

CPMC Policy on Marching Band Chaperones and Pit Dads

Purpose: As an organization of volunteers, including parental and community volunteers, helping to support the Coatesville High School Marching Band and Indoor Percussion, our activities sometimes involve significant periods of involvement with the student members of the band. The purpose of the involvement is to ensure the safety, well being and efficient transport of the students to and from performances and other related activities. In the spirit of the preservation of this safe environment and consistent with School District policies and principles, the following policy has been developed.

Policy:

- All chaperones and pit dads are required to have a clear Act 34 criminal background check (<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>) and a clear Act 151 child abuse history clearance (<http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms/index.htm>). If the individual has these clearances from another organization that was done within the last 12 months then we will accept it. If prior clearances are older than 1 year, the individual will need to get updated copies of the clearances. If new clearances are needed, costs of these clearances, is the responsibility of the individual securing the clearances. Clearances will need to be turned into the designated Compliance Officer and that officer will notify the Lead Chaperone or similar designee of the individual's ability to volunteer as a chaperone and/or Pit Dad.
- Once the paperwork is on file, it does not have to be updated if the service is continuous. Continuous service is defined as involvement as a Chaperone or Pit Dad for contiguous seasons of marching band or indoor percussion. If there is a break in service, (missing contiguous seasons) the paperwork must be updated before they are allowed to again serve as Chaperone or Pit Dad.
- This policy is subject to change at any point, the district, CPMC insurance underwriter or state policies change, CPMC would meet or exceed those requirements for background checks.
- The paperwork will be maintained in a locked and secured location by the CPMC compliance officer, who will produce the information to school district administration or as otherwise legally compelled when requested.
- Additionally, any parents who drive school district vehicles in transport of Band related equipment will be required to have a copy of their license on file with the school district consistent with school district policy. These submissions can be made through the compliance officer who will turn license in to the responsible district employee and communicate with the Lead Chaperone or similar designee the eligibility of the volunteer to drive district vehicles. Additional, driving training may be required by the Lead Pit Dad or similar designee to ensure proper knowledge of operation of the vehicle.

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