

## Volunteer Screening Requirements

San Diego Unified School District welcomes and encourages involvement from parents, community members, businesses, community organizations, higher education institutions and the military. **All volunteer programs must follow District Administrative Procedure No. 4595 regarding school volunteers.** In order to provide students with a safe environment and allow for a variety of opportunities for volunteering, volunteer participation is classified into 4 categories. Depending upon the category, certain processes must be completed by district staff prior to volunteering. **All volunteers will be processed annually.** (Note: District K-12 students who volunteer at schools other than their assigned school are only required to complete and submit the district School Volunteer Application.)

### CATEGORY A

Visitors or guests who enter a school for a one-time event. This person has no unsupervised exposure or contact with children. Typical examples include Read Across America guest reader, Principal for a Day participant, guest/resource speaker, senior exhibition panel member, one-time volunteer for school or classroom event, or other day or guest-type activity. Parents who attend school to eat lunch or to participate in a parent involvement activity such as “Family Friday” with their child(ren) are also considered visitors or guests.

#### Screening requirements:

- Be sponsored or approved by a school site or district employee
- Be able to present some form of current government-issued photo identification (driver’s license, passport, military ID, US or other government identification)
- Sign in on the district approved “Volunteer Sign-in Sheet” in the main office, which includes a criminal disclosure
- Upon approval, be required to display a volunteer identification badge to be surrendered at the conclusion of the day’s volunteer activity

### CATEGORY B

Volunteers with group exposure who have little or no direct unsupervised exposure or contact with children, volunteers participating in school activities in open and public settings, and volunteers with classroom exposure who work with children and are supervised by district staff. Volunteer conditions are typically public settings and classrooms where staff or other adults can observe at all times, no solitary time with children, and always within unobstructed view. Typical examples include classroom tutoring, classroom reading, classroom assistance and after-school programs where supervised by district personnel, school police parent patrol volunteers, field trip chaperones (chaperones who drive for field trips must also follow the requirements set forth in Administrative Procedures 4585, 4586 and 4587 that include documentation of current driver’s license and automobile insurance coverage), as well as non-classroom volunteers such as office helpers, non-classroom assistance, organized functions associated with school organizations such as PTA, school foundation, Site Council.

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- Be sponsored or approved by a school site or district employee
- Be able to present some form of current government-issued photo identification (driver’s license, passport, military ID, US or other government identification)
- Complete and submit for approval the district School Volunteer Application
- Be checked by designated site personnel against the California Department of Justice, Sexual Offender (Megan’s Law) website (<http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>)
- Present a Tuberculosis clearance card
- Sign in on the district approved “Volunteer Sign-in Sheet” in the main office, which includes a criminal disclosure

- Upon approval, be required to display a volunteer identification badge to be surrendered at the conclusion of the day's volunteer activity

### CATEGORY C

Volunteers with classroom exposure, who work directly with students, and may have unsupervised time with students, but only while on district property with district personnel on site. Conditions typically are areas outside of the classroom where staff or other adults can observe at most times, but may occasionally include short solitary time with children and short duration of obstructed view, such as on-site tutoring outside of the classroom.

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- Be sponsored or approved by a school site or district employee
- Be able to present some form of current government-issued photo identification (driver's license, passport, military ID, US or other government identification). By recommendation from the Department of Justice, Mexico identification and voter registration cards are not recognized. U.S. social security cards and birth certificates without an accompanying U.S. driver's license are also not recognized.
- Complete and submit for approval the district School Volunteer Application
- Submit to a criminal background check conducted by SDUSD School Police Services to determine whether the applicant is precluded from volunteering as specified in California Education Code section 35021 et seq. In rare cases, depending upon information returned, volunteer applicants may require fingerprinting.
- Present a Tuberculosis clearance card
- Sign in on the district approved "Volunteer Sign-in Sheet" in the main office, which includes a criminal disclosure
- Upon approval, be required to display a volunteer identification badge to be surrendered at the conclusion of the day's volunteer activity

### CATEGORY D

Volunteers with unrestricted exposure, who work with children and may be unsupervised by district staff. This volunteer likely will have direct and unsupervised interaction with children. Typical examples include volunteer walk-on coaches, senior high support personnel for athletics, off-site tutoring, mentoring, and overnight chaperones. Conditions typically include an off-campus setting and unsupervised solitary time. Returning Category D volunteers who have a current fingerprint clearance on file with SDUSD School Police Services do NOT need to be fingerprinted annually. A Request for Criminal Background Check (Category C process) must be submitted each year to keep the clearance current.

#### Screening requirements:

- Be sponsored or approved by a school site or district employee
- Be able to present some form of current DOJ-approved government-issued photo identification (driver's license, passport, military ID, US or other government identification)
- Complete and submit for approval the district School Volunteer Application
- New volunteers submit their fingerprints to both State and National databases – conducted by SDUSD School Police Services. Returning volunteers whose fingerprints have previously cleared under Category D submit a Category C Request to Conduct Volunteer Screening to SDUSD School Police Services to keep the fingerprint clearance current.
- Present a Tuberculosis clearance card
- Sign in on the district approved "Volunteer Sign-in Sheet" in the main office, which includes a criminal disclosure
- Upon approval, be required to display a volunteer identification badge to be surrendered at the conclusion of the day's volunteer activity