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903.5 VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECKS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain a safe and healthful environment in the school district in order to promote the physical, social, and psychological well-being of its students and staff. To that end, the school district will seek a criminal history background check for applicants who volunteer within the District. The District will not require criminal background checks on district enrolled students who volunteer for the District.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

A. The school district shall require that volunteer applicants submit to a criminal history background check. The opportunity to volunteer shall be conditioned upon a determination by the school district that an applicant's criminal history does not preclude the individual from volunteering within the school district.

B. The applicant consents to a background check when it is submitted. The decision to not submit a background check will disallow the applicant from volunteering.

C. Adherence to this policy by the school district shall in no way limit the school district's right to require additional information, or to use procedures currently in place or other procedures to gain additional background information concerning volunteers, and the background check result is not the sole determination in approval or not of a volunteer application.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 13.04, Subd. 4 (Inaccurate or Incomplete Data)
Minn. Stat. § 13.87, Subd. 1 (Criminal History Data)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.03 (Background Checks)
Minn. Stat. §§ 299C.60-299C.64 (Minnesota Child Protection Background Check Act)
Minn. Stat. § 364.09(b) (Exception for School Districts)

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