

Ways Volunteers Can Help at the Secondary Level

- 1. Volunteers who are native speakers from other countries and people who speak world languages fluently can give language students extra practice in conversation or discuss the literature they are reading with advanced language students.
- 2. Volunteers can contribute to social studies units. Resource people from the community can speak or be interviewed on topics in which they have experience and expertise. A senior citizen can supply details on local history. Others may describe their personal participation in events such as the bombings in London during World War II, the Nazi Holocaust, the Vietnam War, the civil rights movement, political campaigns or other current events. A city planner might discuss urban renewal or current zoning problems.
- 3. Volunteers can help students use library sources and assist with research projects.
- 4. Volunteers can assist teachers in gathering resources for units of study.
- 5. Volunteers can tape record textbooks so that students with reading problems may listen to a recording as they read their assignments.
- 6. Volunteers can assist in science and math laboratories.
- 7. Volunteers can accompany the school chorus and help build sets for a play.
- 8. Volunteers who are artists and performers (such as musicians and dancers) can assist and encourage students who aspire to careers in fine arts.
- 9. Volunteers can arrange meaningful study trips into the community to augment classroom learning.
- 10. Volunteers can share collections, discuss careers, travels, hobbies, and other areas of special knowledge.
- 11. Volunteers can work with school administrators to sponsor school clubs and interest groups.
- 12. Volunteers can assist the staffs of student publications yearbook, literary magazine, newspaper.

- 13. Volunteers can produce a parent-teacher newsletter to inform parents of student and school achievements and activities.
- 14. Volunteers can assist teachers in academic subject matter areas.
- 15. Volunteers can assist special education teachers, giving students expanded learning opportunities.
- 16. Volunteers can help students who were absent to make up missed work.
- 17. Volunteers can assist non-English speaking students in expanding their vocabularies and improving conversational skills.
- 18. Volunteers can share visuals and artifacts from other cultures and countries as well as from different sections of the United States.
- 19. Volunteers can share and demonstrate a variety of artistic abilities.
- 20. Volunteers from various ethnic backgrounds might share their life experiences.
- 21. Volunteers can assist in organizing a college fair.
- 22. Volunteers can assist in organizing a career exploration day or week.