



The well-being and safety of all students are a top priority at Pennwood Middle School. Please be aware that parents who volunteer in the school, and parents who volunteer to be a field trip chaperone must obtain a prior background check/clearance in advance.

This will be strictly enforced to comply with district policy and ensure the safety of the children.

Most volunteers will only need two clearances which are currently free. The quickest way to apply for the clearances are online:

Criminal Background Check - <https://epatch.state.pa.us/>

****Certificate will be available immediately for printing****

Child Abuse History Clearance - <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS>

*****Will take approximately 2 weeks for an emailed response*****

If you do not need the third clearance please print and sign the

FBI Background Waiver; [http://www.pennsbury.k12.pa.](http://www.pennsbury.k12.pa.us/pennsbury/Pennwood/PTO/_forms/FBI%20Background%20Waiver%20Form.pdf)

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******A third clearance is needed ONLY If you have not been a resident of Pennsylvania continuously for the prior ten (10) year period. In this case you must also obtain an FBI clearance. The cost for this is \$27.00.******

You must first register online: <https://www.pa.cogentid.com/>

Then, visit a fingerprint location to complete the process. Locations can be found at the above site.

If you have any questions please contact us: pennwoodpto@yahoo.com