



Volunteer or Visitor?

The following information is from the PA Department of Education, with additional information from CBSD.

Definition of a **VOLUNTEER:**

Under Act 15 of 2015 (the Act), which amends the provisions of the Child Protective Services Law, volunteers who are responsible for the child's welfare or who have "direct volunteer contact" with children at a school - meaning the care, supervision guidance, or control of children and routine interaction with children - will be required to have background checks. The Act clarifies that "routine interaction" means "regular and repeated contact that is integral to a person's employment or volunteer responsibilities."

For CBSD, some examples of school volunteers needing clearances/background checks include but are not limited to: Classroom volunteer assistants, Homeroom parents, field trip chaperones, recess and library volunteers, volunteer coaches/club advisors.

Definition of a **VISITOR:**

According to PDE, visitors are not normally required to obtain clearances to the extent that visitors are not responsible for a child's welfare, or are visiting the school irregularly and not providing for the care, supervision, guidance, or control of children.

For CBSD, some examples of situations where school visitors would not normally be required to have clearances/background checks include, but may not be limited to: Back-to-School night, parent/teacher conferences, school assemblies, school concerts, assisting with school birthday parties, parent guest readers, Halloween parades, sporting event ticket collectors, concession stand workers, and participating in "Career Day" presentations.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Not sure if you are considered a volunteer or a visitor? Please contact our Human Resources Department by [email](#) or call 267-893-2086. Thank you!