



Per Board Policy IFCD, all volunteers who will be working with students of the school must complete a Volunteer Registration Form on an annual basis. Furthermore, Principals (or their designee) should check the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) sex offender registry for all volunteers who will work directly with the students.

Is this a new process?

No. The board policy related to volunteers was revised in June of 2010 to include a check of the GBI registry. The only new addition to this process is that volunteers are now considered to be “mandated reporters” of suspected child abuse.

Is the inclusion of being a mandated reporter a Fulton County Schools requirement?

No. House Bill 1176 was signed by Governor Deal on May 2, 2012. This Bill revised OCGA 19-7-5 requiring all school affiliated volunteers to become “mandated reporters” of suspected child abuse. Fulton County Schools is simply complying with a state law.

Does every volunteer need to complete a information form?

Yes.

What information is needed to complete the volunteer process.

A Volunteer Informational Form must be completed and accompanied by a certificate verifying the completion of the child abuse reporting protocol. Furthermore, an official government photo identification should be provided, copied and maintained at the school. A copy of the informational form and the volunteer code of conduct may be found on the following website: http://portal.fultonschools.org/departments/Operations/Safety_Security/Pages/SchoolPolice.aspx

Do I have to complete the entire process at each school that my children attend?

An informational form must be completed at each school. However the child abuse training needs to be completed only once. It is permissible to make copies of the training certificate and share with multiple schools.

I’ve made a mistake in the past, will that exclude me from volunteering at my child’s school?

Not necessarily. The questions on the informational form are very specific about past felony offenses. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, the School Police will contact you for further information. These offenses will be reviewed on a case by case basis by the School Police Department. Individuals on the GBI registry will be automatically excluded from volunteer opportunities.

Is the GBI registry available to the public?

Yes. In accordance with OCGA 42-1-12, the GBI is the central repository for Georgia’s Violent Sexual Offender Registry. You may visit their website for more information: <http://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry>.

I have concerns about someone within my community. What should I do?

Answer: Contact your local police department with any questions. The municipal law enforcement agency is tasked with investigating community concerns, not the school district.