

# Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Foster Grandparent Program List of JCPS Schools where Foster Grandparent Volunteers are serving 2020/2021\*

Name of JCPS School Site	# of Foster Grandparent volunteers serving
Breckinridge/Franklin Elementary School	6
Brandeis Elementary	3
Cane Run Elementary School	9
Coleridge-Taylor Elementary School	4
DuValle Education Center	3
Engelhard Elementary	4
Foster Traditional Academy	5
Frayser Elementary School	4
Indian Trail Elementary School	3
King Elementary	2
Kennedy Montessori Elementary	4
Lincoln Performing Arts School	4
Mill Creek Elementary	4
Maupin Elementary	8
McFerran Early Childhood (JCPS)	11
Price Elementary School	3
George Unseld Early Learning Center	4
Rangeland Elementary School	2
Wheatley Elementary School	6
Whitney-Young Elementary School	7

Total Schools: 20 Total Volunteers: 96

<sup>\*</sup>Please Note: Due to circumstances of COVID-19 number of volunteers serving in schools are subject to change.



# August 2020

Permissible Service Activities for Foster Grandparent Volunteers during this time of COVID\_19 Pandemic. The Service Activities listed below are presented as options and should <u>not</u> be considered as all-inclusive list.

Teach English to a child for whom it is a second language.

Tutor/mentor student in-person or virtually.

Tutor/mentor student over the telephone or through a tutoring call-in line.

Support students in their efforts to complete special projects or the development of student packets for distance learning.

Read books with children virtually and engage with the students in discussion questions regarding the book. Could be done virtually, through stories being recorded by the volunteer or over the telephone.

Serve as a pen pal for both writing skills development and social support

Support admission and release activities each day to ensure safe practices for students.

Serve as school greeters to welcome and reassure parents/children throughout the school day and ensure safe learning environments as parents/children enter school buildings. Telephone wellness check-ins with parents/ caregiver to determine what learning resources are needed to support students virtual learning needs.

Create science mystery boxes or take-home activities for students to explore.

Create video demonstrations of new skills skills students can explore at home. Videos could include but not limited to cooking, sewing or woodworking.

Support the preparation and/or delivery of meals to students.

Note: Foster Grandparent Program is prohibited from assigning volunteer activities that supplant hiring or displace paid staff.

#### FOSTER GRANDPARENT VOLUNTEER SERVICE DESCRIPTION

#### **Purpose**

The Foster Grandparent Volunteer (FG's) provides support to children with special or exceptional needs in the Louisville Metro area elementary schools, childcare centers, early childhood programs, after school and summer programs. They create meaningful relationships with children one-on-one in order to affect positive change. FGP Volunteers tutor and mentor children to improve their grade level reading and school readiness development skills.

As a result of the service provided by dedicated Foster Grandparent Volunteers, children:

- Develop healthy behaviors and attitudes in educational settings.
- Improve their academic skills (literacy, writing, math, etc.)
- Demonstrate gains in school readiness (social/emotional development for Kindergarten)

#### Special/Exceptional Needs that would qualify student to work with a Foster Grandparent Volunteer

Abused/Neglected	Health Impairment	Visual Impairment
Adjudicated youth	Literacy Needs	Child of Incarcerated Parent(s)
Developmentally Delayed	Language/Communication	Child in Foster Care
Emotional/Social development	Learning Disabled	Homelessness
Hearing Impaired	Physically Challenged	ESL
	Speech Impairment	At Risk Youth

#### **Volunteer Activities**

All Foster Grandparents provide intergenerational exposure to children and offer encouragement and praise. Foster Grandparents also perform other activities depending on the needs of the children and the volunteer site. These activities may include:

#### **MENTORING**

- Modeling appropriate behaviors and skills
- Playing games
- Teaching manners and social skills
- Encouraging and praising

#### **TUTORING**

- Assisting with specific reading, math or other learning activities
- Reinforcing lessons taught by teachers
- Helping a child follow directions and accomplish work
- Clarifying or translating group instructions to individual students

#### Evaluation

Foster Grandparent Volunteers will be assigned at least 4 children to focus their attention on during the year. Together, the Foster Grandparent and classroom teacher, will complete forms to track the child's progress in identified focus areas (social skills, academic gains, or reading improvement) throughout the school year. This will help the volunteer measure the impact of their service.

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# **School Visitors and Volunteers**

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**Board Policy: 03.6** 

# **Visitors**

Parents and others in the community are urged to visit the schools in order to participate in activities and gain a greater understanding of the operation of the schools and the school system. Visitors to school shall adhere to procedures established by the superintendent.

# **Volunteers**

The Jefferson County Board of Education (JCBE) shall encourage assistance from parents and other community resource persons as volunteers to enrich and reinforce the instructional program. *Volunteers* are defined as adults who assist teachers, administrators, or other staff in public school classrooms, schools, or school district programs and who do not receive compensation for their work.

The district shall conduct, at district expense, a state criminal records check on all volunteers who have contact with students on a regularly scheduled and/or continuing basis or who have supervisory responsibility for children at a school site or on school-sponsored trips.

Persons convicted of or pleading guilty to drug offenses within the past seven years; sexual offenses; offenses against minors; deadly weapon offenses; violent, abusive, threatening, or harassment offenses; or any felony offense shall not be used as volunteers.

The superintendent/designee shall develop orientation materials to be provided to volunteers as well as procedures for the encouragement and use of volunteers in the district. The orientation materials shall include appropriate school policies and safety and emergency procedures.

# **Use of Tobacco Products Prohibited**

The use of tobacco products is prohibited in or on any property owned or operated by the JCBE.

# **School Volunteer Records Check**

Except as required by law, information provided will be held confidential.

Records checks are not required for volunteers who provide assistance with single or sporadically scheduled school events and who are not responsible for supervising students at those events.

# Please print or type the information clearly.

Volunteer's Name: First	Middle Initial	Lock
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Sex:	naue;	
Maiden and/or Alias Name:		
Date of Birth:		
Telephone Number:		
Home Email Address:	Work	Mobile
Child's Name (if parent/guardian):		
School Where Volunteering:		
Program (if applicable):		
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