

Parent Volunteer and Clearance Forms

Fallsington Elementary School is committed to providing students with a high quality education within a clean and safe facility. Our learning community is committed to safety, respect, and responsibility. Our commitment is reflected in our Core Beliefs.

Put safety first.

All people deserve respect.

We are a responsible community.

Parent(s) and guardian(s) who volunteer in the school and/or who volunteer to serve as a field trip chaperone are required to obtain background checks/clearances before serving as a volunteer in any capacity. This requirement will assist us with ensuring that safety is our top priority and will be strictly enforced to comply with district policy. Please see below for information on how to obtain the required background clearances.

1. Act 34 Criminal Background Check: You may obtain this online at <https://epatch.state.pa.us>. The fee for volunteers who work with children is waived effective July 25, 2015.
2. Act 151 Child Abuse History Clearance: You may obtain this online at <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>. The fee for volunteers who work with children is waived effective July 25, 2015.
3. Prospective volunteers who **HAVE NOT** resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for ten consecutive years must also obtain the FBI Clearance/Fingerprinting. Application forms and instructions are available at <https://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania>. The cost of the fingerprint service is \$20.00. You must register prior to going to the fingerprinting location. Please use the following code: 1KG6Y3.

Prospective volunteers who **HAVE** resided in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for ten consecutive years need to swear or affirm in writing that s/he has never been convicted of a disqualifying crime in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or any other state, district, or foreign nation, or under a former law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through the completion of the Volunteer FBI Background Waiver Form. This form will be provided by the building principal upon submission of the Criminal Background Check and the Child Abuse History Clearance.

Background Clearances may take up to four weeks or longer. If you are interested in being a volunteer and/or chaperone, please plan accordingly and obtain the necessary clearances as soon as possible. Upon receipt of the clearances, please contact the school to schedule an appointment with the building principal to review the **ORIGINAL** copies of the required clearance documents. Copies of the required clearances will be maintained in the main office.

NOTE: Clearances will need to be renewed every 60 months (5 years).