

Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

VIPS recruits thousands of parents and community partners to donate their time, resources, and knowledge in support of the district's primary goal to increase student achievement. Volunteers contribute in areas such as mentoring, tutoring, fundraising, career education, enrichment programs, extracurricular and community service activities, and office and classroom assistance. After registering online and undergoing the annual background check, volunteers can work in any HISD school for the school year. All schools can track volunteer hours donated to the school district by establishing an online VIPS account.



How can I become a VIPS?

All volunteers must register online. All volunteers must pass an annual criminal background check before they can participate as a volunteer. Please follow the steps below to become a VIPS:

- Step 1:** Register online at www.houstonisd.org/vipslogin.
- Step 2:** Once you have registered, you must go in person to the school of interest and show proof of identification.
- Step 3:** Identification information will go into our database for processing by the Volunteer Coordinator at each campus.
- Step 4:** The criminal history background check can take 2-3 weeks to complete.
- Step 5:** Once you are CLEARED to volunteer, you are eligible to volunteer throughout HISD.

What type of identification is accepted?

- Texas Driver's License
- Official Passport
- Texas Identification Card
- Official U. S. Military ID
- Driver's License (issued by any state in the U.S.)
- Matricula Consular
- Identification Card (issued by any state in the U.S.)
- Resident Alien Card

Our students benefit when we all volunteer!

"A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization." --
President George Bush