



Dear Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest and desire to assist our school this year as a volunteer. It is through the efforts of people like yourself that we are able to offer our students expanded educational opportunities and we are grateful for your help. You are about to become an important partner in our mission to help the children of Oskaloosa Christian School. In this regard, for the safety of our children and the volunteers, we ask that you read the items below and indicate your willingness to support them with your signature.

Our Mission

Assisting families in equipping children to be effective disciples of Jesus Christ.

Statement of Basic Beliefs and Purposes

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God and is the ultimate source of truth and authority in all matters of our faith and life.
- We believe that God exists in three persons; namely, God the Father who is creator and sustainer of the universe; Jesus Christ, God's Son, who was sent into this world to save sinners who believe in Him and who now rules as King of the holy universal church; and the Holy Spirit who was sent as the Christians' comforter, sanctifier, and guide.
- We believe that the Word of God requires Christian parents to make every effort to train their children in the fear and nurture of the Lord and that for this reason the instruction of children in the school, home, and church must be in keeping with the teachings of the Word of God. We believe that we must educate children so that they will become useful servants of God in His Kingdom and citizens of society.
- We believe that the right and responsibility to train children belongs to the parents and that our school depends upon and belongs to the parents rather than the state or the church. Our school has its foundation in the unchangeable Word of God, interpreted according to the historical creeds of the Reformed faith.
- We believe the school must help students understand that God summons them to honest worship, moral discipline, and personal holiness and that we must equip them for meaningful service in the Kingdom of God.

Volunteer Points of Emphasis

- It is understood that children enrolled in Oskaloosa Christian School have parents who earnestly desire that their children receive a Christ-centered education.
- It is understood that you will train students in a manner consistent with the beliefs and objectives of the Oskaloosa Christian School.
- It is understood that your actions will support the school in its efforts to provide education that is distinctively Christian.
- It is understood that your personal conduct must conform to the standards of the school.
- Do not contact a child outside of school, give your phone number or email address to a child, or accept a child's phone number. If you need to contact a child or his/her parents, please do this through the child's teacher.
- Do not offer a child a ride home or to any location without permission from his/her parents. Do not spend any time alone with a child at school or outside of school.
- Do not take photographs of children. Pictures may be taken by school personnel provided parents have signed a consent form.
- Be sure that all physical contact is appropriate. Look to the teacher for guidance in this regard.
- Allow the teacher to administer any appropriate discipline. You may point out improper behavior, but allow the teacher to handle the consequences.
- Do not discuss the children, their progress, or behavior with anyone other than their teacher. Parents have an expectation of privacy concerning their children while here at school.
- If you are concerned about the well-being of a child, notify any staff member immediately. Do not take it upon yourself to question or disclose your concerns with the child. The case will be referred to the staff person most apt to handle this issue and, if necessary, will be referred to the school or social services.

Personal Commitment

As a volunteer, responsible to God, I agree to use every effort to aid Oskaloosa Christian School in its endeavors and objectives and to use my gifts to support the school's purpose, beliefs, and mission.

Volunteer Name (full name printed): _____ Date: _____

Volunteer Signature: _____

Principal Signature: _____ Date: _____

For background check purposes, please provide the following:

SSN: _____ Birth Date and Place: _____

Current County of Residence: _____