



What are the goals of a WATCH D.O.G.S. program?

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

Who are Watch DOGS and how does WATCH D.O.G.S. work?

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

WATCH D.O.G.S., a K-12 program, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child's/student's school during the school year. Fathers and father figures sign up to volunteer through Sign Up Genius (online) or by calling their child's school any time throughout the school year. The program is overseen by a Shelby Fleming, our school counselor. Watch DOG dads and 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 lunch room, or helping in the classroom with a teacher's guidance by working with small groups of students on homework, flashcards, or spelling.

What do Watch DOGS do (while they are at school)?

During the day, Watch DOGS may read and work on flash cards with students, play at recess, eat lunch with students, patrol the school entrances and hallways, assist with traffic flow and any other assigned activities where they actively engage with not only their own students, but other students as well.

Many school principals have reported that the mere presence of a Watch DOG dad dramatically reduces reports of bullying. On the day of their participation, Watch DOG dads are given a brief review of their involvement and they wear an official WATCH D.O.G.S. t-shirt with a disposable 'Dog Tag' identifying them as a Watch-DOG.