



Volunteer & Giving

at Mountain Phoenix Community School

Mountain Phoenix Community School, the yearly parental commitment is two-fold: Volunteer Requirement and Giving (Monetary Donations).

Volunteer Requirement

Our volunteer requirement for families is 40 hours of volunteer time for full-time families and 20 hours of volunteer time for *part-time families. *Part-time means any student who attends school for a half-day, or on a T-Th or M-W-F schedule (full or part-time). Also, if you are a single parent family, your volunteer requirement is 20 hours, even if you have a full-time student. Homeschool families do not have a volunteer requirement, though we welcome any and all contributions of time and energy!

Giving (Monetary Donations)

During the school year, MPCS Foundation hosts three different fundraisers: Fun Run, Annual Give, and Auction. Please be aware that monetary donations to these fundraisers are separate from the volunteer requirement. If in doubt, please ask!

For example:

- If you sponsor your child(ren) for the Fun Run, this does not count towards your volunteer requirement.
- If you donate for the Annual Give, this does not count towards your volunteer requirement.
- If you bid on or purchase something at the Auction, this does not count towards your volunteer requirement. (If you donate items or money towards the class basket or project for the Auction, this does count towards your volunteer requirement.)

What Counts For Volunteer Time?

You know best where your talents lie, so you can use your creativity to determine your involvement. We also welcome grandparents and other extended family and friends who have talent and time to contribute!

- Support your child's classroom – Become a class rep, chaperone field trips, help prepare materials at home, etc.
- Volunteer at school festivals and fundraisers
- Join a committee (For example, the Art Committee or the Diversity and Inclusivity Committee)
- Support committee work – Database management, grant writing, fundraising, community outreach, share your expertise, etc.
- Attend school meetings (Governing Council, Parent Council, Foundation, and Parent Evenings)
- Volunteer in the main or upper school offices.
- Cook delicious treats for events.
- Provide in-kind donations to school/classrooms (\$10 worth of donations = 1 hour of volunteer time).
- Lead an after school enrichment activity.
- Volunteer at a stewardship day.
- Help direct traffic in the mornings/afternoons.
- Write for the blog, photograph school events, contribute to social media, help design school communications, etc.
- Help beautify our campus – Pull weeds, garden, etc.



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What If I Cannot Volunteer?

We understand that sometimes it is not possible to donate 40 hours of your time. Though this is our standard in order to thrive as a public charter school, it is even more important that you engage in a way that is meaningful and participate when and how much works for you and your family. If you are ever concerned about completing your volunteer requirement, please reach out to Sondra Lockett-Cameron, the Marketing & Communications Manager/Volunteer Coordinator. Communication is key and we are here to help.

As an alternative to donating your time, you may send a monetary donation for the balance of your volunteer hours to the MPCS Foundation. Donations can be dropped off in the Foundation's box outside of the Main Office. Please note how many volunteer hours your donation covers and your name.

End-of-Year Donation Request

At the end of the year, we will send out a donation request for any unmet volunteer hours. All donations will go directly to the MPCS Foundation and will be applied towards classroom needs, professional development for the faculty, and improvements to our facilities.

Who Can I Ask?

You will receive notifications about school-wide volunteer opportunities via ParentSquare. If you have a question about how to get involved and complete your volunteer hours, you can contact Sondra Lockett-Cameron, the Marketing & Communications Manager/Volunteer Coordinator.

Additionally, each classroom has one or two room representatives, who will introduce themselves to the class at the beginning of the school year. The room rep is a parent that has stepped forward to help the teacher throughout the year, and they are also a great resource for other parents who may have questions.

The Class Reps help to set up and organize projects related to the classroom. They may help your class teacher communicate their classroom needs, as well as promote school-wide activities. For example, the room rep may ask the parents to bring in tissue or flowers for the classroom. The room reps will also set up volunteer signups in ParentSquare for the classroom.