



Per Board Policy IFCD, all volunteers who will be working with students of the school must complete a Volunteer Registration Form on an annual basis. Furthermore, school volunteers are mandated reporters of abuse pursuant to OCGA 19-7-5.

Is the inclusion of being a mandated reporter a Fulton County Schools requirement?

No. House Bill 1176 was signed by Governor Deal on May 2, 2012. This Bill revised OCGA 19-7-5 requiring all school affiliated volunteers to become “mandated reporters” of suspected child abuse. Fulton County Schools is simply complying with a state law.

Does every person need to complete the registration process and abuse reporting training?

No. A parent acting in the role of a parent is not required to register or complete the child abuse reporting training. Examples include visitors to the school for: parent / teacher conferences, 504/IEP meetings, school wide and classroom programs, eating lunch with their child or any visit to sign in or check out their student. Visitors must however sign-in at the front desk and offer their government identification to be scanned into the visitor identification system.

What defines me as a volunteer?

A school volunteer is a non-paid person who serves in an auxiliary capacity under the direction and supervision of school personnel. A volunteer is one who performs duties that an employee could perform such as making copies, filing, sorting, escorting students, assisting with lunch duty, media center or front office tasks. Any person who leads or assists students other than own in programs or tutors a student(s) is considered a volunteer.

How do I begin to volunteer?

To begin your volunteer effort, please visit www.fultonschools.org and complete the child abuse reporting training and the registration process. When registering, one must use their legal name as it appears on your government identification. The process is self-paced. On your first visit to the school, your government identification will be required.

Do I have to complete the entire process at each school that my children attend?

No. The district approves volunteers. However it will be vitally important that you choose the schools you wish to volunteer in during the registration process.

I’ve made a mistake in the past, will that exclude me from volunteering at my child’s school?

Not necessarily. The questions during the registration process are very specific about past felony offenses. If you answer “yes” to any of the questions, you’re required to contact the School Police prior to volunteering in any capacity. These offenses will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Individuals on the GBI registry will be automatically excluded from volunteer opportunities.

Is the sex offender registry available to the public?

Yes. In accordance with OCGA 42-1-12, the GBI is the central repository for Georgia’s Violent Sexual Offender Registry. You may visit their website for more information:
<http://gbi.georgia.gov/georgia-sex-offender-registry>.

I have concerns about someone within my community. What should I do?

Contact your local police department with any questions. The municipal law enforcement agency is tasked with investigating community concerns, not the school district.