

## **Volunteer & Partnership Office**

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## **Volunteer Chaperone Age & Screening Level Requirements**

All volunteer chaperones (for field trips, events, etc.) must be registered, approved, and active in the school district volunteer database—Volunteers Count!

<u>AGE REQUIREMENTS</u> - Chaperones attending field trips must meet the following age criteria established by the Executive Directors for the Elementary, Middle and High Schools:

- **Elementary School** chaperones must be 21 years of age or older for day trips and 25 years of age or older for overnight field trips.
- **Middle School** chaperones must be 25 years of age or older for all field trips and school events.
- High School chaperones must be 25 years of age or older for all field trips and school events.

## **CRIMINAL BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS:**

- All volunteer chaperones for <u>overnight field trips</u> must pass Level 2 criminal background screening, which requires fingerprints at designated locations.\*
- Principals, at their discretion, may require Level 2 screening for some day trips that have limited staff supervision of volunteer chaperones.

<sup>\*</sup> Please refer to the document *Procedures for Level 2 Volunteer Chaperone Clearance* for instructions for volunteer chaperone Level 2 screening.