New Pennsylvania Law, “Pennsylvania Child Protective Services Law Act 153 of 2014” mandates background checks for ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS. Beginning July 1, 2015, ALL SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS will need the following clearances to be eligible to volunteer for the Derry Area School District:

- Act 114 FBI Clearance (fee $22.60) – FBI Clearances will be accepted from both the PA Department of Education and the Department of Human Services
- Act 34 PA Criminal History Record Check – (no cost to volunteer)
- Act 151 PA Child Abuse Clearance -- (no cost to volunteer)

ALL volunteers will be responsible for paying and providing all three clearances mentioned above to the Derry Area School District, Superintendent’s office, in the Administration building. Clearances will be good for five (5) years and will need to be renewed.

Volunteers may locate the links to apply for clearances on the Derry Area School District website:
dasd.us → I WANT TO . . . → REVIEW VOLUNTEER INFORMATION → CLEARANCE INFORMATION & APPLICATIONS

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- Tuberculosis Test results are required if a person volunteers for TEN (10) hours or more a week. (Date of TB Test must be less than three (3) months old and will be good as long as there is no break in service.)
  * TB Test Exemption: A signature is required on the Volunteer Registration form.

Derry Area School District Volunteer eligibility for reimbursement of clearance fees

- A volunteer will need to volunteer for a minimum of 20 hours collectively within a five (5) year period while their clearances are current.
- Volunteer must provide the following to be eligible for DASD reimbursement of the Act 114 FBI clearance fee:
  o Completed “DASD Volunteer Activity Clearance Fees Reimbursement Form” which includes a minimum of 20 hours documented activities/events and signed off by a teacher OR the administrator
  o Receipt of payment for the Act 114 FBI clearance

Submit completed DASD Volunteer Activity Clearance Fee Reimbursement Form and Act 114 FBI receipt to:

Brenda Bitz
Confidential Executive Secretary/
PAL Volunteer Coordinator
Derry Area School District
982 N. Chestnut Street Ext.
Derry, PA 15627

* A list of all volunteers and their clearances will be maintained in the Superintendent’s office. Also, copies of all eligible volunteer certificates will be located at each school office.

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