

GRAND ISLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

7512 SCHOOL COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER RELATIONS

The Grand Island Public Schools considers school-community associations as an integral part of the school community that can aid substantially in promoting and improving the educational program. Among the many services such associations offer, the District endorses any assistance, which may be given in developing and maintaining a parent or community volunteer program in the district's schools. The Grand Island Public Schools encourages the use of community resources and citizens to assist in furthering the educational program.

Background checks shall be conducted on all volunteers who have direct and sustained contact with students as determined by the Superintendent or designee. All volunteers shall respect confidentiality of student information. No volunteer shall be permitted to access, review, disclose or use confidential student information, or participate in conversations in which confidential student information is discussed. Example of such information include, but are not limited to the following: grades or other measures of academic performance, class standing, standardized or other test scores, attendance records, disciplinary history, personality and interest test scores, individualized education plans, health data, family background information, teacher or counselor ratings and observations, and any other verified or unverified information contained in a student's file maintained by the teachers, administrators or school within the District. If volunteers have questions about the confidentiality of student information, they are encouraged to consult with the building principal and/or review Policy 8750 Student Information and Family Education Rights Protection Act (FERPA).

The Grand Island Public School Volunteer Handbook and Volunteer Information Form is available to guide and support volunteers in the Grand Island Public Schools.

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