

WSES Watch D.O.G.S.
(**D**ads **O**f **G**reat **S**tudents)
Walnut Springs Elementary 2023-2024

What is the Watch DOGS Program?

The primary goal of Watch DOGS is to provide positive male role models for students. Volunteers show their children—as well all other students—that they are valued and that their education is important.

Historically, dads have been seen in schools when there is a specific issue or problem. In contrast, the Watch DOGS program encourages dads to be in the school for positive reasons—proactively and “just because”.

Spending a day—or even a few hours—in the school and in the classroom gives dads a greater connection to and appreciation for what the teachers and staff are doing daily to educate their child.

Historically, school volunteering has not been a typical area for dad participation. The Watch DOGS program gives dads a straightforward, unintimidating, and structured way to be involved in the school. You can't put a value on the excitement on the faces of students when they see a dad volunteer come to their classroom, enter the cafeteria, or hang out on the playground. Students see moms all the time . . . let them see the dads as well!!

In addition to volunteering in the classroom, Watch D.O.G.S. may assist with morning traffic by opening car doors and helping students make their way safely into the school. If you are interested in volunteering in the mornings, please let us know. Please complete the [Dripping Springs ISD - Inspiring Volunteers \(ezcommunicator.net\)](https://ezcommunicator.net) form to volunteer.

The Watch DOGS program is not just for dads. Any adult male family-member of a student can participate. Grandfathers, uncles, step-siblings, and big brothers are welcome!

We cannot overstate the value of a positive male role model in the lives of our children. Dads win because they know their role as Watch DOGS will impact many lives, starting with that of their own child. Students win because fathers and father-figures give their time and energy as a positive attentive male role model in the school. Schools win with the support Watch DOGS provide as a positive, encouraging, fathering presence on the campus.

How do I learn more and sign up?

Please bring your kids with you to the Watch DOGS kick-off event on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Please fill out a background check form found here: [Dripping Springs ISD - Inspiring Volunteers \(ezcommunicator.net\)](#) as well as a [DSISD Confidentiality Agreement](#).

Please find a date and time frame that works for your schedule. Please be mindful of school holidays, early dismissal days, and state/district testing days.

We understand that your free time is limited and that work schedules rarely coincide with school hours. As a result, please consider volunteering for whatever amount of time you have available—a full day, a half day, or as little as two hours. You should always feel free to take a break when volunteering to check emails or make calls during the day.

Please let us know your preferred time at least two weeks in advance. Starting September 11, 2023, you may sign up by completing the [Watch DOGS Sign-up Form](#). Please include your name, telephone number, email address, and the names of your child(ren).

Mrs. Jamail or one of the front office staff will contact you with your Watch DOGS schedule. We understand that schedules can change—just let Mrs. Jamail know of any changes as far in advance as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Jamail at maureen.jamail@dsisdtx.us or Jeremiah Howell at walnutspringselemwatchdogs@gmail.com.

Thank you!

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