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SOUTHWEST ALLEN COUNTY SCHOOLS
NOTICE TO PARENT VOLUNTEERS REGARDING BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

This is the Southwest Allen County Schools Background Check Information and Authorization form. If you wish to volunteer at any of the Southwest Allen County Schools or accompany your child on a field trip, you will need to complete this form. By signing, you are authorizing Southwest Allen County Schools to perform a criminal history check. You will need to fill out the information listed below. Please make sure that your information is printed legibly. Make sure you provide your Full Name, Date of Birth, and Signature or we will **not** be able to allow you to volunteer.

You only need to complete one form per school. If you have more than one child at the same school, please list all children on the same form. **DO NOT COMPLETE MULTIPLE FORMS!** Once you are authorized as a volunteer, you may go on field trips or volunteer in the classroom throughout the current school year. You will, however, need to have a new criminal history check completed every three years. In addition, parents who have lived in Indiana less than one year must pay for an out-of-state Safe Hire background check at the Central Office and pass a check of the sex offender registry.

Should you have any questions regarding this form, please contact Diana Leggit at the Southwest Allen County Schools' Administration Building at (260) 431-2050.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM

School/Location: _____

Child/Children's Name(s): _____

Teacher(s): _____

PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

Last

First

Middle Initial

Please list any other names I have been known by _____

I am interested in volunteering/accompanying the class on this field trip or volunteering in the classroom and have completed the information requested.

I am interested in volunteering/accompanying the class on this field trip or volunteering in the classroom, and I have **already completed** a background check and authorization form. Thank you. (Do not complete form)

Address: _____

Number and Street Name

Apt.#

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Have you lived at this address for less than 1 year? Yes _____ No _____

Previous Addresses (Last 10 years) _____

Telephone Number: (____) ____ - _____ **DATE OF BIRTH:** ____/____/____ (for ID purposes only)
 Month/Day/Year

Gender: _____ Ethnicity and Race: Please check the description(s) corresponding to the ethnic or race group with which you identify.

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| Male _____ | Hispanic/Latino _____ |
| Female _____ | American Indian or Alaska Native _____ |
| | Asian _____ |
| | Black or African American _____ |
| | Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander _____ |
| | White _____ |

VOLUNTEER – REQUEST FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Volunteering with Southwest Allen County Schools involves contact with our student population. The following questions are designed to help Southwest Allen County Schools evaluate your suitability to work with these students. Having been convicted of a crime or answering “yes” to any of the following questions will not automatically bar you from consideration. However, the school corporation’s administrators will consider the nature of any conviction or alleged conduct resulting in a “yes” response; the date of the alleged conduct; your intervening conduct; and the relationship between the offense or alleged conduct and volunteering. **(If you answer yes to any of the following questions, please explain the circumstances on a separate sheet and attach it to this form.)**

- 1. Are you presently being investigated or under a procedure to consider your discharge for misconduct by your present employer or have you offered a resignation to your previous employer?
Yes _____ No _____
- 2. Have you ever been reprimanded, disciplined, discharged, or asked to resign from a prior position?
Yes _____ No _____
- 3. Have you ever resigned from a prior position without being asked, but under circumstances involving your employer’s investigation of your alleged sexual contact with another person, alleged mishandling funds or alleged criminal conduct?
Yes _____ No _____
- 4. Have you ever pleaded guilty or “no contest” (*nolo contendere*) to, or been convicted of any crime of moral turpitude? (Moral turpitude is an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a person owes another member of society or society in general and which is contrary to the accepted rule of right and duty between persons, including, but not limited to, theft, attempted theft, murder, rape, swindling and indecency with a minor).
Yes _____ No _____
- 5. Have you (a) ever been convicted of a crime, other than a minor traffic offense; or (b) ever entered a plea of guilty or a plea of “no contest”(*nolo contendere*), or has any court ever deferred further proceedings without entering a finding of guilty and placed you on probation, for any crime other than a minor traffic offense?
Yes _____ No _____

AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE

I authorize Southwest Allen County Schools to check my volunteer service history and work history and to perform a criminal history background investigation. I further authorize those persons, agencies, or entities that Southwest Allen County Schools contacts in connection with my application to volunteer to fully provide Southwest Allen County Schools any information on the matters set forth above. I expressly waive in connection with any request for, or provision of such information, any claims or causes of action, including without limitation, defamation, infliction of emotional distress, invasion of privacy, or interference with contractual relations that I might otherwise have against Southwest Allen County Schools, its officials, employees, or agents, or against any provider of such information. I have read this authorization and release of all claims and I expressly agree to the terms set out herein. Date: _____

Signature of Volunteer

Printed Name