



Utopian Academy for the Arts
Volunteer Application/Criminal Background Consent Form
Level 2

In accordance with House Bill 1176, which amended State Statute O.C.G.A § 19-7-5, volunteers in public schools are now Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse. O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5 is designed for the protection of children whose health and welfare are adversely affected and further threatened by the conduct of those responsible for their care and protection.

I. VOLUNTEER APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **SSN:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Birth Place:** _____

Height: _____ **Weight:** _____ **Eye Color:** _____ **Hair Color:** _____ **Ethnicity:** _____

Please indicate the area(s) in which you will volunteer: _____

Which location? (Elementary/Middle/Trilith/High School) _____

II. VOLUNTEER APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENTS

I hereby acknowledge that I received and read the section of this document regarding mandated reporting and understand my mandated reporting responsibilities as a volunteer with Utopian Academy for the Arts. I hereby authorize Utopian Academy for the Arts Human Resources department to obtain any background information pertaining to me.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

III. HUMAN RESOURCES VERIFICATION

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

IV. SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OR DESIGNEE

Approved _____ **Denied** _____ **Signature:** _____

Did you know you are a Mandated Reporter?

O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5

- ✓ Requires you to report suspicions of abuse.
 - ✓ Provides immunity from liability.
 - ✓ Has a penalty for failure to report.
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- ALL employees and volunteers are mandated reporters who are directed by law to report suspicious concerns of child abuse through verbal notice, written communication, or some other form.
 - As a mandated reporter, you are required to immediately report any suspicious child abuse to the school administration.
 - After reporting the suspicion of child abuse, it is the school administration or their designee's responsibility to report the suspected abuse to the appropriate state or local agencies.
 - There are no legal consequences for any child abuse report that is reported in good faith.
 - Failure to report when you suspect a child is being abused is a misdemeanor under Georgia law.

As a mandated reporter, if you see something – say something! If you know or suspect something – say something. It's the law.