

## RESOURCE PERSONS/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

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Purpose: To establish the board's vision for the use of resource persons and school volunteers in the district's programs.

The board supports resource persons and volunteer programs which are professionally organized and promote increased student achievement. The board believes in using resource persons in the community to provide enrichment opportunities and give more individual attention to students. The board also believes that the appropriate use of volunteers will increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills as well as promote greater community involvement.

A professionally run resource persons and volunteer program serves as a means of coordinating all volunteer activity in the schools. The resource persons and volunteer program is school-oriented, meaning that all projects and requests originate within the school and are supervised by the professional staff. The board encourages teachers to use resource persons and volunteers, but that use is optional. Resource persons and volunteers will work with students under the immediate supervision and direction of a certificated person.

The resource persons and volunteer program will be decentralized. Each principal or teacher plans for resource person or volunteer help in areas that fulfill a different need in each school. At the district level, the superintendent or his/her designee serves as a consultant in areas of implementation, coordination, training, placement, evaluation and recognition. The resource persons or volunteers, though unpaid, have been and will continue to be professional and dependable in the donation of their time.

The superintendent will establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons or volunteers.

For required criminal record checks on individuals serving as resource persons/volunteers, see policy GBEBDA\*, Criminal Record Checks.

Cf. GBEBDA\*

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Legal references:

- A. South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended:
  1. Section 16-3-655 - Criminal sexual conduct with a minor; aggravating and mitigating circumstances; penalties; repeat offenders.
  2. Section 16-1-60 - Violent crimes defined.
  3. Section 23-3-115 - Fees for criminal record searches conducted for charitable organizations.
  4. Section 23-3-130 - Determination of information to be supplied and methods of evaluation and dissemination; promulgation of rules and regulations.
  5. Section 23-3-430 - Sex offender registry; convictions and not guilty by reason of insanity findings requiring registration.
  6. Section 59-19-117 - Background checks.