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Section:	School Administration
Title:	Volunteers

Purpose

To establish the application procedure for volunteering with the School District.

Guidelines

- 1. All individuals interested in volunteering at a school must complete the <u>Volunteer Application form</u>. The form needs to be completed for each school year that an individual applies to be a volunteer.
- 2. Volunteers must submit their application to the school principal and complete the appropriate forms before being assigned to any volunteer services.
- 3. Volunteer drivers must also complete the Volunteer Driver form.
- 4. A Criminal Record Check (CRC) is mandatory for all volunteers who may be alone with students, without the near company of school district employees. Activities where a CRC is required for volunteers include, but are not limited to, coaching school teams, accompanying students on overnight field trips, and driving students to and/or from school-sponsored events in accordance with the Field Trips Administrative Procedure.
- 5. Principals or supervisors are responsible for ensuring a CRC is obtained for the volunteers prior to the volunteers working with the students. The Principal/ Supervisor and or Office Staff will initiate the criminal record check process for volunteers. The volunteer must complete the applicable consent to a CRC for processing in accordance with the instructions from the Human Resources Department.
- 6. There are no fees for the CRC for volunteers.
- 7. The processed Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information will be returned to the Human Resources Department by the BC Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP) website.
- 8. Considering the information received on the Volunteer Application, and on the 'Consent for Disclosure of Criminal Record Information', applicants may be contacted for further information.
- 9. Should the Volunteer Application or CRC reveal information which indicates that employees may be exposed to a risk of violence; employees working with the volunteer will be informed according to WorkSafe BC Regulation 4.30.
- 10. Principals will be advised by the Human Resources Department of the results of the processed Criminal Record Check.

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- 11. All School Volunteer Applications and Criminal Record Checks will be held in strict confidence.

 A central database of all processed CRCs will be maintained by Human Resources Department.
- 12. Schools will be provided a report of their approved CRC volunteer listing on an annual basis and/or as requested.

Criminal Record Check

- A Criminal Record Check (CRC) determines if the individual who is the subject of the CRC, has
 an outstanding criminal charge or has been convicted of a relevant offence, or specified offence,
 and advises the School District whether the individual does or does not present a risk of
 physical or sexual abuse to children or a risk of physical, sexual or financial abuse to vulnerable
 adults.
- 2. A CRC is effective for 5 years, and as such, employees and volunteers are required to provide an updated CRC every five years.
- 3. The School District requires volunteers to complete the CRC through the Criminal Records Review Program (CRRP). This process is now completed online.
- 4. An access code is provided by MPSD (*obtain code from Admin. Assistant) for proceeding with the online submission. MPSD will provide direction at the time of requesting the CRC. Link to information on this program CRRP.
- 5. The CRC can be requested online. Online Link: https://justice.gov.bc.ca/eCRC/.

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Cross Reference: Field Trips Administrative Procedure

Volunteer Application Form Volunteer Driver Form