

Martin County School District Volunteer Eligibility

All volunteer candidates with the Martin County School District are subject to a criminal history check. The school district follows the same processing for approving volunteers as for employees.

In Florida, the entire arrest record is revealed to school districts, including sealed and/or expunged records and military court proceedings. Applicants must disclose this information even if told differently by a lawyer, judge, or other law enforcement individual. If you were given this information by a judge, then those written instructions would need to be provided to MCSD. Prior criminal records may or may not result in disqualification for volunteering; however, **failure to disclose this information will disqualify you for volunteering.** Information that must be disclosed includes any offense that occurred whether as a juvenile or adult; therefore, **all adult and juvenile offenses must be listed.**

A volunteer applicant's criminal history includes any offense for which the applicant posted bail; entered a pre-trial diversion or pre-trial intervention program; had adjudication withheld, was convicted or found guilty; was placed on probation; pled guilty or no contest; was jailed or imprisoned; or appeared in court, as a juvenile or adult. Sealed records, expunged records and military court proceedings must be disclosed. Note: DUI and reckless driving are criminal offenses.

ALL FELONY CONVICTIONS AS WELL AS THE FOLLOWING MISDEMEANORS WILL RENDER APPLICANTS INELIGIBLE TO VOLUNTEER WITH THE MARTIN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE 1012.315:

(2) Any misdemeanor offense prohibited under and of the following statutes:

- (a) Section 784.03, relating to battery, if the victim of the offense was a minor.
- (b) Section 787.025, relating to luring or enticing a child.

(3) Any criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, constitutes an offense prohibited under any statute listed in subsection (1) or subsection (2).

(4) Any delinquent act committed in this state or any delinquent or criminal act committed in another state or under federal law which, if committed in this state, qualifies an individual for inclusion on the Registered Juvenile Sex Offender List under s. 943.0435(1)(h)1.d.

*A withhold of adjudication for the successful completion of a pretrial intervention or pre-trial diversion program is counted as a conviction pursuant to Florida Statute.

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE CONSIDERED IF THE CHARGE IS MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD:

- Misdemeanor drug or paraphernalia
- Resisting arrest without violence

THE FOLLOWING MAY BE CONSIDERED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS:

- Cases pending
- Domestic violence
- Multiple arrests
- On probation (crimes not listed above)
- City ordinances/criminal traffic offenses not listed above
- Any misdemeanor crime not listed above

NOTE: If you are considered eligible for volunteering under the above guidelines, this eligibility does not guarantee volunteer placement and/or employment with Martin County School District.