

VOLUNTEERS

The board encourages volunteers and/or residents of the community who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics to take an active part in school affairs. Such persons may be invited to act as advisers both as groups and individually in:

- A. Clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by our residents regarding school;
- B. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for pupils; evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices;
- C. Giving active assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the Superintendent and staff deem such aid valuable;
- D. Offering suggestions on a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the board must make a decision;

E. Serving on district level committees.

Volunteers carrying out prescribed functions under the supervision of designated professional staff members shall be covered by the board's liability insurance policy.

The Superintendent shall supervise development of programs and procedures to enlist community participation in school events and deliberations and establish an application procedure. He/she shall keep on file information on all volunteers and documentation that requirements of law have been fulfilled.

The board, Superintendent, and the staff shall consider the advice that they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the school, especially those individuals and groups that have been invited or created to advise them regarding selected problems. The board, Superintendent, and staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

The Superintendent shall report to the public annually on all aspects of community support of the educational program.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

Key Words

Community Volunteers, Volunteers, Public Participation

**Legal References
Reasons**

PARTICIPATION BY THE PUBLIC

Monitored:

Indicator 1.2

Recommendation:

A policy directing the Superintendent to develop procedures and programs for enlisting parents and community members in active participation and support of the various programs of the district.

Abbott districts may make specific reference to the School Management Teams in this policy.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:10A-53 <u>et seq</u>	Establishment of School Leadership
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-12.1	Reporting requirements

Council

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1000/1010	Concepts and roles in community relations; goals and objectives
	*1120	Board of education meetings
	1210	Community organizations
	*1220	<u>Ad hoc</u> advisory committees
	*5020	Role of parents/guardians
	*6162.4	Community resource

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.