



Tips for Volunteers

- Be patient while working with students. Give yourself time to find your areas of comfort.
- Names are important. Be sure to pronounce a student's name correctly. If need be, learn to spell it correctly. Make sure students know your name and pronounce it correctly as well.
- Treat individuals with respect and courtesy and expect the same in return.
- Listen carefully to what students say. This shows them that you care about them.
- Encourage and support the success of students. Build their self-confidence by praising them honestly and frequently.
- Avoid making comparisons between students or between teachers.
- Always try to be fair and consistent.
- Students make mistakes. Assure them that making mistakes is a part of learning. Therefore, don't be afraid of making mistakes yourself.
- If you must be absent, call the Volunteer Office and inform them. Students will be disappointed when you can't come, but are reassured that you cared enough to call.

