

Volunteer Clearances

Plumstead Christian School welcomes and encourages volunteers in its school and classrooms. As a measure to ensure the safety of the students and staff, Plumstead is asking that volunteers submit a Child Abuse Clearance and a Criminal History Check. If you have volunteered in the past and plan to continue volunteering, we would suggest that you go ahead and get your clearances. The information below is provided to answer some of your questions regarding these clearances.

1. Who needs these clearances?

Volunteers who will be working with children at the school on a regular basis or who will be accompanying students on off-campus trips must have these clearances. Volunteers who will be interacting one-on-one with a student outside of the classroom or who will be working with a small group of children without a faculty member present.

Examples: Lunch moms, fieldtrip chaperones, homeroom moms, etc.

2. Who does NOT need these clearances?

Parents or volunteers who attend special events on the campus where there are faculty and staff supervising.

Examples: Race for Education, Secret Shop, class parties, Pastors' Luncheon, Grandparents Day, etc.

3. Do I need to be fingerprinted and obtain an FBI check?

No, state law only requires the FBI check for employees, student teachers, and contractors.

4. What if I already have clearances?

If you have obtained clearances within the past year for your church, employment, or other volunteer activity, you can submit a copy of these clearances.

5. Will we need to resubmit clearances each year?

Once you have submitted your clearances they will be kept on file for the remainder of the time your child/ren are at Plumstead Christian School.

6. How do I obtain these clearances?

Child Abuse Clearance:

You can obtain the necessary paperwork at the school office of either campus.

The following website also contains instructions and the forms necessary to obtain your Child Abuse clearance.

Link for Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance form CY-113:

http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf

Criminal History Check:

This can be completed on-line at <https://epatch.state.pa.us> OR you can obtain a form and instructions from the school office at either campus.

Copies of your clearances should be given to the building principal. The office will keep a record of parents who have the necessary clearances.