EDS Classroom Volunteers

Thank you for your interest in volunteering at EDS! Your willingness to serve our students and faculty is greatly appreciated. There are many ways you may become involved as a volunteer during the school day.

What might a classroom volunteer do?

- Listen to children read
- Conduct flashcard drills
- Reproduce materials
- Make and play instructional games
- Mystery reader
- Prepare bulletin boards
- File student assignments
- Display student work
- Help reshelve books in the library
- Tell stories with puppets
- Assist with enrichment activities
- Practice vocabulary
- Discuss careers or hobbies
- Set up science experiments
- Help with handwriting practice
- Facilitate centers in small groups
- Gather resource materials
- Help children with art projects

Volunteer opportunities will vary depending on the needs of individual classroom teachers. The demand for volunteers may change weekly or monthly depending on the needs of each classroom teacher and whether or not they have a classroom assistant.

How do I sign up to be a classroom volunteer?

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure that all of the children in our community remain safe. Taking these simple steps will provide an extra layer of security for the children you have entrusted to our care. If you are interested in volunteering, please do the following:

1. Stop by the EDS main office between 7 am and 6 pm Monday-Friday to complete a **background check.** This simple process requires your driver's license and the submission of the *EDS Background Check Authorization* form.

2. In order to provide the safest community environment possible for children and adults, we are requiring all adults (18 and over) who volunteer on either of our campuses to complete training modules in the **Safe Church, Safe Communities Program of the national Episcopal Church.**

   To establish your account, click on this Praesidium Academy link.

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1. Fill in your contact information including First Name, Last Name, Email Address, and desired Password.
2. Enter this as the registration code: **reg-episdioga-533-dayschool** *(please note: these are hyphens not underscores)*
3. Click **Validate** to confirm the registration code.
4. Click the checkbox to agree to the Terms & Conditions.
5. Click **Redeem.**
6. Write down your user login and password for future reference.
7. Answer the **Registration Questions** about your status and role within the organization.
8. Click **Save & Continue.**
9. Scroll down and you'll see a lot of content. You can take any course you'd like, but the following are required of volunteers: **(a) Safe Church, Safe Communities - Universal Training: Introduction and Theological Background, (b) Keeping Your School Safe, (c) Social Media Safety, and (d) Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers**

There is no need to print a certificate. We will be notified when courses are completed.

Once we receive notification that you have completed the background check and online training, **you will be invited to attend a volunteer training session**. Once you have completed the training, we will let your child's teacher know. At that time, the individual classroom teachers will let you know their specific needs. If your child's teacher does not have a specific need, we will work to match you with another classroom that may need additional support. We appreciate your willingness to support our students and faculty and look forward to partnering with you!