



Volunteer MPS

Minneapolis Community Education

Activities Ideas for Volunteers in 6-12 Classrooms

English/Language Arts

- Assist with writing assignments and review corrected themes with students
- Assist with vocabulary words, grammar skills and library research
- Tutor individual students in reading and communication skills
- Help with daily assignments

Math

- Help students prepare for math tests
- Assist students in applying computer skills
- Help with daily assignments
- Help students use problem solving techniques and relate math skills to real life experiences

Social Studies/World Culture

- Share travel experience with students
- Assist with daily assignments
- Participate in discussions about current events
- Foreign language conversation practice
- Talk about local historical events

Science

- Assist with the use of laboratory equipment
- Help students in the area of horticulture
- Review vocabulary words and scientific facts with students
- Assist with daily assignments

Special Subjects

- Assist in art, music, gym, library, modern languages or special education classes
- Tutor students whose primary language is not English
- Serve as classroom aide in industrial technology courses/labs

- Help in libraries, counseling offices, college/career centers or with clerical tasks

Social

- Have conversations with students and LISTEN
- Provide friendship, companionship and encouragement
- Help to create a supportive environment and encourage student participation in activities
- Be a mentor to support a student's special area of interest

Enrichment

- Help with school clubs or special interest groups
- Share collections, travel pictures and artifacts
- Help with student publications
- Share childhood recollections and stories that illustrate local history and ethnic culture
- Help organize a college fair or career exploration day
- Plan or chaperone field trips to community and business sites
- Share information on job experiences and careers
- Assist with school plays

Help Teachers

- Gather resources for units of study or special projects
- Audio record textbooks, plays, stories, etc.
- Help students complete daily assignments or material missed because of absences