

(REGULATION)
FELONY RECORDS SEARCH
PROCEDURES

Pursuant to 70 O.S. §5-142, Chandler Public Schools will obtain the results of a national felony record search of the name and fingerprints of every prospective school district employee. During the first interview with each employment applicant, the applicant will be advised that:

1. The school district requires a national felony record search of every prospective employee's name and fingerprints as a condition of employment;
2. To enable the school district to request the search and obtain the results, the applicant must complete and sign an Authorization and Release form provided by the school district;
3. The school district will request a felony record search only if the superintendent of schools recommends employment of the applicant;
4. If the superintendent of schools recommends employment of the applicant, the applicant must pay the search fee, which will not exceed \$50;
5. The school district will reimburse the applicant for the search fee unless the search discloses a prior felony offense conviction;
6. If the superintendent of schools recommends employment of the applicant, the applicant must permit the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to fingerprint the applicant; and
7. The applicant, if placed on duty prior to receipt of the felony search results, will be classified as a temporary employee (maximum 60 days) until the school district is notified that the search is clear of any felony record. The sixty-day temporary employment period shall begin on the first day the prospective employee reports for duty.
8. For any person applying for employment as a substitute teacher, a national criminal history record check shall be required for the school year; provided however, the board may choose whether to require a national criminal history record check from a prospective substitute teacher who has been employed by the school district in the last year. Any person applying for employment as a substitute teacher in more than one school district shall only be required to have one national criminal history record check, and, upon the request of the substitute teacher, that record check shall be sent to all other school districts in which the substitute teacher is applying to teach.
9. Any person employed as a full-time teacher by the district in this state in the five (5) years immediately preceding an application for employment as a substitute teacher may not be required to have a national criminal history record check, if the teacher produces a copy of a national criminal history record check completed within the preceding five (5) years and a letter from the school district in which the teacher was last employed stating the teacher left in good standing.
10. Any person employed as a full-time teacher by the district for ten (10) or more consecutive years immediately preceding an application for employment as a substitute teacher in the same school district may not be required to have a national criminal history record check for as long as the person remains employed for consecutive years by the school district as a substitute teacher, if the teacher left full-time employment in good standing. If the teacher applies for employment as a substitute teacher in another school district, a national criminal history record check shall be required.

If the felony records search reveals a prior felony offense conviction or if the applicant provides a false response to one or more of the questions on the Authorization and Release, the applicant will be denied employment and, if placed on duty prior to receipt of the search results, will be deemed to have resigned from employment with the

school district, effective upon acceptance by the board of education. The board of education may accept any employee's resignation at any time within thirty (30) days after the date the school district is notified of either the unsatisfactory search results or learns of the applicant's false response, whichever is later. Under these circumstances, the employee waives any due process procedures that might otherwise be available under federal and state law and school district policies and procedures.

The school district will also request a national felony record search of the name and fingerprints of any current school district employee if the board of education recommends a search of that employee's felony record.

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