



WillardPublicSchools

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The District was made aware of an update to Missouri State Statute 168.133 regarding background check requirements for public school volunteers. The update to this statute, found in House Bill 604, states that, "the school district shall ensure that a criminal background check is conducted for all screened volunteers, who shall complete the criminal background check prior to being left alone with a student." The statute outlines that the background check process shall include a submission of fingerprints to the Missouri State Highway Patrol for a search of the criminal history repository and forwarded to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a search of the federal criminal history files.

In order to comply with this new legislation, the District has updated our volunteer application process. Please visit our website, www.willardschools.net under the tab "Parents" or "Our District" for more information.

To provide clarification, the District is defining volunteers and visitors as listed below:

Screened Volunteer: Individuals who assist our school on an uncompensated basis and who may periodically be unsupervised while with students. These individuals, among other service providers, may volunteer to regularly assist in the school office or library; mentor or tutor students; coach or supervise student activities before or after school; or chaperone students on overnight trips.

Non-Screened Volunteer: Individuals who assist our District on an uncompensated basis who will be supervised and are not left alone with a student nor will they have access to student records. Examples are Bass & Archery Team and chaperones on day field trips.

Visitor: Individuals who are not providing a service to the school or students may be on campus to interact with their child(ren) or attend activities such as, but not limited to, classroom parties, lunch with students, and assemblies. Every visitor will be required to provide a valid driver's license upon entry to the building and will be subject to our school safety screening.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this new process together. We appreciate the support that you provide to our employees and, most importantly, our students. We look forward to seeing you in our schools this year.