

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

The Oklahoma City Board of Education believes direct contact of school volunteers by students and staff members helps to personalize the relationship between school and community. Therefore, the board strongly encourages the development and use of volunteers. The board encourages the professional staff to utilize people in various areas of interest and expertise upon approval by the appropriate administrator.

Everyone who volunteers at a school site must provide the District with a consent to execute a criminal background search, including a sex offender registry search in all fifty (50) states. The term "volunteers" includes parents as well as community partners who wish to volunteer in District schools. Any individual who has had a felony conviction or received a deferred sentence, after being charged with a felony offense, will be prohibited from serving as a volunteer in the Oklahoma City Public School District. Any individual who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or received a deferred sentence on a misdemeanor offense that involves a violent act, sexual misconduct, child abuse, child neglect, or child endangerment will be prohibited from serving as a volunteer in the Oklahoma City Public School District. Any individual who has been convicted of , or received a deferred sentence, for misdemeanor crimes which involve dishonesty, fraud, misrepresentation, deceit, or offenses which involve drugs or alcohol will be prohibited from serving as a volunteer in the Oklahoma City Public School District until five years after the misdemeanor conviction or five years after the individual has successfully completed any probation they are required to complete as a part of a deferred sentence.

Individuals who serve on CABS or on other advisory boards shall not be required to undergo criminal background checks unless they will be volunteering directly with students.

Nothing in this policy should be construed as preventing a parent or legal guardian from being a member of their child's PTA or from attending assemblies, school programs or field trips with their children.

CROSS-REFERENCE:

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