

Young Volunteers
(under 18 years of age)

The volunteer policies of El Buen Pastor Latino Community Services (EBP/LCS) include the requirement that volunteer tutors be at least 16 years of age, or in the 11th grade, to serve.

We consider it part of our mission to bring people together by providing volunteer opportunities for everyone interested in being part of our community and to coach young people to be good volunteers.

We believe that a quality volunteer experience involves giving people meaningful work to do that provides real value to the volunteer as well as to the people being served. And while we believe that people of all ages have something to contribute, we owe the greatest consideration to the Latino students who count on us to help them find academic success.

For these reasons we have established the following guidelines for younger volunteers:

1. **High school students** (16 or 11th grade) who volunteer without a parent are responsible for their own communication with the EBP/LCS staff. Although we appreciate hearing from a volunteer's parent when an exceptional circumstance requires it, we expect that high school volunteers will communicate with staff about their own schedules.
2. **Middle school students and younger high schoolers** may tutor if a parent or other adult accompanies them and also serves as a tutor. Communication from the EBP/LCS staff will be with the parent, who is responsible for passing along all information to the young volunteer.
3. **Elementary students** may accompany their parent who is volunteering and may sit at the table with the parent-tutor and tutee while doing their own homework or reading.
4. Student volunteers are held to the same standards as adult volunteers, including the prohibition of using mobile phones or eating during tutoring.