



Volunteer MPS
Minneapolis Community Education

Intergenerational Volunteer Program (ITG)

Older adults and kids make a great combination in the classroom. Older adults bring experience, patience, perspective, time, and commitment to their volunteer work. The children contribute energy, passion, enthusiasm, and appreciation. Together, the older adult and the child are a team, each benefiting from the interaction and often forming a relationship that lasts well beyond the school year.

“I enjoy the kids. They keep me in touch with enthusiasm and spontaneity. I learn to see life through many other eyes.” ~Sue J, volunteer

“He enriches our students’ learning a great deal with his vast knowledge of history and his humor.” ~Mrs. Andersen, teacher

“You are very, very, very, very, very, very, very smart for your age!” ~Jose, 3rd grade student

Volunteer Opportunities

Many of the opportunities available through the Intergenerational (ITG) Volunteer Program are the same as those available to other volunteers, including tutoring and classroom assistance. What makes the ITG program different is the addition of special training opportunities for volunteers and personalized support.

ITG also offers two unique volunteer opportunities:

The Storytelling Project

Intergenerational storytellers share stories about their lives, stories about historical events, or traditional stories that are a part of their culture. Stories may be told during the regular school day, or during after school programs.

Oral History Projects

Students and older adult volunteers have an opportunity to share life experiences through conversations. The students take notes and write a report which is presented to the volunteer at a second meeting. Students learn about history while also polishing their interviewing, writing, and presentation skills.

For more information about the Intergenerational Volunteer Program, the storytelling program or participation in oral history projects, contact:

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