

**VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES IN A NUTSHELL**

**Volunteer Clearances** If you haven't heard by now, the State Of Pennsylvania made some changes to the Child Protective Laws for those of us who would like to volunteer in any of the our PTA events.

- To participate/volunteer in a PTA event, such as Book Fair, Santa's Workshop, or Field Trips, you will need to provide the following Clearances, which are **FREE** and can be applied right online:

1. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (CY113) – **No Charge**  
[www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)
2. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (SP4-164A – Volunteer Only) **No Charge** <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

- To chaperone a PTA or District Trip, such as our Class Trips, you will need to provide **ALL** of the following **three clearances**:

1. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance (CY113) – **No Charge**  
[www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis)
2. Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check (SP4-164A – Volunteer Only) **No Charge** <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>
3. Federal Bureau of Investigation Criminal Background Checks - **\$27.50 Cost**  
[https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index\\_dpw.htm](https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm)

The district has requested that all clearances should have been filed by **12/31/2015**, however, any new PTA volunteers will need to complete and return them ASAP to avoid any issue when it's your turn to volunteer an upcoming PTA event. Keep in mind that they understand it takes time for them to be returned, so please be sure to provide a confirmation to show that the clearance has been submitted and contact us with any questions.

Thank you,

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