

## Second Reading

### **POLICY 1212**

#### **VOLUNTEERS**

The Sharon Board of Education recognizes that volunteers can make many valuable contributions to the schools during and after school hours.

The Board endorses a volunteer program that will provide supplemental assistance to school professionals by:

- providing more effective utilization of the teacher's time and skills;
- providing enrichment experiences;
- providing more individual attention to students;
- promoting greater school-community involvement; and
- integrating the community into the school curriculum in a complete, comprehensive and cooperative manner.

Volunteers, interns and other such non-employees working within the schools (“volunteers”) must work under the supervision of Sharon Public Schools professionals. Volunteers are held to the same standards of conduct as school professionals and must observe all Board of Education policies, including applicable policies on the confidentiality of student information.

Volunteers may be required to submit to state and federal criminal record checks and a record check of the Department of Children and Families (“DCF”) Child Abuse and Neglect Registry.

Persons with an adjudicated felony conviction shall only be allowed to volunteer at the discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

No person who is a “sex offender,” as defined by Connecticut law, shall be allowed to volunteer.

The Board follows a two tiered volunteer system.

The Superintendent shall establish administrative procedures for receiving and screening volunteers.