

During the recent legislative session, the law around fingerprinting was expanded to allow schools to fingerprint district volunteers. The legislature adopted the following language that amends RCW 28A.400.303:

(3)(a) School districts, educational service districts, the Washington state center for childhood deafness and hearing loss, the state school for the blind, federal bureau of Indian affairs-funded schools, charter schools established under chapter 28A.710 RCW, schools that are the subject of a state-tribal education compact under chapter 28A.715 RCW, and their contractors may use the process in subsection (1) of this section to perform record checks for any prospective volunteer who will have regularly scheduled unsupervised access to children under eighteen years of age or developmentally disabled persons, during the course of his or her involvement with the school or organization under circumstances where access will or may involve the following:

- (i) groups of five or fewer children under twelve years of age;
- (ii) groups of three or fewer children between twelve and eighteen years of age; or
- (iii) developmentally disabled persons

Please take these legislative changes under advisement when reviewing your school's fingerprinting policy.

