

Background Check Policy for Rotary Peaceful Schools Program

District 5450 Background Check Policy

District 5450 has a background check policy for “Rotarians who Engage Protected Persons in One-on-One Situations.” District 5450 Abuse & Harassment Policy can be accessed on the Rotary District 5450 website at <http://www.rotary5450.org>. This policy requires that any Rotarian who will be working with children on a one-on-one basis be background checked and complete the district online tutorial.

Peaceful Schools Program Background Check Policy

Because the Rotary Peaceful Schools Program is a classroom-based program and does not involve one-on-one situations, it does not technically fall under the Rotary District 5450 Policy. However, because Rotary Club members will be working with students on a regular basis in the classroom through the program, as well as potentially outside of the classroom on other Rotary/School projects, Club Members are likely to be viewed as “trusted adults” by the children.

To protect both the students with whom the Club will be working, as well as the Rotary Club, we recommend that background checks be completed on *all adults* who may be working with students in any capacity. (Background checks are not required for Interact or other students who are under age 18 and working with younger children.) Any community adults who are working with students on behalf of Rotary should also be background checked.

Even though an individual may have been background checked through another organization, they must be background checked through Rotary.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

CHECK WITH YOU ROTARY CLUB AND YOUR ROTARY DISTRICT FOR SPECIFIC POLICIES REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECKS AND ABUSE AND HARASSMENT TRAINING IN YOUR DISTRICT AND ADHERE TO THESE POLICIES.