

## **GRASSP's Unique Volunteer System and Flexibility**

GRASSP's volunteer system is built with a focus on ensuring the program's success and the safety of all participants. GRASSP understands the critical role of schools in fostering a positive and encouraging environment for students through soccer. Therefore, the volunteer system is tailored to align closely with the mission of the program.

### **1. Solidifying the Unique Approach**

The GRASSP leadership encourages a unique school flexibility model, where the program is established with support from the District, and school's principal. This approach ensures that the program is well-integrated within the school's culture and objectives, maximizing its impact on student engagement and development.

### **2. Aligning with the Mission**

By seeking the buy-in from District and school leadership, GRASSP ensures that the program's goals are in line with the overall vision of the educational institution.

### **3. Dedicated Volunteers**

Committed volunteers overseeing GRASSP trainings and tournaments is a key element in maintaining continuity and effective coordination within the school community. Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting students' growth and ensuring seamless communication between the program and the school.

### **4. Background Checked Volunteers**

The safety and well-being of the students are paramount to the GRASSP program. All volunteers undergo thorough background checks to ensure a secure environment for everyone involved.

### **5. School District Facility Clearances**

GRASSP emphasizes the importance of proper reservation, communication, and approval from the district facilities department before any program activities take place. This careful planning and collaboration ensure that logistics run smoothly and that the program maintains a strong and supportive relationship with the district.

## **Building and Connecting Like-Minded Volunteers**

GRASSP recognizes the value of having coaches who are connected to or part of the local school community. Such volunteers have a deeper understanding of the students' needs and can foster stronger relationships with the participants. Outsourcing coaches from outside the local school community has been less effective and efficient, which is why the program focuses on building

connections with like-minded volunteers who are genuinely interested in making a positive impact in their local community.

GRASSP is committed to continuously improving the volunteer system and enhancing the program's impact on students. By maintaining a strong emphasis on school alignment, safety, and community connections, GRASSP strives to create a nurturing and empowering environment that fosters academic success, physical activity, and social confidence among its participants.