

Instruction

Community Resource Persons and Volunteers

The Board of Education encourages the use of volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment, (2) provide enrichment experiences for students, (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills, (4) give more individual attention to students, and (5) promote greater community involvement.

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a "sex offender," as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a "violent offender against youth," as defined in the Child Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.

Volunteers who have regular direct and unsupervised contact with students shall authorize a criminal background investigation prior to commencing any contact with students.

Regular direct contact with students shall mean contact which is scheduled or planned for more than three contacts or is likely to occur on a regular or irregular continuing basis. Unsupervised contact shall mean student contact that is not continuously observed by school personnel. Any person for whom a criminal background investigation is not required shall have reasonable periodic supervision by school personnel. The School District shall pay, from its funds, all fees required to be paid in connection with the obtaining of a criminal background investigation.

In exceptional circumstances upon the application to the Superintendent, a criminal background investigation may be waived, but only if reasonable periodic supervision by school personnel is provided. Criminal background investigations not performed in accordance with the requirements of The School Code are not acceptable unless a waiver by the Superintendent is granted pursuant to this paragraph.

This policy shall apply to all curricular and extracurricular events authorized by the School District.

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 8:30 (Conduct on School Property), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

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