

**Texas Education Code 22.0835
Required Criminal Background Review for Volunteers**

What Does Texas Education Code 22.0835 Mean?

The school district is required by state law to complete a criminal background review on any person or volunteer who has indicated, in writing, an intention to serve as a volunteer with the district in a school where they do not have a student currently enrolled. In CFISD, we refer to these volunteers as “global volunteers.”

Are There Exceptions to This Law? Yes

- If the individual is a parent, guardian or grandparent of a child who is enrolled on the campus for which the person volunteers;
- If the individual is volunteering for a single event.

How Does a Person Apply to Become a “Global Volunteer?”

- The candidate must complete an application and criminal background review form.
- Both forms may be found in the schools, in the Community Engagement office, and may be requested through email at: leslie.francis@cfisd.net.
- The completed forms are turned into the Community Engagement office for processing.
- A complete criminal background review, as required by state law, is processed through the district personnel office.
- Upon approval, the “global volunteer” will be notified by the Community Engagement office through either e-mail, phone or letter.

*In the event a volunteer is not approved, the district will mail a confidential letter to the home of the volunteer.

How Will the Schools Know If Their Global Volunteers Have Been Approved?

- The appropriate campus employee will be notified by the Community Engagement office.

What About the V-Soft Security We Already Use in Our Schools?

Every person entering a CFISD campus, even if they are an approved “global volunteer,” is **STILL** required to be scanned through the V-Soft security system each time they enter the campus.

The safety and security of all CFISD students is always our top priority!
