

VOLUNTEER FAQS

Thinking about volunteering with us?

The EEU has many moving parts that require many volunteers to help. If you've never volunteered and don't know quite what was expected, here are some answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Do I have to be a volunteer to attend a band event?

No, parents are invited and encouraged to attend football games, concerts and performances throughout the year. If the event is out of town and you want to meet the band there, refer to the website news for location and time info.

I think my child would rather not have me around them at school?

Remember that when you volunteer, you are not there to hang out with your child. With all that the EEU needs help with during events and performances, you most likely won't have time to see your child. Give them the freedom to join you or stay with their band friends and ignore you. Once they realize you can be there and not intrude, they will trust you to be in the background.

Are there costs involved?

Although we do not charge parents to volunteer, each event varies and parents are asked to pay for their own expenses, such as meals on trips, and in some cases, tickets for admission depending on how many wristbands each unit will get in advance. There are some events where volunteers are requested to wear a shirt identifying their affiliation with the EEU, so there may be a cost for a t-shirt or polo shirt. We ask parents to pay for the cost of these shirts and shirts are yours to keep. We always do our best to keep all expenses to a minimum but as EEU volunteers, we do not use funds raised by students to pay for the volunteers' costs.

What's in it for me?

You really will have priceless moments seeing your student and an amazing group of peers, working as a team, getting ready, performing and standing together. EEU is not just a band family, it's the biggest TEAM on campus and we all proudly represent Esperanza High School.

How do I sign-up for just a few hours to start?

Some positions and volunteers needed for events will be listed in **Sign-up Genius**, so parents can view times and dates in advance. Be sure to sign up for **Weekly EEU emails** at the homepage of the website, so you will find Event Sign-Ups right away. You can make a real difference for the students in our program <u>AND</u> make great friends along the way.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the EEU President or current coordinators directly by visiting our Contact Page.