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# What is Watch D.O.G.S.?



- ❧ The **D**ads **o**f **G**reat **S**tudents WATCH **D.O.G.S.**® program is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based, family, and community engagement, organizations designed and developed by educators, experts and parent & guardian volunteers over more than two decades.
- ❧ WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is a family and community engagement educational initiative.

# Who are Watch D.O.G.S.?



Watch DOGS are fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer for at least one day each year at an official WATCH D.O.G.S. school.

**DOWNTOWN ELEMENTARY IS A WATCH D.O.G.S. SCHOOL!**



# Primary Goals



Our goals are:

- ❧ To provide positive male role models for students and to demonstrate, by their presence, that education is important.
- ❧ To provide extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance school security and reduce bullying.

# How WATCH D.O.G.S. Works

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- The program is overseen by a “Top Dog” volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for Watch D.O.G.S. to provide assistance at the school.
- Watch D.O.G.S. volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, assisting with unloading and loading of buses and cars, monitoring the lunchroom, or helping in the classroom with guidance from the teacher. This may include working with small groups of students to complete homework, study spelling words, or using flashcards to help with memorization.

# Program Benefits



- Fathers gain a greater awareness of the positive impact they can have on their student's life in three critical areas including:
  1. Performance
  2. Self-esteem
  3. Social behavior
- Due to budget shortfalls and cutbacks, often teachers are presented with larger classrooms each year. Fathers and father figures (aka Watch D.O.G.S.) provide real and important help for teachers and students.

# Program Benefits



- Students gain positive male role models.
- Schools gain an extra set of eyes and ears. The presence of a father or father figure will provide an additional deterrent to bullying, enhance a sense of security in the building, and will help to create an environment conducive to learning.
- Fathers get a glimpse of their students' everyday world and learn about the increasingly complex challenges and decisions today's youth are facing. As a result, they can learn to relate better to their student and hopefully connect with them.



# Program Effectiveness



During 2003, WATCH D.O.G.S. conducted a survey of 50 participating schools nationwide. Key findings:

- 89% agree that WATCH D.O.G.S. is a valuable component of the school's efforts to promote a safe and positive learning environment for students.
- 79% agree that since implementing the WATCH D.O.G.S. program, the school has experienced an increase in father involvement in areas other than WATCH D.O.G.S. (parent-teacher conferences, volunteerism in the classroom or after school, PTA involvement).
- Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a Watch D.O.G.S. dramatically reduces reports of bullying.



# Watch D.O.G.S. End of Day Survey



- ❧ **The End of Day Survey** will ask you to sum up your day; recounting any human-interest stories that can be used to further the WATCH D.O.G.S. program at the school.
- ❧ This survey takes approximately 60 seconds to complete.

# Watch D.O.G.S. in Action!



<https://www.facebook.com/DadsOfGreatStudents/videos/dads-of-great-students/1603521413077476/>

<https://youtu.be/ucwKmEFcmYw>



# JOIN

## Watch D.O.G.S.

Volunteer at your  
kid's school



# Questions











# MSCS Volunteer Requirements

<http://www.scsk12.org/face/>

## VOLUNTEER WITH SCS!


Shelby County Schools offers a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for interested adults. Volunteers truly assist in providing the best possible educational experience for all SCS students.

<b>L E V E L 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Speakers</li> <li>Program Guests</li> <li>Jurors/Judges</li> <li>Test Monitors</li> <li>Class Readers</li> <li>One-Time Volunteers</li> <li>Registration Helper</li> </ul>	<p>Must be directly monitored and supervised by school at all times.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Schools conduct a screen at: <a href="http://bit.ly/Level1checkin">http://bit.ly/Level1checkin</a></li> <li>Sign in at the front desk and provide identification when requested by school personnel.</li> </ol>	 
<b>L E V E L 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classroom Aides</li> <li>Office Assistants</li> <li>Daytime Field Trip Chaperones</li> <li>Hall Monitors</li> <li>Safety Patrol</li> </ul>	<p>Must be directly monitored and supervised by school personnel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watch Orientation Video</li> <li>Complete Online Application</li> <li>Expect results between 5-7 business days.</li> </ol>	 
<b>L E V E L 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overnight Chaperones</li> <li>Interpreters</li> <li>Mentors or Tutors</li> <li>Athletic Assistants or Coaches</li> <li>After-school Assistants</li> </ul>	<p>May interact with students without direct supervision of school personnel.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watch Orientation Video</li> <li>Complete Online Application</li> <li>Schedule and complete fingerprinting appointment online.</li> <li>Expect results between 7-10 business days.</li> </ol>	 

**RENEWAL**

**LEVEL 2 & 3**

- Watch Orientation Video and Update Online Application
- Expect results between 5-7 business days



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To start the process visit:

<http://www.scsk12.org/face/>

Shelby County Schools offers educational and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, religion, sex, creed, age, disability, national origin, or genetic information.

# MSCS Volunteer Requirements



Thank you for coming this evening. Please follow the directions below to complete your volunteer requirements for Memphis - Shelby County Schools.

Click the QR Code and follow the directions to complete the background check.



# Additional Resources



<http://dadsofgreatstudents.com/default/>

*Dads of Great Students*

*Thank you for coming & signing up to be a DES  
Watch DOG!*