

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

### A. Volunteers

The Lynchburg City School Board recognizes that volunteers make a valuable contribution to the educational program and that their involvement in the schools increases the support of the schools by the community.

The administration of the schools and the instructional program are entirely the responsibility of school board employees, and this responsibility cannot be delegated in any degree. Volunteers work under the direction of principals and teachers who retain the responsibility for the instruction and supervision of students in their charge.

### B. Avoiding Meeting Conflicts

The avoidance of meeting conflicts for school patrons shall be a major consideration whenever divisionwide and individual school meetings are scheduled.

### Legal Reference:

Code of Va., § 2.1-555. Definitions.--"As used in this chapter, the following items shall have the following meanings unless another may clearly be inferred from the content:

1. Volunteer shall mean any person who, of his own free will, provides goods or services, without any financial gain, to any agency, instrumentality or political subdivision of the Commonwealth;
2. Regular-service volunteer shall mean any person engaged in specific voluntary service activities on an ongoing or continuous basis;
3. Occasional-service volunteer shall mean any person who provides a one-time or occasional voluntary service;
5. Department shall mean and include all departments and divisions enumerated in § 2.1-1 of the Code and local agencies under the jurisdiction or supervision thereof, and for the purposes of §§ 2.1-556, 2.1-557.1 and 2.1-558, shall include political subdivisions of the Commonwealth."

Code of Va., §2.1-558. Volunteer benefits.--"A. Meals may be furnished without charge to regular-service volunteers, provided scheduled work assignments extend over an established meal period. Meals may be furnished without charge to occasional-service volunteers at the discretion of the department's executive head.

B. Lodging, if available, may be furnished temporarily, at no charge, to regular-service volunteers.

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C. Transportation reimbursement may be furnished those volunteers whose presence is determined to be necessary to the department. Rates or amounts of such reimbursement shall not exceed those provided in § 14.1 -5 of the Code of Virginia. Volunteers may utilize State vehicles in the performance of their duties, subject to those rules and regulations governing use of State vehicles by paid staff.

D. Liability insurance may be provided by the department utilizing their services both to regular-service and occasional-service volunteers to the same extent as may be provided by the department to its paid staff. Volunteers in State and local service shall enjoy the protection of the Commonwealth's sovereign immunity to the same extent as paid staff." (1986)

Code of Va., § 65.1-4. "Employee" defined.--. . . Further, by resolution or ordinance duly adopted, the governing body of any county, city, town or any political subdivision thereof may provide coverage under this Act to its volunteers or to any officers and employees of any commission or board of any authority created or controlled by the local governing body, or any local agency or public service corporation owned, operated or controlled by such local governing body . . . ." (1988)

Code of Va., § 22.1-253.13:7. Standard 7. Policy manual.--. . . D. Each local school board shall ensure that the policy manual include the following policies, which shall be developed giving consideration to the views of teachers, parents, and other concerned citizens . . . .

4. A policy for school-community communications and community involvement; . . . ." (1988)

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