

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS



VOLUNTEER AT DYSART

The purpose of the Dysart Unified School District Volunteer Program is to assist schools in providing the highest quality education to each and every student. The services of volunteers are utilized in schools and district offices to:

- Enrich children's learning opportunities
- Provide individual attention those children who need more one-on-one assistance
- Promote a school-home-community partnership for quality education
- Provide teachers with more time to work with students
- Relieve teachers and support personnel of non-instructional tasks

Every person who cares about children and education is a potential volunteer. Prior teaching experience is not necessary. Volunteers can be parents, grandparents, college students who are 18 years of age or older and community members.

Volunteers

A Dysart volunteer is an individual who has been given a scheduled, pre-arranged activity by a district staff member to assist in one of the district schools. Any person who volunteers more than five (5) hours per year must be fingerprinted. All potential volunteers, including parents of students attending schools within Dysart Unified School District, must complete the following forms within the [Volunteer Application Packet](#) and be cleared before they can begin volunteering:

- Volunteer Application
- Volunteer Emergency Information
- Volunteer Fingerprint Requirements (will be notarized)
- Fingerprint Clearance Application
- Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement
- Volunteer Video Orientation and Handbook
- Volunteer Statement of Understanding

Visitors

Individuals who are visiting a school do not need to be a registered volunteer. This would include parents who are visiting the school, but not volunteering. However the person(s) must follow the district office and school sign-in procedures.

Fingerprinting Process

All volunteers must be fingerprinted unless they have a current Arizona Fingerprint Clearance Card. Background checks performed by previous employers or organizations will not be accepted in lieu of fingerprint clearance. The Volunteer and Compliance Specialist will take your fingerprints. A photo ID will be required for proof of identity when fingerprints are taken. Volunteer badges will reflect the date your fingerprint clearance expires.

Volunteer Chaperones

Volunteer chaperones on overnight field trips must be fingerprinted, regardless of the number of total hours volunteered. If an individual will attend only one field trip per year, they do not to complete the volunteer process unless they will not be directly supervised by a school staff member. If more than one field trip will be attended per year, individuals must complete the process to become an approved volunteer.

Volunteer Athletic Coaches

Prior to any coaching activities, all Volunteer Athletic Coaches must be interviewed by a school administrator. Additionally, a Volunteer Coach Application must be completed and signed by the school administrator and head coach. The Volunteer Coach must also receive fingerprint clearance. A Volunteer Athletic Coach application may be found on the Dysart website under Dysart.org/Community/Get Involved/Volunteer Information.

Parent Support Organizations

All Booster/PTO/PTA officers or members appointed to a role with financial responsibilities must be approved volunteers in the district. Officers of Parent Organizations should refer to the [Parent Support Organization](#) page for additional information located on our website www.dysart.org under Parents/Get Involved/Parent Support Groups.

Please complete the appropriate application and associated documents if you are interested in volunteering. For more information, contact the Volunteer and Compliance Specialist, Community Education Department, at **623.876.7875**.