

**EA BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION
POLICY ON CLEARANCES
As of August 29, 2009; Amended June 10, 2010**

In accordance with the requirements that have been established by the East Allegheny School District as found in Section 915 of the EA School District Policies adopted on June 11, 2007, all EABPA volunteers who have direct contact with the band and guard students while serving as, including, but not limited to, chaperones at ALL football games, competitions, dances, trips, etc., Pit Crew volunteers, uniform coordinators, etc., shall adhere to following requirements for clearances:

Long-Term Volunteer – All such volunteers shall comply with and obtain the following required background clearances – (1) Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Background Report; (2) Pennsylvania State Child Abuse Report; and, (3) FBI Background Check with fingerprinting. A Long-Term Volunteer is defined as one who voluntarily provides a service to the school district, without compensation, from time to time throughout the entire school year. Said service does not necessarily have to be performed on consecutive days, but rather a Long-Term Volunteer is one who provides a service over an extended period of time throughout the school year.

Any Long-Term Volunteer that has a Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Background Report **AND** a Pennsylvania State Child Abuse Report **on file with the EA District Office PRIOR to June 11, 2007, and who has served consecutively and annually with EABPA** will not be required to submit the FBI Background Check with fingerprinting.

All other Long-Term Volunteers after June 11, 2007, must submit to EABPA and the EA School District either new clearances (State Police, Child Abuse, and FBI), or existing such clearances that are no more than one (1) year old.

In accordance with School District Policies, Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Background Reports, Pennsylvania State Child Abuse Reports, and FBI Background Checks will not need to be obtained for Long-Term Volunteers whose service is annually and consecutively renewed and approved. Any break in service will require such volunteer to obtain new clearances in accordance with the above policies.

Provided, however, that no clearances may be more than five (5) years old, and Long-Term Volunteers must obtain all three (State Police, Child Abuse, FBI) replacement clearances BEFORE the previous clearances expire to continue as a Long-Term Volunteer with EABPA.

Information regarding clearances can be obtained at the following sites:

General – <http://www.eaband.org/news>

State Police – <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>

Child Abuse – <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/PartnersProviders>

FBI – <https://www.pa.cogentid.com/index>