



Leadership Preparatory Academy School Volunteer Mandated Reporter Training

Georgia law requires **volunteers** in our schools to be mandatory reporters of child abuse, specifically, O.C.G.A § 19-7-5. Reporting of child abuse; when mandated or authorized; content of report; to whom made; immunity from liability; report based upon privileged communication; penalty for failure to report . **School volunteers fall into this expanded population and now are mandated reporters of child abuse in Georgia. ALL** school volunteers must complete a Child Abuse Mandated Reporting Protocol training **PRIOR** to beginning any volunteer work. Examples of volunteering include, but are not limited to, individuals who chaperone school field trips, act as Room Parents, volunteer with PTO, visit or assist in classrooms, serve as mentors or help with extra-curricular activities. Volunteers are an integral part of our instructional program and we thank you for volunteering in our school.

Those who wish to volunteer must visit [Pro Solutions](#) to set up a free account and take the course titled [Mandated Reporters: Critical Links in Protecting Children in Georgia](#). Volunteers may print the certificate of completion and email it to Leadershipenrollment@gmail.com. The training **MUST** be completed before volunteering. You **MUST** also complete the form below and email a copy of your certification of completion to LPA.

Link to form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/103S5WCA4smomUdRVcKAWJ2gJqIm8wKMc1MVSGmdgILc/viewform?usp=send_form

Background Check for Volunteers

State law requires some volunteers to also undergo a criminal background check. Volunteers who will be responsible for students must have a background check in addition to taking the Mandated Reporters course online. Some examples include:

- taking a student/small groups of students out of the classroom to work with them independently
- a chaperone on a field trip that will be responsible for a group of students
- a chaperone who is responsible for a group of students on an overnight trip (Ex. 3 or 4 students assigned to a room to be chaperoned by a volunteer)