



Frontier Academy is excited to announce the addition of the WATCH D.O.G.S. program at the secondary school. We are looking for dads that have an interest in the safety and development of Frontier Academy. Sign up will be available during registration on July 29th, 30th and 31st. Volunteer hours during the day as well as at after school hours are both welcome.

Background

WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) is an innovative father involvement, educational initiative of the **National Center For Fathering**. It began in 1998 in a single school in Springdale, Arkansas and has since grown into a nationally recognized program that has brought hundreds of thousands of fathers and father figures into our nation's classrooms and hallways. **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** has created millions of "in school" volunteer hours and continues to have a tremendously positive impact on the educational process. Today more than **2,811 schools in 46 states plus DC** participate in **WATCH D.O.G.S.®**

Program Goals

- 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.

How WATCH D.O.G.S.® Works

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. Individuals sign up at a kick-off event such as a "Dads and Kids Pizza Night" or "Donuts with Dad" or in the office at any time throughout the school year. The program is overseen by a "Top Dog" volunteer who partners with the school administrator to coordinate scheduling and identify opportunities for WatchDOGS to provide assistance at the school. WatchDOG volunteers perform a variety of tasks during their volunteer day including monitoring the school entrance, parking lot, hallways and the lunch room as well as after school programs.

Program Effectiveness

During 2003, **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** conducted a survey of 50 participating schools nationwide. Key findings:

- 1) 89% agree that **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** is a valuable component of the school's efforts to promote a safe and positive learning environment for students.
- 2) 79% agree that since implementing the **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** program, the school has experienced an increase in father involvement in areas other than **WATCH D.O.G.S.®** (parent-teacher conferences, volunteerism in the classroom or after school, PTA involvement).

