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USD 473 Visitors Vs. Volunteers

The following list is intended to provide a guideline for USD 473 to determine who must be screened prior to volunteering within the USD 473 school system.

Visitor (background screen not required)

A visitor is one who would like to visit their children while in school. A background screening should not be required in most of these cases.

Visitor Examples:

- Visiting or observing their own children in class periodically
- Having lunch with their children
- Attending classroom and school events
- Guest speakers

Volunteer (background screen is required)

When a parent or guardian would like to do more than just visit a child, by offering to help the school in some way, they should then be considered a volunteer. If their presence would be consistent enough that others would become comfortable with them being in the school regularly, then they should be considered a volunteer.

Volunteer Examples:

- The Watch Dogs Program
- A room parent who comes to class weekly to help the teacher
- A lunchroom monitor
- A volunteer reader
- Someone who works in the school periodically, assisting where needed
- A chaperone for a school field trip or over night school field trip
- Someone who comes in before or after school to work with the children
- Anyone who wishes to pursue or holds a leadership position of a group in the district. Example: Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Site Council, Booster Club, etc.

EXCEPTIONS:

Certain circumstances may exist that require the latitude for provisions of this policy. All special cases requiring possible exceptions to the provisions require the prior approval of the Superintendent.