

Here is some information regarding people who want to seek approval as volunteers to go on field trips this school year. Anyone that wishes to volunteer (whether a parent or spouse of a SAS/AAA employee) must be approved each and every year. The only thing that carries over from year to year is fingerprinting (that is good for 5 years). So basically anyone that was approved last year as a volunteer at SAS/AAA must go through the approval process again this school year.

Here is the link to get the process going: <https://www.engagemiamidade.net/volunteers> However, please disregard anything in the instructions pertaining to the "Raptor" system. Since SAS is located at Miami Dade College and our AAA program is on the campus of FIU, we can't use the Raptor system because we can't control who is on these campuses. The most important thing to know is that since we don't have Raptor at SAS/AAA, potential volunteers will not see School for Advanced Studies or Academy for Advanced Academics as an option. Instead, the potential **SAS/AAA parent volunteers will enter the school name "SBAB1North" as our school.**

When the potential SAS/AAA parent volunteer is approved after a background check, they will receive an email from the MDCPS School Volunteer Department indicating that they have been approved. That email must be forwarded to me at [dlindsay@dadeschools.net](mailto:dlindsay@dadeschools.net) along with a copy of the person's driver's license. That is the only way that I will know that the person has been approved. At that point I will add the person to our SAS/AAA list of approved parent volunteers for 2024-2025 and share that list with SAS/AAA Activities Director Ms. Montiel so she knows who can chaperone field trips.

Level 2 volunteers require fingerprinting at the person's own expense. Level 1 volunteers do not require fingerprinting, and for the most part, SAS/AAA only uses Level 1 volunteers for same day field trips.

Ms. Montiel only uses full time SAS/AAA employees for overnight field trips and those SAS/AAA employees are automatically approved as Level 2 and can chaperone overnight field trips.

If you run into problems navigating your way through the process outlined on the School Volunteer website application process, you can contact them using the information below.

Thank you  
Dennis Lindsay

**For additional information, please contact:**  
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**305-995-2995**