

COMMUNITY RESOURCE PERSONS/SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

The superintendent or designee will create appropriate procedures for screening community and parent volunteers and chaperones. Outside agencies that offer volunteers must have a process to provide information to the Superintendent (or designee) indicating proper background checks have been performed. Volunteering/chaperoning in the school division is a privilege, not a right. The Bristol Virginia Public Schools will conduct screening and criminal background checks before any volunteer/chaperone is placed in a position where he or she could be left alone with a student. All information collected on volunteers /chaperones will be considered confidential to the extent allowed by law and will only be used to protect the students or minimize disruption to the educational environment. The division may decline the services of any volunteer/chaperone for any reason. Volunteers/chaperones with misdemeanor convictions may be approved to volunteer/chaperone; however, their volunteer/chaperone activities may be limited. Volunteers/chaperones with felony convictions will be reviewed for approval to volunteer on a case-by-case basis. Volunteer/chaperones who are listed in the Child Abuse/Neglect Central registry with a founded disposition of child abuse/neglect will be reviewed for approval on a case-by-case basis. Individuals convicted of a sexual offense, including statutes 18.2-370.2, 18.2-370.3 and 18.2-370.4, shall not be permitted on school property.

Adopted by: the Bristol Virginia School Board on August 15, 2011.

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