

Support Staff Recruiting/Hiring

Background checks

Prior to hiring and in accordance with state law, administration shall:

1. Check with the Colorado Department of Education to determine if there is any information on record indicating the applicant has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor crime involving unlawful sexual behavior or unlawful behavior involving children or a misdemeanor crime that involves domestic violence

The department's records will indicate if the applicant has been convicted of, pled *nolo contendere* to or received a deferred sentence for such crimes. The department also will provide any available information to indicate whether the applicant has been dismissed by or resigned from a school district as a result of an allegation of unlawful behavior involving a child, including unlawful sexual behavior which was supported by a preponderance of evidence according to information provided to the department by a school district and confirmed by the department in accordance with state law.

Information of this type that is learned from a different source shall be reported by the district to the department.

The department will not disclose any information reported by a school district unless and until the department confirms that the allegation resulted in the person's name being placed on the state central registry of child protection.

2. Contact previous employers of the applicant to obtain information or recommendations relevant to the applicant's fitness for employment.

Credit reports

The personnel office will not obtain a credit report on an applicant unless the office has first notified the individual in writing, in a document consisting solely of the notice, that the district would like to obtain a credit report and requesting the individual's written authorization to obtain the report. A credit report will only be requested when the applicant submits a written authorization.

The personnel office will not rely on a credit report in denying an application unless the office has first supplied the applicant with a disclosure that includes a copy of the credit report and a summary of the applicant's rights. If an application for employment is denied because of the credit report, the personnel office will give the applicant notice that the action has been taken, as well as:

1. the name, address and phone number of the credit bureau supplying the report;
2. a statement that the credit bureau was not involved in the decision to deny the application; and
3. a notice of the individual's right to dispute the information in the report.

Fingerprinting

1. All applicants selected for employment in a support staff position must submit a complete set of fingerprints taken by a qualified law enforcement agency and a notarized, completed form a (described in #2 below) as required by state law.
2. On the form the applicant must certify either that he or she has never been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor charge, not including any misdemeanor traffic offense, or that he or she has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor charge (not including any misdemeanor traffic offense). The form must specify the felony or misdemeanor, the date of conviction and the court entering judgment.
3. The school district will release the fingerprints to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of conducting a state and national fingerprint-

based criminal history record check utilizing the records of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. Although an applicant may be conditionally employed prior to receiving the results, he or she may be terminated if the results are inconsistent with the information provided on the form. The district shall notify the district attorney of such inconsistent results for action or possible prosecution.
5. The school district may charge the applicant a non-refundable fee of \$35 to cover the direct and indirect costs of fingerprint processing.

The applicant may pay for the fee over a period of 60 days after employment. The fee will be credited to the fingerprint processing account.

Information report to state

1. In accordance with federal and state law, the personnel office will report the name, address and social security number of every new employee to Colorado State Directory of New Hires, P.O. Box 2920, Denver, Colorado, 80201-2920.
2. This report, due within 20 days of the date of hire or on the first payroll after the 20 days have expired, shall be submitted even if the employee quits or is terminated before the report is due. Upon termination, the employee's last known address, the fact of the termination, and the name and address of the employee's new employer, if known, shall be reported to the applicable court or agency.
3. Upon receiving a Notice of Wage Assignment, the district shall remit the designated payment within 7 days of withholding the income according to instructions contained in the Notice. Child support withholding takes priority over other legal actions against the same wages.

Title I paraprofessionals

Prior to hiring paraprofessionals to work in Title I Schoolwide or Targeted Assistance Programs, the personnel office shall determine whether the applicant meets the qualifications required under federal law and regulations.

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