

Columbia 'Watch D.O.G.S.'- Frequently Asked Questions

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

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative program of the National Center for Fathering focused on improving education in our nation's schools by using the influence of fathers and father-figures to provide a positive & active male role-model for students during their school day.

[Learn All About Watch D.O.G.S.](#)

Who can become a WatchDOG at Columbia Elementary?

Any father, step-father, grandfather, uncle, or father figure of a Columbia student can sign up to be a WatchDOG.

How can I learn more about becoming a WatchDOG?

The kickoff pizza party will be on August 21st at 6:00 PM. If you can't make it to the meeting, but still are interested in becoming a WatchDOG, contact our coordinators: [Thomas Owen](#) or [Mike Spustack](#).

How long is a WatchDOG day?

The day begins at 7:00 AM and lasts until approximately 3:00 PM.

How many days does a WatchDOG volunteer?

WatchDOGS are asked to volunteer at least one day throughout the school year but are encouraged to sign up as often as they are able.

How can I schedule a date to volunteer?

You can schedule a time to volunteer online by visiting our [sign-up genius page](#).

Do I have to buy a WatchDOG shirt?

Yes, a WatchDOG Shirt is a required uniform to be worn during your volunteer day(s). We hope to provide these shirts at no charge. More information will be available by the kickoff.

How do I order a Columbia or WatchDOG shirt?

Contact [Thomas Owen](#) or [Mike Spustack](#) for WatchDOG shirts. If you have already signed up, your shirt will be available on or before your day of service.

How much do shirts cost?

We hope to provide these shirts at no cost.

What do WatchDOGS do at Columbia?

On your volunteer day you will receive a personalized schedule to follow throughout your day. You will receive a brief orientation when you arrive.

What does a typical WatchDOG schedule look like?

Typically you will:

- Assist with car duty or bus duty in the morning
- Read to classrooms
- Do flash cards
- Eat lunch with students
- Patrol the hallways
- Any additional activities assigned

Will I see my student(s) throughout the day?

In addition to eating lunch with your student, you will be volunteering in your student(s) classroom at least one time during the day.

If you have any further questions about the WatchDOGS program please contact:

WatchDOG Coordinators: [Thomas Owen](#) and [Mike Spustack](#)