

# Volunteer Handbook Wentzville R-IV School District One Campus Drive Wentzville, MO 63385



### **School Volunteers**

The Wentzville School District Board of Education believes that the use of volunteers within the school program, whether during or after regular school hours, enhances the educational process not only for students, but also for the total community. The use of volunteers provides additional support personnel in the classroom, promotes community-school cooperation in facilitating the learning process, increases community support, and provides for individuals who have expertise in various areas to be used as resource persons and on advisory committees. Selection and recruitment of volunteers are completed at the local school level. Interested individuals should contact the local building principal or designees. The volunteer's interests and abilities are considered when making assignments. Once the selection process has been concluded, orientation and training are provided at the site where the volunteer is working. Orientation and training will include instruction on the confidentiality provisions of the Family Educational Rights Privacy Act and all volunteers who have access to personally identifiable information regarding students will be required to sign a form indicating their willingness to comply with the provisions of that law prior to being permitted to volunteer.

The use of volunteers is encouraged and promoted through the central administrative office and the local school. Volunteers shall be screened at the local school level and must be acceptable to the administrator. The assignment of volunteers shall be done by the principal or designees and must be acceptable to the teacher. The continuation of the services shall be at the principal's discretion.

Volunteers will be notified of the date, time and activity for which their assistance is needed by the classroom teacher.

Volunteers are bound by the same code of ethics and all applicable laws as the professional staff. Volunteers will not be discriminated against in relation to age, race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex or marital status. The Wentzville School District is prohibited from discriminatory practices by Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1984, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 and various other state laws and regulations.

The Wentzville School District values parents, guardians, and community members who take the time and effort to volunteer in our schools. Volunteers are an important resource that helps our teachers, administrators, and support staff better serve our students. The District also strives to insure that the volunteers in our schools are screened to help maintain the safety of our students and staff.

<u>Volunteers</u> are defined as any individual that will be assisting staff and/or students in the school setting. Examples include assisting with the set-up for a classroom party, helping make copies in the office, or assisting with a class field trip.

<u>Visitors</u> are also welcome, and are defined as any individual who will be in an assembly area such as an auditorium or gymnasium for the purpose of a play, recital, talent show, etc. Visitors are also allowed in the cafeteria to eat lunch with their child or in a classroom to visit a class party. All visitors are required to report to the principal's office when entering the building so that the office staff will be aware of their presence. In accordance with Missouri State law, persons listed on the sex offender registry may not be present in any school building, on district property, in any district vehicle utilized to transport students, or be present at school activities at any time.

In this Handbook you will find the forms that are required of all volunteers. Please complete the appropriate forms and return them to your child's school. If you have children in multiple schools, you only need to submit the forms to one building. Results of the background check will be accessible District-wide, and are good for the one school year in which they are completed.

- All volunteers are required to submit to a background check that
  includes child abuse and neglect screenings (Forms A and B), as
  well as a check of the national sex offender registry. These services
  are offered free of charge, but do take some time, so please allow at
  least one week for the school personnel to process the request.
- All volunteers must undergo a background check annually (for each new school year) to continue volunteering in our schools.
- Any volunteer/mentor who will be travelling with a student group for an overnight trip must submit to an FBI/Highway Patrol Background check (fingerprint), at a cost of \$ 43.30. When registering, please use the code 1774 and be sure to indicate that you are a volunteer as the cost is more for non-volunteers. Your completed fingerprint check is good for five (5) years.

If you have any questions about policy, practices, or procedures, please contact the local school office or the Community Relations Department at (636) 327-3800 ext. 20357. Thanks for volunteering!



# Volunteer Registration Wentzville R-IV School District

## **FORM A**

Volunteers are required to provide the local building principal or designees with a completed Volunteer Registration form.

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Missouri State Highway Patrol / Missouri Department of Social Services
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# FBI/Highway Patrol Background Check (Fingerprint) Procedures (effective 7/1/12)

Any volunteer/mentor who will be travelling with a student group for an overnight trip must submit to an FBI/Missouri Highway Patrol Background check (fingerprint), at a cost of \$43.30.

Your completed fingerprint check is good for five (5) years.

When registering, please use the code 1774 and be sure to indicate that you are a volunteer as the cost is more for non-volunteers.

Also during the online registration process, you will be asked if you want a notarized letter with the results. This is NOT necessary and costs an additional \$2.00 if you respond yes.

Results are sent directly to the WSD Central Office and you will be notified when they are received.



### **STEP 1 REGISTER**

To be fingerprinted, you must first register with the <u>Missouri</u>

<u>Automated Criminal History Site</u> (MACHS) at <u>www.machs.mo.gov</u>.

Click the icon to access the MACHS Fingerprint Portal.

Individuals without access to the internet may contact 3m/Cogent at **1-877-862-2425** to have a Fingerprint Services Representative conduct this registration on their behalf.

### **STEP 2 REASON FOR REQUEST**

Select the option "I have a 4 digit Registration Number that was provided by my employer or licensing agency."

Click on "Begin" to be forwarded to the registration form.

### **STEP 3 REGISTRATION FORM**

At the top of the registration page, enter **1774** as the registration number in the space provided. Clicking "Populate" will automatically return a message displaying Wentzville R-IV School District.

Once you have verified the district information, you may begin entering your personal information. When finished, click "Register".

At the top of the verification page, an 8 digit Transaction Control Number (TCN) will be highlighted. This number will be used to track your fingerprints through the process.

Once payment arrangements have been completed, you can visit a Cogent fingerprint services site. They do not take appointments, so you simply need to go during their hours of operation (which vary by location). Click on "Fingerprint Sites" for more information about locations and hours.

### **STEP 4 RECEIPT**

You will be provided a receipt for payment that provides your unique transaction control number (TCN). **PRINT THIS PAGE TO BRING WITH YOU AND KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS.** 

### **Fingerprint Rejections**

3m/Cogent and the Missouri State
Highway Patrol will make every
effort to ensure that your
fingerprints are processed and
returned to the District in a timely
manner. Unfortunately, there are
times where individual fingerprint
submissions do not have adequate
detail to be processed successfully.
If your fingerprint submission is
rejected for any reason, 3M/Cogent
will contact you directly to schedule
a new appointment.

Fingerprint background checks conducted through MACHS are usually completed and returned to the Wentzville School District within seven to ten business days from the date that the applicant is fingerprinted.

Questions about the fingerprinting process may be directed to:

3m/Cogent: 1-877-862-2425 or

the Missouri State Highway Patrol: 573-526-6312

# 3m/Cogent Fee Schedule

Fingerprinting Fee	\$8.30
State Fee	\$20.00
FBI Fee	\$15.00
Total	\$43.30

