

# Changes for LEVEL 1 VOLUNTEERS

## New Requirement

Beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, **all** Pinellas County Schools volunteers must undergo **Level 2 background screening**. Current Level 1 volunteers have until **July 1, 2026** to complete this screening. Volunteers that choose not to complete the screening will be marked inactive and will not be eligible to volunteer until a Level 2 background screening is completed.

## Why?

Level 2 background screening allows for **enhanced safety and security** for our students and staff on school campuses and at Pinellas County Schools events. Pinellas County Schools will be utilizing the AHCA Clearinghouse which also allows for greater versatility across background screenings as it is **utilized by healthcare and childcare providers** throughout the state of Florida.

## Level 2 Volunteer Process - Complete by July 1, 2026

- Fill out the form at <http://tinyurl.com/level2information>
- Watch for an email from the Clearinghouse with instructions to fingerprint, including a list of LiveScan fingerprinting vendors. Fingerprint cost ranges from \$75 - \$90 depending on vendor.
- Visit a LiveScan vendor for fingerprinting. Your picture will be taken during this appointment.

**Your commitment helps ensure a safe and secure environment for every student and staff member.  
Thank you for partnering with us to make Pinellas County Schools a safer place to learn & grow!**

Questions? Please visit [www.pcsb.org/volunteer](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteer) to learn more and read our current Level 1 volunteer FAQ.

