

Purpose

To state the Board's policy for providing background checks on certain volunteers

Definitions

School-based Volunteer - any volunteer who will be under the supervision of an Allegany County Public School employee when the volunteer will have access to students.

Chaperone – a person who accompanies or looks after students with limited supervision of an Allegany County Public School employee under the guidelines of Policy: IHOA.

Policy Statement

The Board of Education of Allegany County encourages volunteers to assist with curricular and extracurricular activities. Chaperones for "Overnight Field Trips" or "Foreign Travel", as defined in Policy: IHOA, or any school sanctioned overnight activities may not begin service with Allegany County Public Schools until after they have successfully passed a background check. Chaperones are not required to pass a background check when assisting with "Day Field Trips" or "Extended-Day Field Trips", as those terms are defined in Policy: IHOA. Background checks shall be administered by the Department of Human Resources. Supervised volunteers are not required to undergo a background check.

Legal Reference			
Policy History	Adopted	Reviewed	Revised September 13, 2022, 1 st Reading October 11, 2022, 2 nd Reading