

Dear SDPC Families,

We are grateful for the strong partnership between our schools and the families and community members who volunteer their time to support our students and staff. As we begin a new school year, we want to make you aware of important updates to the process for becoming an approved volunteer in the School District of Pickens County.

Volunteer Training Process for the 2026–27 School Year

To ensure the safety and well-being of all students, *all volunteers must complete the district's volunteer training process each school year*, even if they have volunteered in the past. This year, volunteers have the option to complete the training **online** or **in-person**. The updated process includes the following five steps:

1. **Watch the “Volunteering in SDPC” training video**
[Volunteering in SDPC Training Video](#)
2. **Review the “Volunteering in SDPC” informational pamphlet**
[Volunteering in SDPC Pamphlet](#)
3. **Review the safety one-pagers on Blood Borne Pathogens and Sexual Harassment**
[Blood Borne Pathogens Safety for School Volunteers](#)
[Sexual Harassment Prevention for School Volunteers](#)
4. **Complete the Raptor volunteer application and background check**
 - All volunteers must submit an online application through the Raptor system.
 - Volunteers interested in serving as **chaperones** or working **one-on-one with students** must select and pay for the **\$32 background check** during the application process.
 - *Reminder: Background checks are valid for three years.*
 - Access the application using this link: [Raptor Application Link](#)
5. **Submit the Volunteer Orientation Certification Google Form**
 - This form verifies that you have completed all required training components.
[Volunteer Orientation Certification Form](#)

The **SDPC Volunteer webpage** has been updated with all necessary links and additional information about this process. You can access it here: [SDPC Volunteers](#)

Please note: Some individual schools may require *additional steps* before you are fully approved as a volunteer. Be sure to check with your child's school for any site-specific requirements.

We appreciate your commitment to our students and look forward to working together for a successful school year. If you have any questions about the volunteer process, please reach out to your school's front office or visit the SDPC Volunteer webpage.