid by cash (exact change only), debit or credit card.** Fingerprints are “good” for the duration of “uninterrupted” volunteering in the district. If you have fingerprints on file with SCUSD and you are a current active volunteer you do not need to complete this process again.

**Fingerprinting is by appointment only. Call the Fingerprinting Office at 916-643-9050 to schedule an appointment. To schedule appointment online, please visit**

**<https://www.scusd.edu/fingerprinting-service>**

**For more information, email [doj@scusd.edu](mailto:doj@scusd.edu).**

- \*4. Complete SCUSD Volunteer Training available at: *MUST BE DONE ANNUALLY*  
**<https://mandatedreportertraining.com/volunteers/>**

Provide proof of completion to school site office manager.

**Reminder:** In order to ensure safety and minimize distractions to the learning environment, please do not bring infants or non-school age children to school with you when you are volunteering in the classroom. Volunteers are asked to arrange for off-campus childcare.

## SCUSD Volunteer Registration Form

Thank you for your time and interest in becoming a Sacramento City School District Volunteer!

**You are not authorized to volunteer on any campus until the mandatory requirements have been fulfilled and you have been notified.** If you will be a volunteer driver for any student activities, you must also complete the "Personal Automobile Use" form and fulfill the requirements of that process.

### Personal Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Date of Birth
Address		City	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Work/Other	
Email Address			
School Sites Where I Will Be Volunteering			
In Case of Emergency Notify	Relationship	Phone Number	
Place of Employment			
I am currently a Sacramento City Unified School District employee with fingerprints and TB clear on file. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
For office use: <input type="checkbox"/> TB Clearance – Valid Through: _____ (Issuance date plus 4 years) <input type="checkbox"/> If necessary, X-Ray Clearance on file. <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprint clearance- Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mandated Reporter Training- Date Completed _____			

I hereby certify that the information contained in this Registration Form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and agree to have any of these statements checked by the District, unless I have indicated to the contrary. Furthermore, I release all parties and persons from any and all liability for any damages that may result from furnishing such information to the District as well as from the use or disclosure of such information by the District, or any of its agents, employees, or representatives. I understand that any misrepresentation, falsification, or material omission of information on this Registration Form may result in my failure to volunteer.

Signature of Volunteer	Date
CRISTIN TAHARA	8/13/24
<b>*Signature of Site Administrator REQUIRED (print &amp; sign)</b>	Date

## SCUSD Volunteer Code of Conduct

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

**Understand** that your role is a supportive one. The teacher and principal are completely in charge. If the teacher leaves the room, the teacher in the next room assumes responsibility. 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 certificated staff. Have no outside contact with an individual student unless authorized by administration or parents.

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

**Don't** make promises you can't keep

**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. Always use adult bathrooms.

**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.

**Report** immediately to a staff person any physical abuse or sexual exploitive behavior towards a student.

**Don't** engage students on any social media site, email, texts or take or show your picture or student's pictures/videos on your phone or other media devices

### **Volunteers 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, especially on field trips. Notify your school as soon as possible if you are late or absent.

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

**Dress** and act professionally.

**Establish** and maintain good and frequent communication with your classroom teacher or volunteer coordinator.

**Never** be under the influence of drugs or alcohol when with students on or off school grounds.

**Do not** smoke on school grounds or at any time around students.

**Do not** lend money, contribute or solicit money for organizations while on school grounds.

**Do not** use the internet inappropriately by going to websites that are not conducive to a professional or educational environment.

**Do not** use cellphone in the classroom or at any time around students.



## Health and Safety Are Always Important

**Adhere** to District, school, and classroom policies rules and regulations.

**Refer** any student in need of first aid or any type of medication to the teacher or front office.

**Learn** and follow fire drill emergency procedures and all school rules.

**Notify** the principal of any accident you had on school grounds. A written form must be submitted to the principal within 24 hours.

**I agree to adhere to the above code of conduct at all times when I am a volunteer at a SCUSD school site or program. I understand that my volunteer status can be revoked at any time.**

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Signature

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Site

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Date

**AUTHORIZED APPROVAL**

MIWOK MIDDLE SCHOOL

SITE/PROGRAM: \_\_\_\_\_



SITE ADMINISTRATOR SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

8/13/24

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Site Administrator's signature is mandatory to apply as a SCUSD Volunteer PRIOR to bringing packet to Serna Center.**

**NOTE: Site Administrator or Department Designee's Signature is mandatory to apply as a SCUSD Volunteer**

Education Code §3502 prohibits the District from allowing a person required to register as a sex offender under Penal Code §290 to serve in a volunteer capacity as an aide or supervisor of students. Accordingly, the District will, before authorizing a person to serve as a volunteer conduct an automated records check pursuant to Education Code §35021.1 and/or call the Department of Justice or the Sheriff's Office to inquire whether the individual is a registered sex offender pursuant to the process set forth in Penal Code § 290.4

**BUDGET CODE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** This form is for **ALL VOLUNTEERS** or those working in programs where such screening is required. The prospective volunteer is instructed to bring this form, along with a valid California Driver's License or California Identification Card, plus their Social Security number to the Customer Service Specialist in the Serna Center in order to initiate the fingerprint and background check process. There is a fee of \$47 for this process. If the site is paying the cost, please add budget code above. If the volunteer is paying for the cost, we accept cash (only exact change), debit or credit card.

**Prior to beginning any assignment, SCUSD Board policy requires that all volunteers be cleared to work by the Department of Justice.**

I understand this requirement and **will not volunteer** with the District until clearance is received from the SCUSD Human Resources Office.

I have received a copy of the SCUSD rules and regulations for volunteers [BP1240 and AR 1240].

I hereby fully release and discharge the Sacramento City Unified School District, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of or in connection with this background check and all liabilities associated with and all claims related to this background check. For the purpose of this release, "liability" means all claims, demands, losses, causes of action, suits or judgements of any and every kind that arise as a result of the above named activity and resulting from any cause other than gross negligence.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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