

Volunteer Opportunities

In linguistically diverse communities, parents whose primary language is not English may not be comfortable serving on PTA committees or other traditional engagement programs. Still, there are myriad ways in which these parents can participate in school life and enhance the school community. Some ideas:

- » **Check-out books at the library**
- » **Re-shelving library and classroom books**
- » **Work at annual events like book fairs, teacher appreciation day, etc.**
- » **Escort children from classroom to classroom or to out-of-class program**
- » **Make photocopies for teachers or office personnel**
- » **Stuff envelopes**
- » **Contribute to bake sales, clothing drives, food drives**
- » **Assemble homework packets, study guides, and activity kits**
- » **Chaperone field trips or study hall**
- » **Help teachers set-up or take-down room displays**
- » **Hang flyers around school**
- » **Decorate for school spirit days or seasonal celebrations**
- » **Supervision of students' arrival and dismissal**
- » **Planning and supervising classroom parties**
- » **Prepare classroom materials — cutting, pasting, stapling, applying stickers, etc.**
- » **Share special skills and expertise in the classroom or enrichment programs like music, art, dance, theater or sports**