

VOLUNTEERING IN OUR SCHOOLS

Southern York County School District is proud of the high level of volunteer involvement in our schools. Our parents, guardians, retirees, interested citizens, and community organizations donate their time and talents to our schools in many ways. Through the use of their diverse talents and skills, volunteers in our schools augment the education and support services available to students.

Volunteers who have direct contact with a student or students (meaning that they have care supervision, guidance or control and routine interaction with students) are required to obtain criminal background clearance checks. For example, this volunteer contact time could include, but is not limited to: coaching, chaperoning a field trip or competition, and/or providing supplemental assistance to a student without direct supervision by a school district employee. Under Act 15 of 2015, the clearances are required to be obtained and renewed on a five-year cycle. All new volunteers submitting clearance packets, must submit clearances that are all less than a year old.

In addition, volunteers who provide a service to the school district for an aggregate period of time exceeding 10 hours per week throughout the school year must undergo a tuberculosis examination administered by either a family physician or a school nurse in accordance with the regulations of the PA Department of Health. While the school nurse is available to perform the TB exam, we prefer that you obtain the test from your family physician because the priority of our school nurses remains our students.

Effective July 25, 2015, the PA Child Abuse Clearance and the PA Criminal History Record Check will be free to volunteers once every five years (you must mark that you are volunteering). The SYCSD volunteer database is maintained by the human resource department at the district administration building.

Steps to becoming a volunteer, forms, and links to clearance websites are available on the district website at www.sycsd.org. Click on the "Parent Portal" on the homepage and then "School Volunteers" on the left side of the screen.

As always, we are committed to keeping our students safe.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

The following annual notifications are available on the district website: (a) AEDY Complaint Process, (b) Annual Public Notice of Programs for Special Education, Gifted, and Handicapped Students, (c) Asbestos Program Notice, (d) Educational Records, (e) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), (f) Parent Right-to-Know, (g) Parents' Access to Education Records, (h) Pest Management Notice, (i) Procedural Safeguards, (j) Public Notice of Special Education Destruction of Records, (k) Public Safety Information - Use of Audio and Video Monitoring Equipment, (l) Release of Student Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, (m) Right-to-Know, (n) Title I Instructors, (o) Use of Students' Photos for Publicity. To view these notifications, navigate to the district website at "www.sycsd.org", select "District", and click "Legal Notices and Important Information".