

POLICY #5601

Athletic Program Volunteers

Board of Education Warren Hills Regional

The Warren Hills Regional School District recognizes that there may be a number of individuals, both in the community and district employees, who may wish to assist in our athletic programs on a volunteer basis. The district recognizes that our athletic programs, coaching staff, and our student athletes can benefit from the assistance and contributions these volunteers can offer. Accordingly, it is the policy of the district to welcome them to our athletic program, subject to the following guidelines.

While the board retains the prerogative to fill or refrain from filling any co-curricular coaching or assistant coaching position as it deems appropriate, it is not intended that volunteers will be utilized as substitutes for coaches or assistant coaches. It is further intended that the board will determine coaching staff levels in each sport without regard to potential volunteer assistance.

An individual may be nominated to serve as a volunteer at the request of the head coach of the particular team and upon the recommendation of the Athletic Director. All volunteers must be approved by the Board of Education as recommended by the Superintendent or his/her designee.

Volunteers shall provide such assistance to the athletic program or an athletic team as may be requested by the head coach of that particular team, and shall at all times be subject to the direction of the head coach.

Although Athletic Program Volunteers are permitted to assist in the district athletic programs, non school volunteers shall not be permitted to act as head or assistant coaches; to promulgate rules; to directly supervise student athletes; or to discipline student athletes.

Any individuals desiring to serve as a volunteer in any athletic program shall be required, before commencing service, to sign a certification attesting that he/she is not party to any agreement or understanding pursuant to which the individual is to receive any compensation from any other individual, group or organization for service as a volunteer in the athletic program. This is not designed to prohibit the Board or any other entity from reimbursing the athletic volunteer for his/her reasonable related expenses. The athletic volunteer is not to receive any compensation from any other individual, group or organization for their service as a volunteer in the athletic program.

Athletic Program Volunteers must undergo appropriate criminal history background checks that include fingerprinting which will be paid by the district.

The participation of an Athletic Program Volunteer may be terminated at any time at the sole discretion of the Superintendent or his/her designee.

All Athletic Program Volunteers shall establish a schedule with the activity's head coach. A record of the volunteer's attendance shall be maintained and submitted to the Athletic Director.

Additional criteria and/or limitations for volunteers in the athletic program may be established by the Superintendent or his/her designee subject to Board approval.

The Athletic Program Volunteer will always function under the district supervision of the head/assistant coach. Under no circumstances will the volunteer be left alone with students at any time.

Athletic Program Volunteers will not be permitted to serve as volunteers to any team on which their child or relative is a participant.

Certification for Athletic Program Volunteers

I wish to serve as a volunteer to assist in the Warren Hills Regional School District Athletic Program. During the course of my service as a volunteer, I agree to be bound by and comply with Board of Education policy 9180.1, a copy of which has been provided to me, and any amendments to the policy.

I am not a party to any agreement or understanding pursuant to which I am to receive any compensation from any other individual, group or organization for my service as a volunteer in the athletic program.

As an Athletic Program Volunteer, I will always function under the direct supervision of the head/assistant coach. I understand that I shall not be left alone with students at any time.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

I understand that the district policy does not allow me to volunteer on any team on which my child or relative is a participant.

Signature

Date