

STRATEGIC VOLUNTEERISM GUIDELINES AND CONTRACT

Effective Volunteers

Will...

- engage in positive and supportive relationships with their student(s)
- respect culture, religion, and lifestyle diversity
- be respectful of teachers' time constraints and their authority in the classroom
- respect students' dignity
- be positive role models
- be good listeners, patient, flexible, and nurturing
- be non-judgmental and allow students to make mistakes
- separate personal goals from those of the students
- respect the confidentiality of students and staff
- ask for help when needed
- support, not replace, the role of parents or guardians
- remain calm, cool, and collected in frustrating and stressful situations
- reinforce students' successes
- follow school policies and procedures
- overcome setbacks or disappointments
- meet on a regular basis; be reliable, prompt, and dependable
- make a commitment for the duration of the school year

Avoid...

- expecting dramatic changes in attitude, self-esteem or behavior
- breaking the trust they have established with students unless life threatening
- bringing personal agendas (i.e. religious or political) to their experience

In return for my volunteer service, I will receive training, encouragement and ongoing support, specifically, supervision and recognition from the district coordinators and school staff. I may also attend relevant workshops as offered.

I grant permission for my photo to be used for publicity purposes for volunteer opportunities in the Edmonds School District. YES NO

I understand that all volunteering relationships established through the Strategic Volunteerism Program take place with the student on the school campus, during school hours or at other school authorized activities ONLY.

I also understand that the Edmonds School District and the Strategic Volunteerism Program have a zero-tolerance policy with regard to sexual harassment, drugs and alcohol, and weapons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____