

IMAGINE SOUTH LAKE CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Policy

Parent Volunteer Policy



The Imagine South Lake (ISL) Board of Directors, staff, and parents agree that adult involvement is an essential element for the success of students at ISL Charter School. Therefore, this policy defines a mandatory volunteer agreement required for your child/children in grades kindergarten through eighth-grade to attend Imagine South Lake Charter.

Safety of Students is our first concern, therefore *it is mandatory for all volunteers who serve in the presence of students, either on-campus or off-campus, to complete a background screening prior to volunteering.* The screening method will be communicated to parents annually at the beginning of the school year.

Required Hours -Parent volunteers must meet 15 hours per student or 20 hours per family as the level of participation per family per year. These hours must be completed 10 days prior to the lottery for newly enrolled students in the spring. For students who enroll later than September, the required hours will be prorated based on the enrollment date.

Form of Volunteer Hours - At least one-half of the volunteer hours *must* be completed at the school, during school events or with available take-home projects. The take-home projects and hours of credit will be determined and assigned by staff.

Volunteer Donation Option - The remaining volunteer hours may be purchased as a donation to the school at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Funds collected will be designated for support of the volunteer program and to improve the ISL sports program.

Management System - Imagine South Lake utilizes a technology-based volunteer management system to communicate volunteer opportunities and log hours served. Information on system access will be provided at the beginning of the school year.

Accountability and Incentives - Failure to complete the volunteer agreement required hours will result in the student (s) being removed from school rolls and placed back in the school lottery. Successful completion of the required hours will result in special recognitions, opportunities and programs for your student, as well as, recognition of parent volunteers.

Hardship Waiver - Imagine South Lake understands circumstances and events take place in every family prohibiting completion of the mandatory volunteer hours. Therefore, with approval of the school principal, a partial or full hardship waiver may be granted.