

Why Volunteer in Your Child's School?

- Higher Grades, Test Scores & Graduation Rates
- Better Attendance
- Increased Motivation & Self-Esteem*

* Search for "Parental Involvement in Schools" at <https://www.childtrends.org>



"In our high school, every program has a team of incredibly involved families. For kids, finding a club or a sport makes this large school feel more like a community, while allowing adults to find parent support. I've been doing the publicity for Ballard Performing Arts and the Digital Filmmaking Program for the last four years. Fall marching band season is one of my favorite times of year. As for whether the kids *want* you involved? They may act like they don't, but they're always glad you are and sure notice when you aren't."

Rachel Hart Rios
Ballard High School

VOLUNTEER WEBSITE



www.seattleschools.org/volunteer

NEW VOLUNTEER CHECK LIST



Visit our Volunteer Website to:

- Review Volunteer Handbook
- Complete Online Training



Apply Securely Online



Photo ID and Background Check Required



Questions?
Contact Your School Office



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SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

How to apply to volunteer with Seattle Public Schools

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KEEPING STUDENTS SAFE

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

Nationally, one in four girls and one in six boys are sexually abused before age 18.

Volunteers help to protect children by learning to recognize and report potential abuse.

Each volunteer completes an online Sexual Misconduct Prevention training before start of their service.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK

If you have lived in Washington State for the past three (3) years, SPS will run your state background check at no cost to you.

If you came to Washington from another state in the past three years, you will need to purchase a one-time national background check.

New or newly returned to the U.S.?
Visit our website for additional resources.

Why is there a fee for the national background check?

Unlike our state, the federal government does not provide schools with free screening tools. SPS selected an online vendor to offer affordable and secure national and international background checks for volunteers (\$21 in most cases).

ADDITIONAL STEPS FOR CERTAIN VOLUNTEER ROLES

The following volunteer roles require a national background check, regardless of how long the volunteer has resided in Washington:

1. Unsupervised volunteers who work with children regularly (including remote/virtual volunteers).
2. Volunteers chaperoning overnight field trips longer than three days.
3. Volunteers involved in any sports or gym activities coordinated by the school (rather than Athletics)*.

If situations 2 or 3 apply to you, visit the volunteer website to learn more.

*** Important:** Athletic coaches must apply via SPS Athletics Department. Direct link: bit.ly/spscoach

SPORTS SAFETY

All gym and sports volunteers must be current on CPR, First Aid, Sudden Cardiac Arrest and Concussion Courses.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trip volunteers supervise students. Once approved to volunteer, request additional forms from your field trip organizer to learn about field trip safety and your important responsibilities.

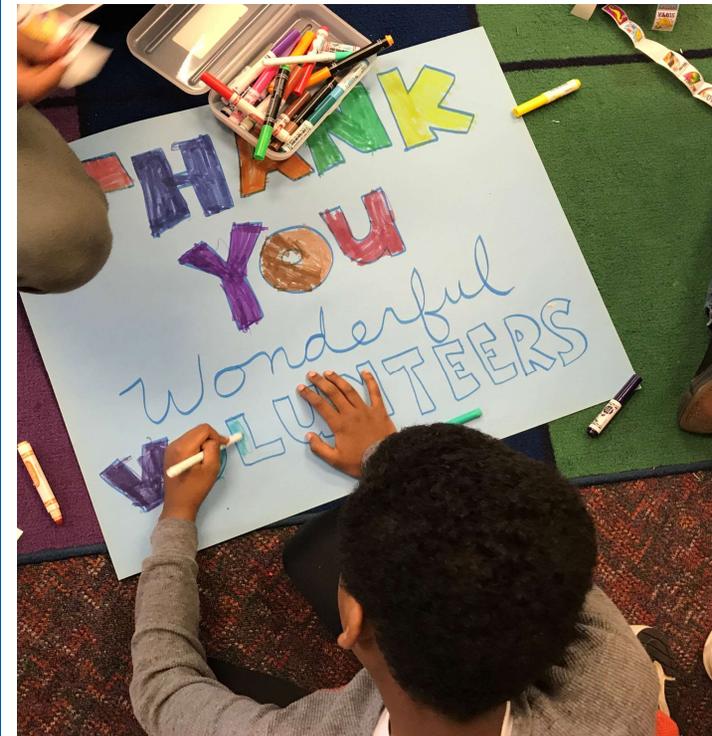
Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I completed this process last fall. Do I have to reapply to volunteer this year?

A: SPS volunteers are approved for two-year periods. On your second volunteer anniversary we will ask your permission to run a new background check – that's it!

Q: Can I use my smart phone to apply?

A: Yes! Our 20-21 SY online volunteer application is smart-phone friendly!



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for helping us create safe schools, and for your generous donation of time and talent!