## Community Relations USE OF VOLUNTEERS

The County Superintendent recognizes the wealth of experience available in the community that can benefit educational programs. Community volunteers are a resource that should be used in appropriate ways to enrich the educational programs offered by the County Office and to strengthen relationships with families, businesses, public agencies and private institutions. Volunteers can make school environments safer by assisting in the supervision of students and richer by participating in a full range of activities. The County Superintendent encourages parents/guardians and other members of the community to share their time, knowledge and expertise with students.

The County Superintendent authorizes the use of volunteers in accordance with established procedures that help to ensure the safety of both students and volunteers and directs that volunteers act in accordance with County Office policies and procedures. The use of volunteers in County Office programs shall be overseen by the designated department administrators.

## **VOLUNTEERS FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Individuals who volunteer to assist with student enrichment or experiential learning programs and/or other limited term activities are exempt from many of the mandated requirements, such as tuberculin testing and fingerprinting and other security checks.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE 35021 Volunteer aides 45349 Volunteers 72401 Volunteer aides <u>GOVERNMENT CODE</u> 3110-3119.2 Volunteers <u>HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE</u> 1596.871, 3545 Fingerprints/criminal records clearances <u>LABOR CODE</u> 3364.5 Persons performing volunteer services for school districts

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