St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program

Annual Report 2018-2019

Working together to support student achievement!

- Approximately 268 community volunteers
- Over 6,997 hours
- Serving programs and special events
- Over $177,934 worth of service*

*Dollar value as determined by the Independent Sector at $25.43 per hour.

Thank you to the many volunteers who make a difference in our students’ lives every day. This report includes data on community volunteers who are screened and placed through St. Louis Park Public Schools Volunteer Program, operated by the Community Education department, although our schools enjoy the support of many types of volunteers: parents, high school students, and community members. We thank and appreciate them all.

Adult Options in Education

Volunteers help adult students with English Language skills and GED prep as directed by the teacher.

Volunteers - 26
Hours – 1,369

Peter Choukalas (pictured, far left) began a book club at our Saint Louis Park location! Yesterday, they started reading Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens. How exciting!

Band & Orchestra

Community volunteers bring their instruments and join band and orchestra classes at the Middle School or High School for regular practice.

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 54

Vision Screening

Volunteers work with teachers at Peter Hobart to help facilitate a smooth screening process for vision assessment.

Volunteers - 5
Hours – 15

Picture Day Volunteers

Volunteers helped keep the process running smoothly at the High School during Picture Day.

Volunteers - 3
Hours - 14

DECA Judges

Volunteers serve as judges at the West Metro DECA Competition, role-playing business scenarios with high school students who have prepared business plans and practiced for interviews.

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 30

Summer Volunteers

Students ages 14 and older volunteer with St. Louis Park Community Education Kids Place program. In addition, students and community volunteers volunteered in the Summer Learning Academy in July and August.

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 380

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Volunteers in Our Schools

Classroom Volunteers
The majority of classroom volunteers work with students during reading or math time, working in small groups or giving students valuable one-on-one attention. They also assist with a variety of activities in the classroom, as directed by the teachers.

Volunteers - 85
Hours - 2,175

Cafeteria/Playground

Volunteers - 4
Hours - 99

Homework Help
Volunteers assisted students in the Homework Help program at the elementary schools.

Volunteers - 3
Hours - 11

High School Athletics
Volunteers help students and teams in various high school sports.

Volunteers - 7
Hours - 417

Media Center
Volunteers provide invaluable support by taking inventory, shelving books, helping students check out materials, and generally keeping all the materials neat and organized.

Volunteers - 14
Hours - 246

Resource Speakers
Volunteers enrich classroom curriculum by sharing their hobbies, careers or special interests with students.

Volunteers - 10
Presentations - 12

MS Food Shelf
One dedicated volunteer spent 78 hours keeping the Middle School Food Shelf orderly and stocked.

Early Learning Programs
Community volunteers make connections with our youngest learners in Kids Place, Early Learning Preschool and Early Childhood Screening programs.

Volunteers - 13
Hours - 522

Kids Place
One volunteer spent 50 hours helping out after school at Kids Place at Peter Hobart.

Picture Person/Art Appreciation
Trained volunteers teach six art appreciation lessons a year to children in grades K-3. “Styles in Western Art” was the focus of this year’s curriculum. (At Park Spanish Immersion, the amity scholars teach the lessons.)

Volunteers - 50
Presentations - 429

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