

Instruction

Community Resource Persons and Volunteers ¹

The School Board encourages the use of resource persons and volunteers to: (1) increase students' educational attainment; (2) provide enrichment experiences for students; (3) increase the effective utilization of staff time and skills; (4) give more individual attention to students; and (5) promote greater community involvement.

Resource persons and volunteers may be used: ²

1. For non-teaching duties not requiring instructional judgment or evaluation of students; ³
2. For supervising study halls, long distance teaching reception areas used incident to instructional programs transmitted by electronic media (such as computers, video, and audio), detention and discipline areas, and school-sponsored extracurricular activities; ⁴
3. To assist with academic programs under a certificated teacher's immediate supervision; ⁵
4. To assist in times of violence or other traumatic incidents within the District by providing crisis intervention services to lessen the effects of emotional trauma on staff, students, and the community, provided the volunteer meets the qualifications established by the Ill. School Crisis Assistance Team Steering Committee; ⁶
5. As a guest lecturer or resource person under a certificated teacher's direction and with the administration's approval; or ⁷
6. As supervisors, chaperones, or sponsors for non-academic school activities. ⁸

The Superintendent shall follow Board policy 4:175, *Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications*, to establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers.⁹ A person who is a *sex*

¹ How volunteers are used should be determined locally.

² 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34(a)(1).

³ 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34(a)(2).

⁴ 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34(b).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34b, last paragraph.

⁷ 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34a.

⁸ The law is silent with regard to screening volunteers and individuals in the proximity of a school. *Screening and fingerprint-based criminal history records checks* are different. See procedure 4:175-AP1, *Criminal Offender Notification Laws; Screening*, for further distinctions.

⁹ Sex Offender Registration Act, 730 ILCS 150/; Sex Offender Community Notification Law, 730 ILCS 152/; Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, 730 ILCS 154/; Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law, 730 ILCS 154/75.

This paragraph exceeds the requirements in State law but reflects best practice. There is no statutory screening requirement and the only legal restriction is the statute prohibiting a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present unless specifically permitted by statute. 720 ILCS 5/11-9.3. However, two databases provide an easy way for schools to screen for sex offenders and violent offenders against youth, i.e.: the Ill. Sex Offender Registry, www.isp.state.il.us/sor and the Violent Offenders Against Youth Database maintained by the State Police, www.isp.state.il.us/cmvo/. See Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law, 730 ILCS 154/75-105; Sex Offender Community Notification Law, 730 ILCS 152/101 *et seq.* The sample administrative procedures 4:170-AP1, *Comprehensive Safety and Security Plan*, and 6:250-AP, *Securing and Screening Resource Persons and Volunteers*, provide guidance for the superintendent to develop a screening process as required by this policy. This alternative paragraph goes further by forbidding the use of any convicted felon:

offender, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.¹⁰ All volunteer coaches must comply with the requirement to report hazing in policy 5:90, *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*.¹¹

LEGAL REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-22.34, 5/10-22.34a, and 5/10-22.34b.
720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1, Failure to Report Hazing.
730 ILCS 150/1 et seq., Sex Offender Registration Act.
730 ILCS 152/101 et seq., Sex Offender Community Notification Law.
730 ILCS 154/75 et seq., Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law.
730 ILCS 154/101 et seq., Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act.

CROSS REF.: 4:170 (Safety), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:90 (Abused and Neglected Child Reporting), 5:280 (Duties and Qualifications), 8:30 (Visitors to and Conduct on School Property), 8:95 (Parental Involvement)

The Superintendent shall establish procedures for securing and screening resource persons and volunteers. A person who is a *sex offender*, as defined by the Sex Offender Registration Act, or a *violent offender against youth*, as defined in the Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registration Act, or has otherwise been convicted of a felony, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.

The following alternative paragraph reflects the minimum requirement of State law:

A person who is a *child sex offender*, as defined by the Criminal Code of 2012, is prohibited from being a resource person or volunteer.

¹⁰ 720 ILCS 5/12C-50.1.

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