

Volunteers

Our goal is to access the volunteer capacity of our parent community. To facilitate this we are needing you to get [Police Check](#) for the Vulnerable Sector. This was also added to the field trip process last year

We recognize that this is an inconvenient request, but in looking ahead to next year, we are going to ask that volunteers for field trips have a current Police Check before they can volunteer for a trip- especially for those trips where volunteers may be driving students to and from events.

For Field trips, School Council, food programs we have crafted a volunteer letter to be used when applying for the Police Record check with Ottawa Police Services for free. The Vulnerable Sector Check will be good for one year and we are looking at a way to track beyond the year.

If you are looking at volunteering in our classrooms, which we are hoping to increase, we are asking that you apply to volunteer through The [Ottawa Network for Education](#). ONFE supports schools by registering and vetting volunteers. When you apply through [ONFE](#), they will provide you with a letter that you can use to apply for the [police check](#) free of charge. This vetting process allows for your Police Check to be valid for 5 years. You can also indicate you are only interested in volunteering at Shingwàkons P.S. .

Again, we understand this is an added step, but with it now being an explicit part of the field trip policy it is a step we need to take. Thank you for your time and considering getting the police check. We do appreciate the time and support our volunteers give.

Should you need a letter from us please email carrie.ross@ocdsb.ca