CUSD Volunteer Policy Update

January 12, 2009

Volunteer Policy

Sibling Policy

Volunteer Policy History of Implementation

- Major District Objective (MDO) 2007
 Provide a safe, orderly, clean and healthy environment at each school site.
- Adoption of BP 1240
 - Volunteer Assistance establishment of procedures to protect the safety of students and adults, ensuring that all volunteers who work directly with students on a regular basis have tuberculosis testing and an appropriate criminal record check.
- Implementation December 1, 2008

Volunteer Definition

- A parent, community member or other adult who assists at a school site or program on a regular or semi-regular basis.
- Those who help on a one-time basis transporting or working with children without the direct oversight of certificated staff.
- Parents who observe or visit their child at school on a regular basis for more than 15 minutes each time.

Volunteer Requirements

All ongoing volunteers are required to:

- Sign In/Out at the school office
- Display Volunteer Badge
 Sign Volunteer Application Form/Handbook
 Receive clearance through the DOJ
 Submit appropriate TB screening

How Does CUSD Compare?

Data Collected From OC Register September 26, 2008

DISTRICT	FINGERPRINT	SEX OFFENDER	ТВ
Anaheim City	1:1 Tutoring	No	1:1 Tutoring
Anaheim Union	Yes	No	Yes
Brea-Olinda Union	No	Yes	Some
Buena Park	No	Yes	No
Capistrano USD	Yes	Yes	Yes
Centralia	Some (long-term)	No	Some (long-term)
Cypress	No	Yes	Some (regular work)
Fountain Valley	No	Yes	Yes

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DISTRICT	FINGERPRINT	SEX OFFENDER	ТВ
Fullerton	Some (overnight)	No	No
Garden Grove	Some (extracurricular)	Yes	Yes
Huntington Beach	No	No	Yes
Irvine	No	Yes	No
Laguna Beach	Yes	No	Yes
Newport Mesa	Some (regular contact)	Optional (limited cont.)	Yes
Ocean View	No	Encouraged	Yes
Orange	Most (5+ hours/week)	Some	Most
Placentia	Some (PTA Exempt)	No	Some
Saddleback Valley	Most (regular contact)	Yes	Most

Show Me the Numbers

As of 12/17/08 - numbers are fluid and data was compiled by schools

SCHOOL	VOLUNTEERS	SCHOOL	VOLUNTEERS
Ambuehl	154	Kinoshita	20
Arroyo Vista	160	Ladera Ranch ES	245
Don Juan Avila ES	132	Laguna Niguel	205
Barcelona	97	Las Flores ES	158
Bathgate	180	Las Palmas	107
Benedict	200	Lobo	78
Bergeson	133	Malcolm	205
Canyon Vista	242	Marblehead	150
Castille	161	Moulton	230
Chaparral	373	Oak Grove	148
Concordia	152	Oso Grande	235
Crown Valley	97	Palisades	105
RH Dana	4	**Reilly	172
RH Dana ENF	16	San Juan	155
Del Obispo	70	**Tijeras Creek	218
Carl Hankey	81	Viejo	32
Hidden Hills	57	Vista del Mar ES	289

School Data Continued...

SCHOOL	VOLUNTEERS	SCHOOL	VOLUNTEERS
Wagon Wheel George White	172 229	Niguel Hills MS **Shorecliffs MS	165
Wood Canyon	141	**Vista del Mar MS	9
Aliso Viejo MS	19	**ANHS	12
Don Juan Avila MS	34	**CVHS	35
Bernice Ayer MS	23	**DHHS	91
Marco Forster MS	22	SCHS	38
Ladera Ranch MS	10	SJHHS	40
Las Flores MS	92	THS	36
Newhart MS	24		

Total Volunteers Processed	as of 1/9/09	6802
Pending		182

BOLD	indicates growth in volunteers since 07–08
**	indicates decrease in volunteers since 07-08

Sibling Policy

Based on CA Ed. Code Chapter 1.5 - Parent Involvement

Volunteers work with the approval and under the direct supervision of the teacher.

CUSD Volunteer Handbook

As a general rule, younger siblings should not accompany parent volunteers to school when they are volunteering. Pre-schoolers and younger siblings can be a distraction to students, staff, and parent volunteers in the classroom. Additionally, younger siblings need to be supervised carefully for their own safety in the school environment. Some of the equipment that is used by volunteers should not be accessible and is not safe for pre-schoolers (laminating machines, paper cutters, scissors, staplers, copy machines, etc.).

School Data

NO YES **Ambuehl** Las Flores MS **Bathgate** Niguel Hills MS Bergeson Shorecliffs MS Chaparral Crown Valley **CVHS** Del Obispo Kinoshita Las Flores Oso Grande **Palisades** Reilly **RH** Dana Vista del Mar

QUALIFIED

(Teacher approval or workroom only)

Barcelona

Benedict

Castille

Concordia

Hidden Hills

Moulton

Oak Grove

San Juan

Wood Canyon

General Comments

- Comments are varied from both staff and parents.
- While staff commented that it was a lot of work initially, they seem to have the process moving smoothly.
- Deterrent for some of our families who do not want to undergo DOJ check (privacy, citizenship, cost, etc.).
- Schools noted success with providing on-site clinics for fingerprint/TB testing.
- Some schools provided PTA/SSC/Title I financial scholarships/assistance.
- Many commented that they appreciate the systems in place.
- Secondary schools noted more difficulty in recruiting volunteers due to policy.

Possible Refinements

- Consider necessity of TB renewal.
- Provide clear guidance regarding types of volunteers who need fingerprinting (supervised vs. unsupervised contact).
- Include fingerprint information in kindergarten packets.
- Offer fingerprint/TB clinics periodically at Ed. Center.
- Work with PTA/SSC to develop parent compacts for financial assistance.
- OTHER???