

# Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District

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The Superintendent is to inform each volunteer that s/he:

- A. is required to abide by all Board policies and District guidelines while on duty as a volunteer (including, but not limited to, the volunteer's obligation to keep confidential and not release or permit access to any and all student personally identifiable information to which s/he is exposed except as authorized by law);
- B. will be covered under the District's liability policy but the District can not provide any type of health insurance to cover illness or accident incurred while serving as a volunteer, nor is the person eligible for workers' compensation;
- C. will be asked to sign a form releasing the District of any obligation should the volunteer become ill or receive an injury as a result of his/her volunteer services;
- D. may not accept compensation from any third party or source, including, but not limited to booster, parent, or other District support organizations, for the performance of his/her official duties as a volunteer on behalf of the Board.

Furthermore, the Superintendent shall inform all volunteers who work or apply to work unsupervised with children on a regular basis of the need to display appropriate behavior at all times, and that they may be required to provide a set of fingerprints at any time so that a criminal records check can be conducted. If a criminal records check is then conducted, it will be done as a condition of continued service as a volunteer and will be at the volunteer's expense.

If a criminal records check indicates that a volunteer has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to any of the offenses listed below and/or described in R.C. 109.572 (A)(1), the volunteer will be informed either that the Board is no longer interested in maintaining his/her volunteer service or that the volunteer will be assigned to duties for which s/he will not work unsupervised with children.

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## Offenses

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- A. aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter
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- D. aggravated menacing
- E. patient abuse or neglect
- F. kidnapping, abduction, child stealing, criminal child enticement
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- H. aggravated robbery, robbery
- I. aggravated burglary, burglary
- J. abortion without informed consent
- K. endangering children
- L. contributing to the delinquency of children
- M. domestic violence
- N. carrying concealed weapons, having weapons while under disability, improperly discharging firearm at or into a habitation or school
- O. corrupting another with drugs
- P. trafficking in drugs
- Q. illegal manufacture of drugs or cultivation of marijuana
- R. funding of drug or marijuana trafficking
- S. illegal administration or distribution of anabolic steroids
- T. drug possession offenses (that are not a minor drug possession offense)
- U. placing harmful objects in or adulterating food or confection
- V. a felony
- W. an offense of violence
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## **2430.01 - SPECIAL PROGRAMS BY COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS**

The Board of Education believes in providing opportunities for students to enhance their education through a variety of appropriate co-curricular and extra-curricular activities. The Board recognizes that the community itself can be an excellent resource for such activities and welcomes the participation of community members who have special knowledge and skills that can add to the District's program.

In order to ensure that activities recommended by or involving community volunteers in an instructional role are in keeping with District philosophy and will help students better accomplish the learning goals of the District's program, the Board establishes the following guidelines for the approval of any activity involving community volunteers:

- A. Any suggested activity must be presented to the Superintendent, in writing, at least twenty (20) weekdays prior to the planned starting date.
- B. Each request must include:
  - 1. the purpose of the activity;
  - 2. the students for whom the activity is planned;
  - 3. the intended learning outcomes;
  - 4. an explanation of how the intended learning outcomes contribute to the accomplishment of District goals;
  - 5. the names and qualifications of those community volunteers who will be participating in any aspect of the activity;
  - 6. the number of hours and total duration of the activity;
  - 7. an itemization of the District resources (staff, facilities, equipment, etc.) that will be needed and their estimated cost.

The Board delegates to the Superintendent the responsibility for approving each requested activity based on its educational merits and relationship to the total District program.

In addition to those established for all regular co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, the Superintendent will prepare any special administrative guidelines required for the proper conduct and evaluation of activities involving community volunteers.