Family and Community Volunteers FAQ

Who can become a school volunteer? Everyone - Parents and teens who have a talent to share! Business People, Retirees, College Students, etc.

Why do we require background checks? To ensure the safety of our kids.

Who has to complete a volunteer application and background check? Anyone who plans to spend time and have a presence in the school with our students on a regular basis, or who will have responsibility for students directly

How to Apply?

How do I apply to volunteer at a school? Apply online using the [DPS Volunteer Portal](#)

What if I speak a language other than English or Spanish? Visit our website [DPS Volunteer Services](#) - https://equity.dpsk12.org/get-involved/volunteer-services/ to print out the volunteer forms with your language.

Do I need an email address? Yes, please add in a work or personal email address to apply.

Who can help me with the online process? Please contact our partners at 855-326-1860, Option 3 for assistance

What if I forget my password? Click the link on the websites login page and it will give you instructions to reset your password.

Once I complete the background process, who can I talk to about volunteering at my school?
School Secretary, Teacher, or Family Liaison

Do I have to complete a volunteer background check for each school my child(ren) attend? No, only one background check is required per volunteer.

When will I be notified of the background check results? You will receive an email within 1-3 business days with the results of your background check. School staff will also be notified.

Who has to apply?

Do I have to undergo a volunteer background check if I want to work directly with my child? No, a background check is not required.

What if I want to help my child's friends as well? Yes, a background check is required.

What if I would like to help with a school-wide event on the day of the event, like the fall festival? No, a background check is not required.

What if I want to volunteer once a month to help with the classroom bulletin boards? Yes, a background check is required.

What if I would like to volunteer for a field trip? Yes, a background check is required if you are going to be responsible for a group of kids.

What if I want to volunteer in an afterschool club? If a DPS staff person is not leading the club, one of the parents must undergo a Unsupervised Volunteer background check and be present at all times. All other volunteers must undergo an online Supervised Volunteer name background check.

What type of photo identification is required to volunteer once I arrive at the school? Photo identification includes driver's license or identification cards from countries other than the United States of America. Non-governmental ID must be accompanied by a form of identification issued by a governmental agency from the USA or other country, i.e., birth certificate.

Is a social security number required to volunteer? No.

How often do I have to undergo a background check? Every year.

COVID 19 Vaccination

As of 7/1/2021, due to the COVID-19 virus, all in-person volunteering must adhere to the following:

- Must provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination.
- Comply with the DPS volunteer background check process.
- Wear a mask at all times.
- Maintain physical distance.
- Practice good hygiene.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer.

Note: For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen)

Who do I contact with questions?

DPS Volunteer Services

1860 Lincoln St. 8th Floor, Denver, CO 80203,

720-423-3002 Email: Volunteer_Services@dpsk12.org

Website: Click here to apply - DPS Volunteer Portal and for more information visit us at
https://equity.dpsk12.org/get-involved/volunteer-services/