

Prairie Creek Community School Volunteer Policy

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe and healthful environment at Prairie Creek Community School in order to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students. Volunteers are a valuable resource to the schools in assisting with and/or enhancing the educational experience for our students. They are an important and welcome part of the educational process.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

Prairie Creek Community School has responsibility for recruitment and placement of volunteers in the school based on needs identified by the Director or designee and teachers. Prairie Creek Community School promotes the use of volunteers to the extent possible, by appropriate recruiting, screening, placement, orientation, training, monitoring, and recognition of volunteers.

The Director or designee may also recruit and schedule volunteers to work in the school at his/her discretion. Volunteers may be subject to background checks per board policy. Volunteers may be disqualified from volunteering for Prairie Creek Community School if the volunteer has a disqualifying conviction on their record, including but not limited to Sex offenses, serious felonies and crimes that have endangered others. Prairie Creek Community School will determine whether a volunteer's criminal history is disqualifying on an individual basis and pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 364.03.

School volunteers are expected to meet the same high standards of conduct as school staff in their interactions with students and adults in the schools and will comply with all other board policies.

It shall be the Director's or designee's responsibility to monitor all volunteers in the building and to assess their effectiveness. The Director or designee may shift or discontinue a volunteer when, in the Director's or designee's opinion, the volunteer is not contributing positively to the educational experience of students.