

Nov. 15, 2016

Dear LSC Parents,

The LSC has been discussing a change for several months during its public board meetings in regards to expanded background checks for volunteers that would better ensure the safety of our students. At the regular meeting of the LSC Board of School Trustees last evening the board adopted a change to policy that will now require volunteers to submit to an expanded criminal history check.

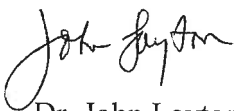
An expanded criminal history check will search national sex offender databases, court records etc. The cost of the expanded criminal history check (\$17.95 base cost) must be paid by the volunteer through the Secure Volunteer web link on the LSC webpage. The Secure Volunteer website appears at www.lsc.k12.in.us under PARENTS and under COMMUNITY.

Once approved, the volunteer will receive an Approved LSC Volunteer identification card that will be good for two (2) school years before a new check must be completed. Beginning today all new volunteers for field trips or other volunteers who serve the students in an on-going way and/or in a supervisory role must utilize the Secure Volunteer portal on the LSC website to complete an expanded criminal history check. All current volunteers who earlier this year completed a limited criminal history check are approved to continue to volunteer up until February 6. By Feb. 6 ALL volunteers (new or previously approved via Help LSC) must complete an expanded criminal history check via the Secure Volunteer portal prior to being allowed to volunteer in the schools.

It is important to plan ahead. The background checks could take 3-5 business days to process and if you are wanting to go on a field trip you must get your background check completed and obtain an approval e-mail or volunteer card prior to the field trip.

We hope you understand that student safety is our number one concern and that the expanded criminal history check for volunteers is intended to increase the safety net for our students.

Sincerely,



Dr. John Layton
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