

EDS Classroom Volunteers 2023-24

Dear EDS Families,

We hope this message finds you and your family in good health and high spirits. This summer, we continue to work towards providing more opportunities for parents and grandparents to participate in school activities and invite you to participate in our classroom volunteer program.

At EDS, we greatly value the partnership between parents and the school community. Your involvement and support play a vital role in creating an enriched learning environment for our students. By becoming a trained volunteer, you can actively contribute to the success and growth of our school community.

This training allows you to gain valuable insights, knowledge, and skills to effectively engage with our students and staff. Whether you're a new or experienced volunteer, this program will help you enhance your abilities and provide a solid foundation for meaningful involvement.

If you are interested in a role as a classroom volunteer, room parent, acolyte parent, or field trip chaperone, please complete the following:

1. Stop by the EDS main office to complete a **background check**. This simple process requires your driver's license and submitting the *EDS Background Check Authorization* form.
2. To provide the safest community environment for children and adults, we require 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](#).

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. The following is required of volunteers:
- (a) **Safe Church, Safe Communities - Universal Training: Introduction and Theological Background**
 - (b) **Keeping Your School Safe**
 - (c) **Social Media Safety**
 - (d) **Abuse Risk Management for Volunteers.**
 - (e) **Universal Training: Inclusion**

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

Once this training is completed, you will be invited to a brief in-person training where we will cover various aspects of volunteering, including:

- Roles and responsibilities of parent volunteers
- Effective communication strategies
- Confidentiality and student privacy guidelines
- Safety protocols and emergency procedures
- Supporting student learning and engagement
- Collaborating with teachers and staff
- And much more!

Completing the Parent Volunteer Training Program is a prerequisite for volunteering in our school community. This training will equip you with the necessary skills and ensure our student's safety and well-being. ***You do not need to complete this process again if you did so during the 2022-2023 school year, as this training is effective for three years!***

We appreciate your dedication to fostering a supportive and inclusive educational environment. By joining our classroom volunteers, you are actively investing in the future of our students and contributing to their overall success.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you as a volunteer during the 2023-2024 school year.