

Volunteer Handbook



Davidson Elementary School

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Principal Sarah Andricopoulos

Welcome and thank you for your willingness to volunteer your time and energy working with students and staff at Davidson Elementary School!

What Makes Davidson Special

Davidson: The community's choice for a well-rounded, quality education.

At Davidson Elementary, parents, teachers, staff, and students work together to help students love learning. Davidson celebrates the diversity of its students through high expectations, academics, the arts, technology, and inclusivity, fostering meaningful relationships in a nurturing environment to help students realize their dreams.

Every student ROARs at Davidson! ROAR stands for Respectful, On-task, Always Safe, and Responsible, and it is the foundation of our Positive Behavior Intervention System. Davidson has won awards for our PBIS Program from the Arizona Department of Education for three years in a row. We believe in the power of positive interventions and that every child is unique and special.

Davidson is a proud OMA (Opening Minds through the Arts) Gold School. Every Davidson student benefits from music, dance, and instrumental instruction throughout the year. Our fabulous Arts Integration Specialist collaborates with classroom teachers to integrate the arts with content curriculum.

At Davidson, we believe strongly in the benefits of inclusive education for all students. All students' needs are met within the general education setting. Classroom teachers and exceptional education teachers collaborate to provide a co-teaching model. This results in higher expectations, greater academic outcomes, and increased social and emotional skills for all students.

Students, staff, and parents ROAR kindness at Davidson, where the Ben's Bell Kindness Curriculum is integrated in weekly classroom lessons by our full-time counselor. Davidson students practice kindness through a wide range of activities and the language of kindness is practiced in classrooms and throughout the community every day. Each month, students nominate one another for the Kind Kid Award and two students are presented with Ben's Bells at our assembly.

Every classroom at Davidson is equipped with an interactive whiteboard. This allows students and teachers to engage with and navigate information in new and exciting ways. Every classroom also has six student computers, and Kindergarten thru third grade classrooms each have a tub of five tablets. Additionally, there is one computer lab and two mobile COWs (Computers on Wheels). These are class sets of laptops that teachers share between classrooms.

Davidson Elementary School Vision

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School Wide Expectations

R - Respectful

O - On-task

A - Always safe

R - Responsible

R.O.A.R

Volunteers Represent Davidson

As a volunteer, you not only serve the needs of the children, you also provide a vital link between the school and the community. Students, their parents/guardians, and the community view you as a representative of the school. They pay close attention to what you say about the staff and the educational programs.

Volunteer Opportunities

Davidson teachers and staff have many volunteer opportunities!

Please note that opportunities may vary based on the time of the year and Davidson's needs.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Make photocopies or laminate
 - Assemble packets
- Tutor students one-on-one or in small groups to practice *reading* skills
- Tutor student one-on-on or in small groups to practice *math* skills
- Tutor children one-on-one or in small groups with *letter formation or handwriting* skills
 - Help students with make-up work
 - Prepare crafts, science projects, or other materials
 - Assemble Packets
 - Prepare and create bulletin boards
 - Help with special holiday events and/or projects
 - Sharpen pencils, toss old markers, sort broken crayons
 - Facilitate socials skills and learning opportunities during Center time
 - Repot plants, garden cleanup, and other garden projects
 - Shelve books and read to students
 - Help transport students to and from school (walking or driving)¹

¹Volunteers transporting or accompanying students or others on school business must complete the Volunteer Application Process with Human Resources **AND** be approved by the Leadership Office to participate in activities.

Volunteer Requirements

The safety and well-being of our Students and Staff is priority. In accordance with state legislature and District policy, non-legal guardian volunteers will be required to complete a fingerprint background check. More information will be provided within the application.

Volunteer Registration/Interest Form

1. Please contact the Davidson Family Engagement Liaison of your choice to establish a volunteer opportunity and complete the volunteer interest form on page 6.
2. Volunteers will complete the district's volunteer application at [VOLUNTEERS 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR \(tusd1.org\)](https://tusd1.org/volunteers).
3. To ensure the safety of our students, all parent and non-parent volunteers must complete or update their volunteer application each school year.
4. HR will review your submitted application and work with your selected school to authorize volunteer work to begin.

Davidson Volunteer Expectations

1. All volunteers must be authorized by TUSD HR before volunteering.
2. Dress appropriately as outlined in the [TUSD Dress Code for Employees](#) . If you are volunteering in the garden, playground, or in other "active" positions, please wear closed-toed shoes.
3. Follow all [TUSD Policy and Regulations](#).
4. Stay home if you are experiencing any sign of illness.
5. If you are no longer available to volunteer at scheduled time, communicate with the staff member or teacher.
6. Please do not show up to volunteer without providing prior notice. It is important that teachers have time to get ready for you.
7. If you are unsure of how to complete a volunteer task, ask! We want to help you!
8. Bring positivity and patience to your volunteer role. We are excited to have you!

Volunteer Application Form
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Name:

Phone Number:

1. Does your child(ren) attend school at Davidson? *Circle* Yes or No

If so, what are you child(rens) name(s) and grade(s)?

2. Do you have a preference on the grade you volunteer with? (Circle all that apply)

Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade

Specials: (Please describe) _____

3. Which volunteer opportunities are you interested in? Please check all that apply.

_____ Make photocopies or laminate

_____ Assemble packets

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_____ Tutor student one-on-on or in small groups to practice *math* skills

_____ Tutor children one-on-one or in small groups with *letter formation or handwriting* skills

_____ Help students with make-up work

_____ Prepare crafts, science projects, or other materials

_____ Prepare and create bulletin boards

_____ Help with special holiday events and/or projects

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_____ Facilitate socials skills and learning opportunities in small groups

_____ Repot plants, garden cleanup, and other garden projects

_____ Shelve books and read to students

_____ (Other) Describe: _____

4. Which day(s) and times do you want to volunteer?

5. Is there any other information you would like to share? For example, do you have experience volunteering/ working with children? Do you have any special interests you would like to share?