

PARENT PARTICIPATION

Parents at Via Nova Children's School are considered an intrinsic part of our community, and we invite you to involve yourself in our program as an opportunity to build connections with the teaching staff and with other parents. Over the years, Via Nova has developed a volunteering policy that respects parents' limited time and energy, and that makes the most of all of our skills. To provide our children with the best education and environment possible, parents are expected to volunteer. This may include doing a special project, sharing skills, fundraisers, workshops, and participating on committees.

Volunteer Hours: The parent volunteer requirement is:

- 18 hours per year for two-parent families
- 10 hours per year for single parents; and
- 32 hours per year for parents with two children enrolled at one time.
- Families are expected to volunteer at least 50% of their hours on the following labor-intensive activities of their choice:
 - Individual Parent workdays through the year
 - Winter holiday and staff appreciation celebration in December
 - Annual fundraisings events in the Winter and Spring

The remaining hours are typically spent on the following types of activities:

- Classroom field trips, when allowed by local health department
- Special projects
- Individual projects such as working on the yearbook, construction projects, arranging or coordinating events etc.

There is \$25 per hour for unmet volunteer hours.

Fundraising Committee: Plans and organizes events and activities to raise money to fun school projects, classroom enrichment, and support the scholarship fund. Annual fundraising events include auctions/raffle, summer yard sale, yearbook sale, etc.



Earthquake Committee: Organizes emergency preparedness at the school by collecting emergency supplies for each child and the school.

Gardening Committee: Collaborate with our garden teacher in maintaining garden areas to beautify the school and encourage exploration of our natural environment.

Facility Committee: Orchestrates parent workdays and maintains list of improvement projects. Works with the preschool director to determine priorities and needs of the school, and coordinates volunteers.