

AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-0822-PO4 and 99-0728-PO4 AMEND BOARD REPORT 01-0822-PO4

THE CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER RECOMMENDS:

THE GENERAL COUNSEL RECOMMENDS:

Policy (Board Rule 99-0728-PO4) shall be amended to require that volunteer applicants, except a parent or legal guardian who is accompanying his or her child's field trip or on another type of occasional extra-curricular activity, must submit to a criminal background investigation using the person's name, date of birth, and Social Security number. A volunteer applicant who refuses to submit to a criminal background check will be ineligible to volunteer at any Chicago Public School.

The Chief Executive Officer recommends amending the Chicago Public Schools Volunteer Report 01-0822-PO4 and 99-0728-PO4) with respect to tuberculosis certifications for volunteer applicants. The amendment requires that volunteer applicants provide a certification of freedom from tuberculosis if they will be working with children for at least 5 hours per week. The amendment also exempts adult visitors from the policy.

Volunteer Policy (Board Rule 99-0728-PO4) shall be amended to require that volunteer applicants, except a parent or legal guardian who is accompanying his or her child's field trip or on another type of occasional extra-curricular activity, must submit to a criminal background check using the person's name, date of birth, and Social Security number. A volunteer applicant who refuses to submit to a criminal background check will be ineligible to volunteer at any Chicago Public School.

The General Counsel recommends amendment of the Chicago Public Schools Volunteer Report 01-0822-PO4 and 99-0728-PO4) with respect to criminal background investigations of volunteer applicants to submit their name, date of birth, gender, race, and if available, Social Security number. A volunteer applicant who refuses to submit to a criminal background check will be ineligible to volunteer at any Chicago Public School.

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Freedom from tuberculosis investigation. Volunteer applicants, except a parent or legal guardian who is accompanying his or her child's field trip or on another type of occasional extra-curricular activity, shall be interviewed by the principal and must complete a volunteer form provided to schools by the Office of Schools and Regions. The principal's decision on whether to approve the volunteer candidate shall be based on the best interests of the school. A rejected volunteer applicant may appeal the principal's decision to the Regional Education Officer or designee whose decision shall be final. Prospective volunteer applicants shall be interviewed by the principal and must complete a volunteer form provided to schools by the Office of Schools and Regions.

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Individuals Receiving a Stipend

Individuals who receive stipends are those individuals who receive no payment for services rendered. A parent stipend or other remuneration is not a voluntary stipend. The stipend number.

Incidental Adult Visitors: This category includes individuals who are not students or employees of the district but who are invited to the district for a specific purpose, such as a speaker at a class or assembly, to judge academic competitions, to give a musical performance, or participate in the "Principal for a Day" program.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION APPROVAL: Not applicable.

PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS: None.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Not applicable.

LEGAL REVIEW: This Board Report was drafted by the Law Department.

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