Volunteer Policy

Prairie Crossing Charter School encourages the use of volunteers to: a. increase students’ educational experience, b. provide enrichment experiences for students, c. increase the effective of staff, d. engage in their child education and e. promote partnering with parents to provide children with a personalized education experience, where children learn the value of education, community and the environment.

All parents are encouraged to provide a home atmosphere in which their children are supported in their educational goals. Frequent two-way communication between school and home is a hallmark of PCCS. This serves to keep parents informed of their children’s progress and any special help they may need. It also provides an opportunity for the parents to discuss any questions or concerns with school personnel.

Volunteers are welcome for many school activities, including:

- Chaperones for field trips and off campus activities,
- To assist with classroom activities and academic programs under a licensed teacher’s immediate supervision,
- Classroom coordinators,
- Coaches,
- Participants in Parent Staff Organization (PSO),
- Members of the school board, its committees and task forces, and
- In contributing special talents and skills; (guest lecturing).

However, no parent is required to volunteer at the school or provide financial contributions. Children will not be discriminated against in any way if parents are unable or choose not to volunteer or contribute financially. Volunteerism and financial contributions are not requirements for enrolling in or remaining at Prairie Crossing Charter School.

The Executive Director or designee shall establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a “sex offender,” as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a “violent offender against youth,” as defined in the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.

LEGAL REF.:
105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.
720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1 Failure to Report Hazing
730 ILCS 150/1 et seq., Sex Offender Registration Act.
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq. Sex Offender Community Notification Law
730 ILCS 154/75.et seq. Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law.
730 ILCS 154/101 et seq., Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

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