



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Overnight Field Trip Chaperones, Band Adjuncts, and Good News Club Volunteers

Why do overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers need to be fingerprinted?

Overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers must be fingerprinted and pass a level II background check that is conducted via fingerprint submission to our HR Department or an approved Field Print to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) national database. This will give Volusia County Schools the ability to know definitively who is in direct contact with students.

How quickly can I be approved?

We recommend that overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers apply at least one month before the field trip or provide services to a band program. Once the applicant completes the fingerprinting process, a determination should be made within 1-2 weeks.

What is the cost? **

The cost is \$83.00 , approval is valid for 5 years.

At the end of five years, if the volunteer wants to continue as an approved overnight chaperone, band adjunct, and/or Good News Club volunteer, the volunteer will redo the fingerprint for another five years.

**** Costs are subject to change based on fees charged by FDLE and Field Print.**

I have a "security clearance" for my job. Can those fingerprints be utilized for this purpose?

No. The state of Florida will not allow Volusia County Schools to access another agency's employee fingerprints.

What offenses will keep me from being approved?

See the eligibility statement for overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers. The same statute that disqualifies school district employees from being hired will be used (Chapter 1012, Section 315, Florida Statutes).

I have a previous arrest history that I do not want anyone to see. Who has access to the information that I provide to be fingerprinted?

The information received from the FBI is highly confidential, and according to Florida law, it may only be shared with appropriate personnel relating to the volunteer process.

How many years are the approval valid?

Approvals for overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers are valid for five years, and volunteers must be fingerprinted before the 5 year expiration date.

How will I know when to update my fingerprint approval?

Approved overnight chaperones, band adjuncts, and/or Good News Club volunteers will be notified via the email account associated with their volunteer application at least 30 days before expiration.

How can I find out if my background clearance is still valid?

You can check your volunteer status through your school's volunteer coordinator or the CTE district office, ext. 20668. Each school has a volunteer coordinator who can check the district's visitor/volunteer management system and determine if your overnight chaperone/band adjunct/Good News Club volunteer background clearance is still valid.