



Gilmer County Charter Schools

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Parent Volunteer Application

Dear Parents,

This is the sheet to sign up for specific volunteer activities. We enjoy having parents pitch in whenever needed. It makes our job much easier! Please look at the list below and sign up for whatever you can help with. Return the completed form to your child's homeroom teacher.

Name: _____
Phone: _____ May we text you? _____
Email: _____

Circle items you are comfortable assisting with.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Create bulletin boards | Monitor cafeteria | Cut out laminating |
| Assist with class parties | Work in Bobcat store | Field Trips |
| Help with fundraisers | Help in Media Center | Make copies |
| Help with after school activities | Send in snacks for parties/testing | Work with students in a supervised setting |

When are you available? Circle

M T W Th F afternoon morning

Choose One:

- I am excited about the opportunity to come into school during school hours and help!
- Unfortunately, I can't come in during school hours, but I have circled things I would love to pick up and do at home!

Children

NAME	GRADE	HOMEROOM TEACHER

Questions?? Contact us!

Principal: Nicole Pike

Family Engagement Partner: Renee Reed

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Confidentiality/Mandated Reporter Agreement

I understand that in the course of my volunteer time with the Gilmer County School System, I may become aware of confidential information about specific students. This information may include, but not be limited to, such issues as students' enrollment status, daily schedule, academic performance, attendance record, disciplinary record, disabilities and other educational matters. I understand and agree that I will not disclose such confidential information except to the appropriate school employees who request this information.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

I understand that under GA Law (O. C. G. A. 19-7-5), school- affiliated volunteers are considered as "mandated reporters" of suspected child abuse. Should I gain information as it relates to a suspected case of child abuse through a verbal/written communication, direct observation, or some other manner, I understand that I must report this information to the school's administration immediately. Upon reporting any such concerns, I understand it would become that administrator's (or designee's) responsibility to then report the suspected abuse to the appropriate state or local investigative agency.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

I understand that if I will be working with students in an unsupervised setting on a regular basis, volunteer in a prolonged, unsupervised service such as an overnight or out of state field trip chaperone or collecting funds, I agree to have a criminal record check through the Georgia Crime Information Center. I also understand I would be responsible for paying for this background check.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Personal Data

1. _____ Yes _____ No Have you ever pled guilty to or been convicted of an offense related to possession or distribution of illegal drugs?
2. _____ Yes _____ No Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, or pled nolo contendere for any crime other than a minor traffic violation?

If any answer is "YES", you must attach an explanation.



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Georgia Mandated Reporter Law

Anyone working with children under 18 years of age who have reasonable cause to suspect child abuse or neglect should report it. However, certain professions are required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect in Georgia [OCGA 19-7-5(c)(1)]. The majority of child abuse and neglect reports are made by mandated reporters, making them a first line of defense. The purpose of this law is to protect and prevent further abuse and their adverse effects as well as bring protective services into the home with the hopes of improving the child's welfare and preserve the family when possible.

Who Must Report

The list of people who must report suspected abuse now includes all personnel at all **organizations that provide services to children**, including **volunteers** and clergy.

What to Report

The Georgia legislature made some small but important changes to the state's mandated reporter law. Effective July 1, 2015, mandated reporters **must report when they have "reasonable cause to believe that suspected child abuse has occurred."** The old standard was reasonable cause to believe that a child has been abused. The addition of "suspected" lowers the threshold for what you must report. In other words, adults caring for children must report incidents not only when they think abuse has occurred, but when they suspect that child abuse may have occurred.

When to Report

A mandated person must report within 24 hours "from the time there is reasonable cause to believe a child has been abused."

Where to Report

The amended statute also includes a section clarifying that someone working within a medical or **child-caring institution may report suspected abuse to a supervisor or designated contact person**. Anyone following that procedure "shall be deemed to have fully complied" with the statute.

The supervisor or designated contact person then has the obligation to report the suspected abuse to child services.

Why to Report Abuse

Anyone who is convicted of failing to report as the statute requires will be guilty of a misdemeanor. The most important reason to report, however, is to protect the children that we serve.

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