

STAR System Resource Manual for School Volunteer Liaisons

A companion to the STAR System's End User Training Manual, Focusing on the volunteer management features offered within the STAR System



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Important Resources for Star Users

There are many helpful resources to assist in properly utilizing the STAR System, and many knowledgeable staff members happy to assist you.

The STAR Web site provides information, such as online training, Problem Resolution Flow Chart, the End-User Manual, Frequently Asked Questions and information about the CAB Conference where questions and answers can be posted.	www.broward.k12.fl.us/star or on a BCPS intranet access computer: http://web/star
STAR Conference will be used by SIU and/or the STAR Vendor Rep to disseminate information to principals and STAR operators. The STAR Conference is located inside the BCPS Resources Conference/Security Conference. All staff have access to this conference.	To access the STAR Conference: 1. Locate the STAR Conference within CAB's BCPS Resources folder. 2. Click on STAR Conference to highlight it. 3. Go under the "Collaborate" menu and select "Add to Desktop".
STAR Vendor Support handles unique issues and situations that cannot be resolved by using the troubleshooting/training documents provided on the STAR Web site, including problems in checking-in or checking-out a particular individual, correcting erroneous license numbers, system passwords, hardware problems, etc.	Email: Vendor – STAR (CAB) Phone: 754-321-0040 ETS Service Desk: 754-321-0411
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Using the STAR System Manual

This STAR System manual is designed to cover information specific to the management of Broward County Schools community involvement programs. To simplify this manual, the pronouns "he", "his", or "him" are used to identify a school volunteer of either gender.

The conventions used in this book are as followed: the names of

- action buttons are in *italics*.
- screens, sub-screens, and sections are in **bold**.
- fields for entry are in ALL CAPS.



The Note icon highlights a special point of interest about the topic being discussed.



The Tip icon marks a suggestion or a reminder.

Introduction to the STAR System

In response to its ongoing commitment to school and student safety, Broward County Public Schools determined the need for a standard method to document and track visitors and volunteers/mentors as they enter and exit school sites. Upon further review it was also decided that this requirement should include Level 1 background checks against local, state and national sexual offender databases for daily school visitors and volunteers and Level 2 background checks for volunteers performing specific activities with students.

Through a joint effort between all Broward County District school sites (the District), the Special Investigative Unit (SIU), the Community Involvement Department, the Education Technology Services Department (ETS), and vendors, SISCO Identification Solutions and Johnson Controls, the Security Tracking and Response Project (STAR) was developed and introduced in 2006.

Utilizing the Fast Pass application as a base, SISCO developed a system that accomplishes both front desk check-in and school volunteer management. The STAR System will:

- Standardize manual visitor logs and provide visitor photo passes
- Identify and monitor the ingress and egress of people from school sites and store this information in a database
- Capture and store a digital image of the person as well as a digital image and details of the individual's ID (i.e. driver's license, passport, state id, etc.)
- Record and store the exact date and time of a person's arrival and departure from a school site, creating a tracking mechanism of the individual's activities
- Generate customizable reports showing daily, weekly and monthly visitor counts

The STAR System's capacity as a volunteer management tool enhances the operation of school-level community involvement programs in the following ways:

- Timely screening of potential volunteers via an on-line volunteer application
- Automatic tabulation of volunteer statistics (hours, ages, gender, total number) for awards and reports; and
- Identification of volunteers who have specific interests, availability and skills to meet student and school needs.

STAR users may include both the schools' front desk personnel (End-Users), trained and supported by Johnson Controls, ETS and SIU, as well as volunteer program managers (Staff Liaison for Volunteers), trained and supported by the Volunteer Services Department. To learn about training opportunities and resources for End-Users, contact Special Investigative Unit (SIU) at 754-321-0725. The End-User training manual is available on the STAR Web site www.broward.k12.fl.us/star.

For support and resources on STAR's volunteer management functions, telephone the Volunteer Services at 754-321-2300 or visit the Web site at: www.browardschools.com/getinvolved.

Checking-in & STAR

The STAR System operates from a school's single point of entry, which we will refer to as the front desk. Regardless of a visitor's purpose of visit, to enter a school he must check-in at the school's front desk where his driver's license or volunteer badge will be scanned. In the STAR System, an individual can be checked in as a visitor or a STAR volunteer.

Checking-in as a visitor

A <u>visitor</u> is an individual who will be involved at school for only one activity or a short length of time, or whose business on campus does not include providing pro-bono services. Examples of a visitor include: a parent attending a teacher conference, a business/community partner meeting with a staff member, and a fundraiser meeting with the PTA board members. Certain groups of volunteers may also be considered visitors when their service is a one-time or short-term activity, such as a volunteer classroom speaker, career day speaker, academic competition judge, etc. However, these guests should be supervised while on campus.



Additionally, Broward County high school students performing required community service activities at local elementary and middle schools are to be considered visitors, as are mentors sent from the Youth Mentoring Program Department, who are fingerprinted as part of the orientation process. No online volunteer application is required for these individuals. Service hours should be recorded on paper.

Check-in procedures

- A <u>general visitor</u> will be asked for his driver's license. It will be scanned and the system will run a search for his name against the sexual predators/offenders list. Once the search is completed and he is cleared, his photo will be taken and a name badge will be generated. A visitor badge is only valid for one day.
- A <u>mentor</u> will be checked in the same manner as a general visitor; however, we ask that End-Users list "mentor" as the purpose of the visit.



A mentor should not arrive for service until the Youth Mentoring Programs office advises him to do so. A letter is sent to both the mentor and the school's mentoring programs coordinator after all training and fingerprinting requirements are met. The mentor should bring this letter to the school on the first visit.

- A <u>business partner</u> will be checked in the same manner as a general visitor if he is at the school for a meeting with an administrator. If the purpose of his visit is to provide school volunteer services, he will be processed as a school volunteer. If his visit is in the role of vendor, he will be processed as a vendor.
- A <u>student</u> will not check-in using the STAR System. He will be asked for his student ID to confirm his identity. Then he will log his hours on a paper log sheet.

Checking-in as a volunteer

A <u>STAR volunteer</u> is an individual who has completed the on-line volunteer application for the present school year. All volunteers must complete an application each year, whether they are new or returning to service.

First visit check-in procedures

• A <u>STAR volunteer</u>, one who has indicated that he has registered online, will be asked for his driver's license. Once a volunteer's identity has been verified using his picture ID, his photo will be taken and his volunteer badge will be generated. (Please ask the office staff to make a photocopy of the badge in case the volunteer loses the original.)

Subsequent visits check-in procedures

• <u>All STAR volunteers</u> must check-in and check-out of the school location during every visit. Therefore, for subsequent school visits, volunteers will use their printed STAR volunteer badge to check-in and check-out. The badge is valid for the entire school year and may be used to check-in and check-out of any District school location.



- 1. For the purpose of data accuracy and the management of your volunteer program, it is imperative to remind your volunteers to use their volunteer badge or to identify themselves as a STAR volunteer when they are checking-in.
- 2. Once a volunteer badge has been printed, the volunteer's approval status changes from approved to active.
- **3.** If a volunteer forgets to scan out, the system will NOT automatically log him out of the end of the day and WILL NOT calculate volunteer service hours. To maintain accurate service records, it is important that the school monitors that all volunteers scan out at the end of their volunteer activities.



A valid visitor and volunteer check-in requires that the End-User enter information in the "reason for visit" field. The "beep" heard when a badge is scanned means only that the badge reader is functioning, not that the visit as been recorded.

On-line Application & STAR

The STAR System's impact on volunteer programs begins with the completion of the on-line volunteer application. The STAR System and the on-line application work hand in hand. A new volunteer will not be listed in the system unless he has completed an on-line application. For STAR System schools, all volunteers must complete the on-line application found on the BCPS Web site **www.browardschools.com/getinvolved.**Volunteer records cannot be viewed on the aforementioned Internet site. Volunteer records are stored behind the District's firewall for protection of personal information and can only be accessed from the STAR computer.

When a person completes the BCPS on-line volunteer application, the system runs a complete background check that is fully compliant with State and District guidelines. His personal information is checked against the Broward Clerk of Courts, Broward Schools' deny entry list, and databases of sexual predators and offenders. If no hit is returned, the volunteer has obtained a Level 1 clearance, and his name will appear on the Approved Volunteers list of the school that he identified as his "Preferred School." He is now a STAR volunteer.

Responsibilities of "Preferred School"

All new and approved on-line applicants will be listed on the Approved Volunteers list of their "Preferred School". Although these applicants have been instructed to contact their preferred school, it is important for the development of your volunteer program that you establish a system of contacting new applicants. We suggest that your system includes a weekly check for new online applicants. These prospective volunteers should be invited to visit the school to have their individual volunteer badge printed, and to be oriented and assigned to volunteer duties.

Approval Status

There are four approval status classifications in the STAR System. They are listed below in the order in which the records of on-line applicants are processed.

Pending A clearance status that indicates that the applicant has not yet been cleared

in the STAR System.

Approved A clearance status that indicates that the applicant completed the BCPS on-

line volunteer application and has been cleared by the STAR System's

background screening processes as a Level 1 volunteer.

Active A clearance status that indicates that the volunteer has a printed volunteer

badge, and is ready to serve or is presently serving. The status of an approved volunteer automatically changes to active when the volunteer

badge is printed.

Inactive A clearance status that indicates: (1) The applicant failed the security

clearance screening; this is indicated by a Deny Entry message, or

(2) The applicant has indicated he will not be serving at any District school

this year.

Clearance Levels & STAR

The District uses a two-level clearance system for background checks known as Level 1 and Level 2. The required screening level is based upon the volunteer's assigned activities.

<u>Level 1 clearance</u> is appropriate for general volunteer activities and is automatically processed by the STAR System.

<u>Level 2 clearance</u> is reserved for a volunteer with unsupervised contact with students, including a mentor, overnight field trip chaperone and volunteer athletic coach, and requires a Level 1 clearance followed by FBI fingerprinting (Level 2). Each Level 2 clearance requires E-mail authorization from the Special Investigative Unit (SIU).

The STAR System does not provide verification of Level 2 clearances. To verify that a volunteer received a Level 2 clearance, access the Filemaker Pro-based District Security Fingerprints Database, located on CAB. Access instructions:

- 1. Log into your CAB account
- 2. Locate the **BCPS Resources** folder on your CAB desktop, and double click it to open.
- 3. Locate the **Security Clearance** folder (it is the keys icon), and double click it to open.
- 4. Locate the E-mail entitled **Security Fingerprint Database** or the Security Fingerprint Database in 8.5 (depending on your Filemaker version) and double click it to open. Move the attached "Open Security Fingerprint" document over to your desktop <u>before</u> attempting to open.
- 5. Once on your desktop, double click to open. The password is **school**.

Volunteer Badges

An individual who has completed the on-line volunteer application and been approved to volunteer via the electronic background screening process can obtain a volunteer badge. This badge not only identifies the person by name and photo, but also clearly states that the person is a volunteer for the current school year.

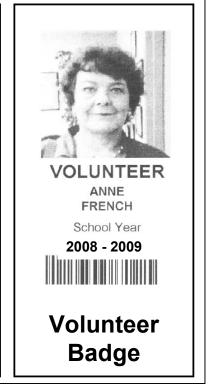
Volunteer badges are issued the first time the person visits his "Preferred School" to volunteer. The End-User should ask him for the official photo identification used on the volunteer application, normally his driver's license. This visual matching of the photo prevents someone from using another person's information to get past the security checks. Once the volunteer's identity has been verified, his photo will be taken and his volunteer badge generated.

Distinguishing Features of Visitor Badges and Volunteer Badges

Though both the visitor and volunteer badges have similar components, such as the individual's photograph, it is important that the End-User learns to recognize which type of badge has been printed. Additionally, all school staff members need to be able to distinguish between the two as a part of the campus safety program.







Wrong! Visitor Badge Should Not Be Used to Volunteer

Right! Visitor's Badge

Right! Volunteer's Badge Issued for School Year

Managing Volunteer Badges

A volunteer badge is issued for the entire school year. Therefore, a system for protecting the badges should be developed at each school. We recommend that you:

- a. Order a supply of protective volunteer badge holders from any office supply catalog.
- b. Whenever a badge is printed for a school volunteer, make a photocopy of the badge. This photocopy can be used to create a replacement badge if the volunteer loses the original. A photocopied badge will scan and does not have the same heat sensitivity issues as an original badge.
- c. Store all volunteer badges at the front desk. Instruct each volunteer to retrieve his badge when he checks-in and to return it when he checks-out of the school.

Replacing Lost or Damaged Badges

As a last resort, a volunteer badge can be reissued using the following steps:

- 1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module.
- 2. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click Person Search
- 3. Enter the last and first name of the volunteer and click Search
- 4. Select the record with the volunteer's name that contains volunteer as the Group Name and click *Edit*.
- 5. On the Volunteer's record, click on the *Passes Issued* tab and select *Replace Badge*.
- 6. Follow the steps to retake the photograph and reprint the badge. This process expires all previous badges.

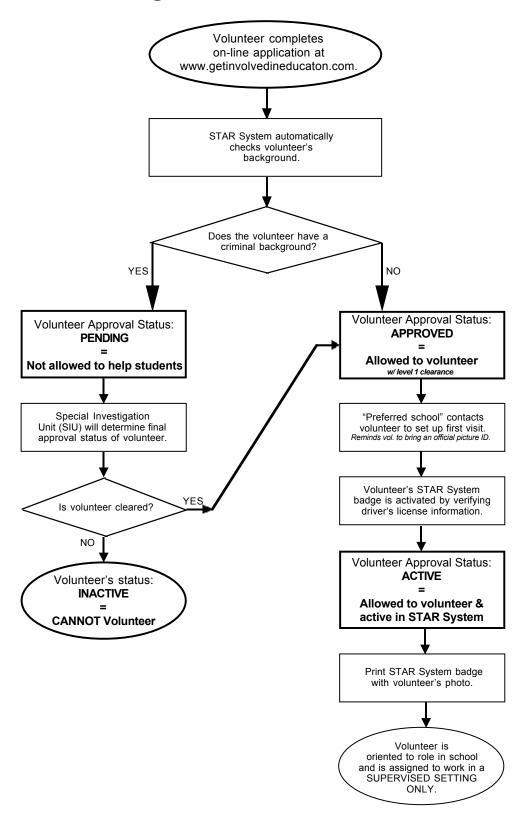
Volunteering at More Than One School?

Volunteers who serve at more than one school will use the same badge at all of the other District schools (This does not include charter schools). If you have a volunteer serving at more than one school, he will need to keep his badge with him instead of at your school. To reduce lost badges, your school may prefer to give the volunteer a photocopy of the original badge you printed for him. The volunteer can then take the photocopy to the second school to use for scanning into STAR.



The STAR System's DYMO printed badge cannot be laminated without smearing. However, a <u>photocopy</u> of the DYMO badge can be laminated and will scan correctly.

Application Processing Flowchart



STAR System Software Modules

The STAR System is comprised of five separate elements, known as FAST-PASS modules. Three modules must be running whenever the STAR System is used for full operational capacity. These are FAST-PASS Registration, FAST-PASS Sentry, and FAST-Pass Volunteer Services. The STAR computer may display the modules as short-cuts on the desktop or as programs available in the Start menu. The following paragraphs briefly explain the functions of each module:

- 1. <u>FAST PASS Registration Module</u> Processes school visitors in the STAR System by collecting their identification information, checking their criminal background, capturing their photos, and printing their badges. The main user of this module is the End-User, who is located at the school's front desk. A volunteer program manager's use of this module is primarily for the viewing and printing of reports on volunteer activities.
- 2. **FAST PASS Sentry Module** Operates as the STAR System's timekeeper and must be operating at all times. The Sentry Module also verifies visitors' identity and tracks their entry and exit into a school site. Although this module will be scarcely viewed by program managers, it is a necessary component in the collection of volunteer service hours.
- 3. **FAST PASS Volunteer Services Module** Provides most of the STAR System's features for the management of a volunteer program. These features include the ability to produce a list of all approved volunteers for a school, as well as the ability to view and amend a volunteer's service history and hours.
- 4. **FAST PASS Manager Module** Supports the operation of the STAR System; not used by school staff.
- 5. **FAST PASS Settings Module** Supports the operation of the STAR System; not used by school staff.



For full functionality, develop the habit of opening FAST – PASS Registration, Sentry and Volunteer Services Modules each time the system is booted, including when rebooting is necessary due to service interruptions.



To remember which FAST – PASS modules are used for searches and reports, use this helpful formula: Services = Searches; Registration = Reports!

Logging Into the STAR System Modules

The steps to log into the Volunteer Services Module are illustrated below. Follow the same steps when logging into the FAST-PASS Registration Module:

1. Double click the FAST-PASS Volunteer Services icon found on the desktop, or in the Start menu.

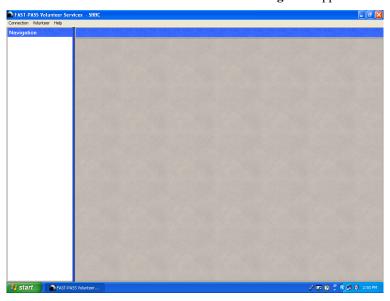


FAST-PASS Volunteer Services icon

2. Enter your school's USERNAME and PASSWORD, and click Login.



The Volunteer Services Module Home Page will appear.





The username and password information is available through your school's End-User.

Understanding the Volunteer Services Module

The Volunteer Services Module provides most of the STAR System's features for accessing information pertinent to the school volunteer program. Features of this module include the ability to search for an individual volunteer's record, status, approval date, volunteer service hours, etc., but also include searches for your school's entire volunteer force.

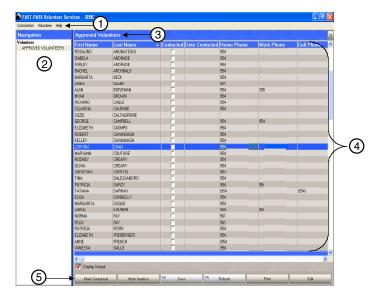
- 1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module.
- 2. On the menu bar select Volunteer and select the search you desire. Each search is discussed in the following pages.



Understanding the Volunteer Services Module Screens

The screens in the Volunteer Services Module are designed with the following five sections:

- 1. Menu Bar contains the following menus: Connection, Volunteer, Help.
- 2. Navigation Area shows the history of searches/actions taken in the module. It also allows the user to return to previous searches/actions by clicking on the title.
- 3. Sub-screen Title Bar contains the name of the sub-screen area.
- 4. Sub-screen Area displays the results of searches/actions.
- 5. Action Button Area contains the execution buttons.





The columns in the sub-screen area may be rearranged to suit your needs. Use the side scroll bar to navigate the screen laterally to view all displayed columns. To change the order of the columns, drag each column by its title cell to its new position. To sort the results in ascending or descending order, click the column's title cell.

Printing from the Volunteer Services Module

Not all STAR screens and sub-screens allow printing. Some screens and sub-screens are for viewing only. However, when printing is an option, a print action button will be located in the action button area of your screen or a printer icon will be located on the screen.

Identifying the Print Action Button

A Print Action button indicates any printable screens or sub-screens within the Volunteer Services Module.



Print to Printer

- 1. Click *Print*, located on the bottom of the screen in the action button area.
- 2. Click *Print to Printer*, and select your default printer.



Print to File

This feature allows you to save the screen as a PDF file. One of the benefits of this feature is that information in the STAR System can be disseminated electronically. A saved STAR PDF file can be emailed to any member of your group or school staff.

- 1. Click *Print*, located on the bottom of the screen in the action button area.
- 2. Click Print to File.
- 3. Complete the SAVE IN and FILE NAME fields, and click Save.



The Approved Volunteers List

The primary purpose of the Approved Volunteers list is to allow program managers to identify new on-line applicants. The list also provides the following information:

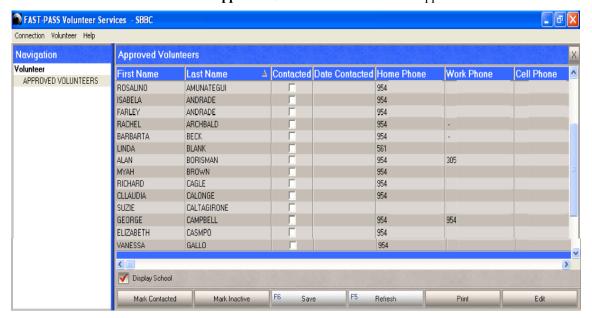
- A list of all volunteers at your school with approved as their clearance status. The list of
 approved volunteers includes any persons who completed the BCPS on-line volunteer
 application and have been cleared by the STAR System's background check processes.
 These volunteers have obtained Level 1 clearance, but have not visited their "Preferred
 School" to have their volunteer badge printed.
- 2. Volunteers' contact information. The initial view of the **Approved Volunteers** subscreen displays the full names of all approved volunteers at your school, as well as their home/work/cell phone numbers, and their E-mail addresses. In addition, there are two columns that allow you to record that you have contacted a volunteer, and the contact date.

Accessing the Approved Volunteers List

- 1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module.
- 2. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click *Approved Volunteers*.



The **Approved Volunteers** sub-screen will appear.



Understanding the Execution Buttons

The Action button area:



- *Mark Contacted* used to enter a note of having contacted a volunteer.
- Mark Inactive inactivates the volunteer from participation at all schools. <u>Use cautiously.</u>
- Save applies any changes made to a selected record.
- Refresh returns screen and data to the last saved version.
- *Print* sends current view-screen to default printing device.
- Edit displays the individual record of a selected volunteer.



All approved volunteer applicants on your list entered your school as their "Preferred School". Although these applicants have been instructed to contact their preferred school, it is much better customer service if you establish a system of contacting new applicants. We suggest that your volunteer management process includes a weekly check for new on-line applicants. (In the beginning of a school year, a twice-weekly check is recommended.) These prospective volunteers should be invited to visit the school to have their individual volunteer badge printed, and to be oriented and assigned to volunteer duties.

Managing the List - Including Marking Volunteers as Inactive

If you learn that a volunteer is <u>not</u> interested in volunteering at your school this year because he has moved, or no longer has a child at your school, etc., you may inactivate the record. However, use this option sparingly. An inactive status prevents the individual from volunteering at any District school location, not just your school. Once a record is made inactive, a school level manager cannot remove a volunteer's inactive status. To remove a volunteer's inactive status, contact the Volunteer Services Department.

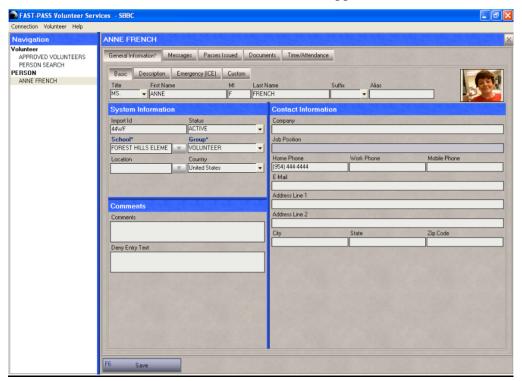
Accessing an Individual Volunteer Record Using the Approved Volunteers List

The **Approved Volunteer** sub-screen shows only a limited amount of information on each volunteer. However, you are able to access a volunteer's entire record from the Approved Volunteers List by following the instructions below.

1. In the **Approved Volunteers** sub-screen, select by highlighting the desired volunteer and click *Edit*.



2. The **Individual Volunteer Record** sub-screen will appear.





CAUTION! Only volunteers with an approved clearance status will be listed in the **Approved Volunteers** sub-screen. To access the individual record of a volunteer with an active, pending, or inactive clearance status, refer to the instructions provided on the following page.

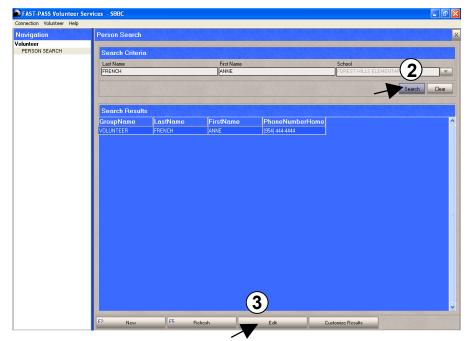
Using the Person Search Feature to Locate Individual Volunteers

There may be instances when a volunteer's name is not located on the Approved Volunteers List search screen. The reasons that this might occur include: (a.) the status of this individual is not "approved". The volunteer's status may be active, pending or inactive; or (b.) the volunteer has no application in the STAR System. Follow these instructions to locate and review the volunteer's individual record.

1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click *Person Search*.

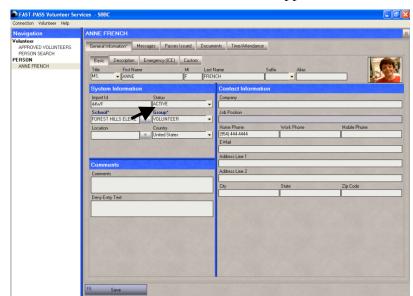


2. Type in the volunteer's last and first name, and click *Search*. (Legal name.)



The Person Search sub-screen will appear.

3. Select the record with the volunteer's name that contains volunteer as the Group Name and click *Edit*.



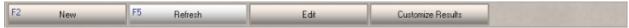
4. The **Individual Volunteer Record** sub-screen will appear.



Remember to click *Save* once you have made changes to an individual volunteer record, or the changes will not be stored.

Understanding the Person Search Sub-screen's Execution Buttons

The Action buttons on the Person Search sub-screen:



- New <u>not for school use</u>. Clicking this button will produce an error message.

 Volunteers cannot be entered from within the STAR System. New volunteers are added in the system when they complete the on-line volunteer application located on the Community Involvement Web <u>site www.getinvolvedineducation.com</u>.
- Refresh returns screen and data to the last system saved version.
- Edit displays the individual record of the selected volunteer.
- Customize Results allows customization of the Search Results sub-screen. Columns may be added, deleted or rearranged.

Individual Volunteer Record Screen Features & Editing Options

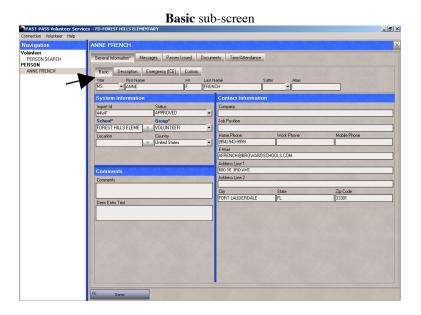
The management of a volunteer's personal and service information occurs in his individual record.

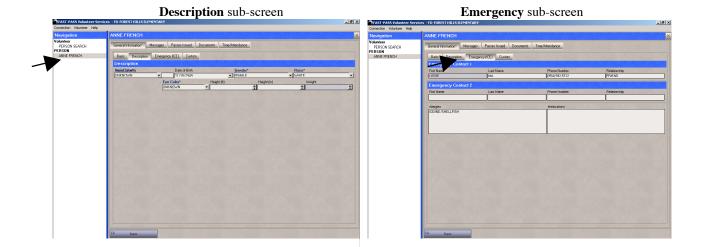
An individual volunteer record screen contains five tabs: General Information, Messages, Passes Issued, Documents, and Time/Attendance. The following pages will explore the features offered under each tab.

General Information Tab

There are four sub-screens available in the General Information tab:

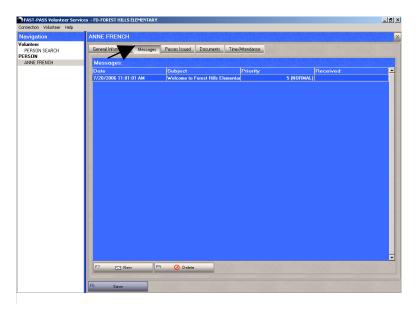
- 1. **Basic** sub-screen allows for:
 - Viewing the system information. This section cannot be edited.
 - Adding comments.
 - Editing a volunteer's contact information.
- 2. **Description** sub-screen allows for:
 - Editing a volunteer's nationality, race, gender, and physical traits.
- 3. **Emergency** sub-screen allows for:
 - Viewing and editing a volunteer's emergency contact information.
- 4. **Custom** sub-screen allows for:
 - Viewing of information from the on-line application, which includes a volunteer's area of interests (AOI).





Messages Tab

The Messages tab contains only the **Messages** sub-screen, which allows the user to send messages within the STAR System to the selected volunteer. All created messages are stored in the system and will appear when the volunteer scans his badge. End-Users are instructed to read the message to the volunteer. This may be a convenient way to inform a volunteer that he forgets to check out or that his assigned teacher will be absent today!

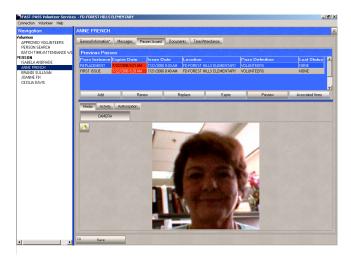


Passes Issued Tab

There are numerous sub-screens available under the Passes Issued tab; however, only the following pertains to the management of a volunteer program.

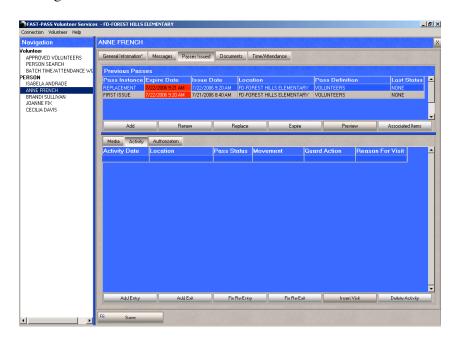
1. **Media** sub-screen allows for:

Viewing a volunteer's photo.



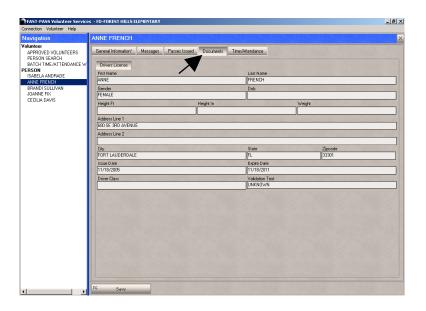
2. **Activity** sub-screen allows for:

- Viewing a volunteer's entire and detailed service history to a school.
- Editing service record information.
- Adding after school and off-site hours to a volunteer's record.



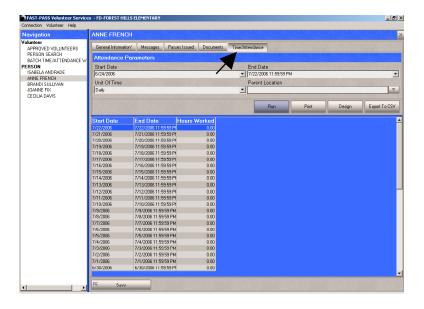
Documents Tab

The Documents tab contains only the **Driver's License** sub-screen, which allows for the viewing and editing of a volunteer's driver's license information. However, the driver's license number is not accessible to STAR End-Users or to the Volunteer Services Department.



Time/Attendance Tab

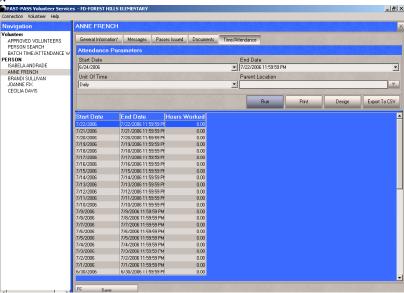
The Time/Attendance tab contains only the **Attendance Parameters** sub-screen, which allows for the viewing and printing a volunteer's service history at the school or District. See more information on viewing service hour records on the next page.



Viewing Service Hour Records for Individual Volunteers

This search allows you to view and print an individual volunteer's entire service history at the school or within the District. This feature is helpful in determining a volunteer's eligibility for a VAST Lapel Pin Award.

- 1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click *Person Search*.
- 2. Type in the volunteer's last and first name, and click *Search*.
- 3. Select the record with the volunteer's name that contains <u>volunteer</u> as the Group Name, and click *Edit*.
- 4. Select the Time/Attendance tab, and the Attendance Parameters fields will appear.
- 5. To customize the search, enter the Start Date for the period you wish to search, normally July 1, of the current school year. The End Date is preset to the current date, though this can be changed if you are interested in limiting the search period. The UNIT OF TIME field can be changed so the volunteer's service history can be shown as daily, weekly, biweekly or for the entire range between the start date and end date. If you are interested in only the hours served at your school location, pull down the arrow on the right side of the PARENT LOCATION field and select your school. If interested in the volunteer's service hours at all District schools, leave the PARENT LOCATION field blank.
- 6. Click Run.



7. The results of these searches should be printed and used as evidence of volunteers' documented service hours to your school.



Viewing Service Hour Records for All Volunteers

This search allows you to view and print the total number of hours served by all of the active volunteers who named your school as their primary school location. This feature is helpful in determining which volunteers are eligible for a VAST Lapel Pin Award and in completing the application for the Golden School Award.

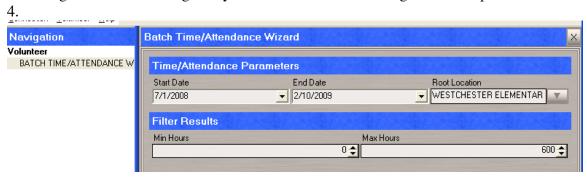
1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click *Batch Time/Attendance*.



2. In the sub-screen area select Volunteer Time/Attendance, and click *Execute*.

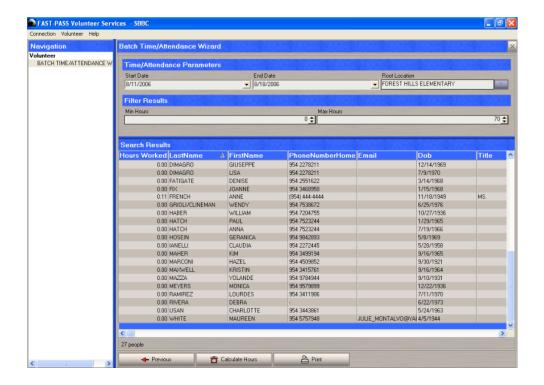


3. To customize the search, enter the START DATE for the period you wish to search, normally July 1, of the current school year. The END DATE is preset to the current date, though this can be changed if you are interested in limiting the search period.



5. Enter your school's location name under the ROOT LOCATION field, and click *Calculate Hours*, if you are only interested in the service hours at your school. (Suitable for the Golden School Award) However, if you are interested in the hours your volunteers have served at all District schools, leave the ROOT LOCATION field blank. (Suitable for the VAST Lapel Pin Award.)

- 6. The Batch Time Attendance screen will appear, which can be sorted by volunteer's last name, or number of hours by clicking on the column title. The columns in the report can be moved for better organization by grabbing the column title and moving it to a new location.
- 7. The results of these searches should be printed and used as evidence of volunteers' documented service hours to your school. To help you organize your results, sort the columns by the volunteers' last name.





Remember that service hours are only collected for active volunteers using their volunteer badge and signing in and out in STAR. Service time is not calculated for volunteers being checked in as visitors, or who do not return to the school office to log out before leaving the campus.

Volunteer Advanced Searches

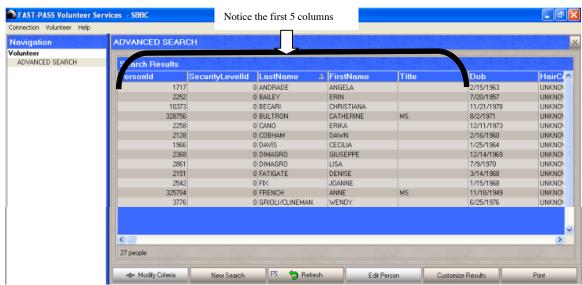
Using the system's advanced search feature, volunteer reports can be designed to show specific information and column order. Currently, STAR has only 3 functioning advanced search options: Active Volunteers, Approved Volunteers and Pending Volunteers. Unlike the system's reports, the searches allow you to manipulate the data to display specific information. Once the results of your search are organized to your liking, you can print them and they will appear in a report format.

Customized Search Lists

- 1. Log into the Volunteer Services Module. On the menu bar select Volunteer, and click *Advanced Search*.
- 2. Select Active Volunteers (Approved Volunteers or Pending Volunteers), and click *Execute*.



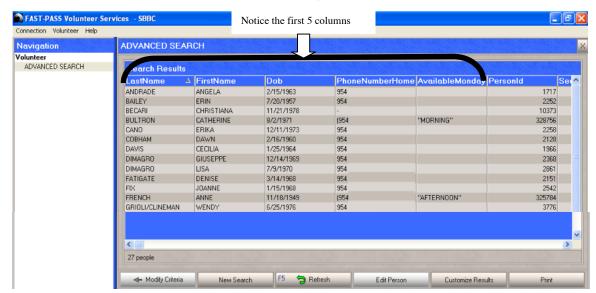
3. Select the five columns to include in the report and move them to first five column positions. Click *Print* to print or save report as a PDF document. (See pages 12-14 for more printing instructions.)



The original view of **Active Volunteers** search result.



The system will only print the first five columns with a portrait setting or first seven columns with a landscape setting.



The edited view of **Active Volunteers** search result.

Active Volunteers search result. Printed report sample.

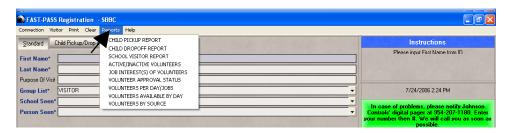
Active Volunteers				
Last Name	First Name	Dob	Phone Number Home	Available Monday
ANDRADE	ANGELA	2/15/1963		
BAILEY	ERIN	7/20/1957		
BECARI	CHRISTIANA	11/21/1978		
BULTRON	CATHERINE	8/2/1971	4	"MORNING"
CANO	ERIKA	12/11/1973		
COBHAM	DAWN	2/16/1960		
DAVIS	CECILIA	1/25/1964		
DIMAGRO	GIUSEPPE	12/14/1969		
DIMAGRO	LISA	7/9/1970		
FATIGATE	DENISE	3/14/1968		
FIX	JOANNE	1/15/1968		
FRENCH	ANNE	11/18/1949	1	"AFTERNOON"
GRIOLI/CLINEMAN	WENDY	6/25/1976		
HABER	WILLIAM	10/27/1936		
HATCH	PAUL	1/29/1965		
HATCH	ANNA	7/19/1966		
HOSEIN	GERANICA	5/8/1969		
IANELLI	CLAUDIA	5/28/1958		
MAHER	KIM	9/16/1965		
MARCONI	HAZEL	9/30/1921		
MAXWELL	KRISTIN	9/16/1964		
MAZZA	YOLANDE	9/10/1931		
MEYERS	MONICA	12/22/1936		
RAMIREZ	LOURDES	7/11/1970		
RIVERA	DEBRA	6/22/1973		
USAN	CHARLOTTE	5/24/1963		
WHITE	MAUREEN	4/5/1944		

Understanding the Registration Module & STAR Reports

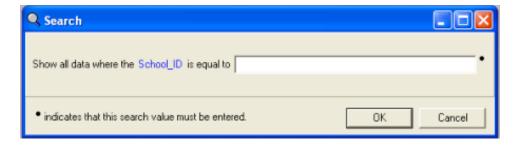
The STAR System has six volunteer reports in the Registration Module. At the school level, these reports will provide a snapshot of volunteer involvement. Please note that the information in a report cannot be rearranged or modified. Unlike the search lists in the Volunteer Module, these reports are static.

Instructions

- 1. Double click the FAST-PASS Registration icon found on the desktop, or in the Start menu and log in using your school's USERNAME AND PASSWORD. Click *Login*.
- 2. The **Standard Registration** screen will appear.
- 3. On the menu bar select Reports, and click on one of the following report options:
 - a. Active/Inactive Volunteers
 - b. Job Interest(s) of Volunteers
 - c. Volunteer Approval Status
 - d. Volunteer per Day/Job
 - e. Volunteers Available by Day
 - f. Volunteers by Source



4. A search criteria window will open. Enter your school's 4-digit location number. The School ID is your school's location number.



The search criteria screen for most of the reports will appear as above. The exceptions will be discussed in their respective sections.



Remember that these reports will not include volunteers who have not completed an online application. At the present time, these include Mentors, student volunteers, as well as volunteers who did not select your school as their "Preferred School" on the on-line application.

Printing from the Registration Module

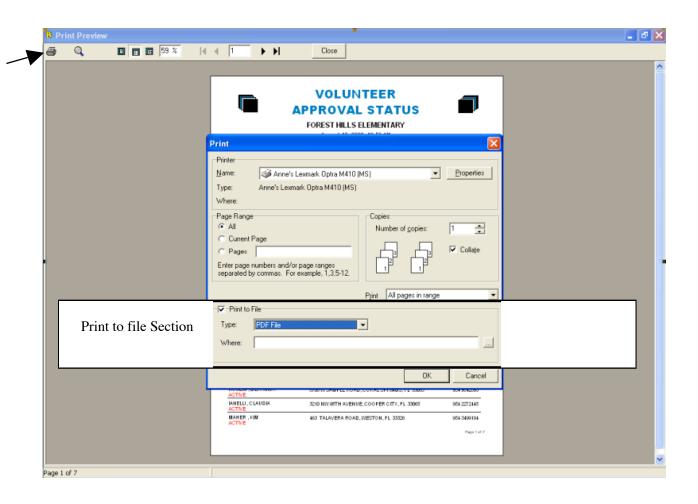
All reports used in the Registration Module are printable. The printer icon is usually in the upper left corner of the report screen. STAR also allows printing to a PDF and/or Excel format convenient for sharing the report to others.

Print to Printer

- 1. Click the printer icon, located in the upper left corner of the report preview screen.
- 2. Select the desired network printer by completing the PRINTER NAME field. Click Ok.
- 3. A window will open to define the printing options below.

Print to File

- 1. Click the printer icon.
- 2. Click the *Print to File* box located on the bottom of the print window.
- 3. For the TYPE field, select the PDF File option.
- 4. Select the button marked by the three periods located on the right of the WHERE field to choose the file name and location for the PDF file, and click *OK*.



Active/Inactive Volunteers Report

Depending on your search request, this report lists the names of all volunteers who are active or inactive in your school. A great program management tool, it can serve as a roster of everyone who: selected your school as the preferred school and who is actively volunteering in your school. This alpha listing includes each volunteers' E-mail address, and home/work phone numbers, if available.



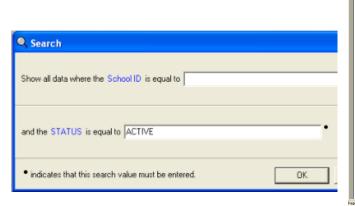
Unfortunately, this report does NOT include volunteers who wish to serve at your school, but who did not indicate your school as their #1 preferred school location, mentors from the Youth Mentoring Programs Department, or students serving their community service hours at your school location. STAR does not yet have capacity to include these individuals in any system reports. It is recommended that these names be compiled in a manual log for future reference, such as recognition activities for volunteers.

Instructions

1. Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Active/Inactive Volunteers*.



- 2. In the first field, enter your school's 4-digit location number.
- 3. In the second field, enter the volunteer status. (Active is the default option.) Click Ok.

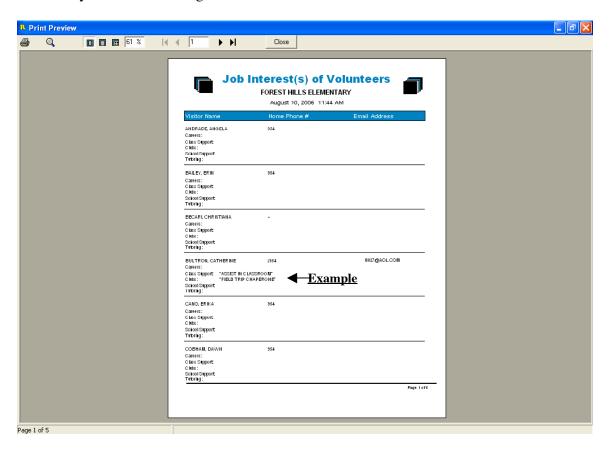




Job Interest(s) of Volunteers Report

This report lists the volunteer activities that interest the approved volunteers who completed the on-line volunteer application. When provided, this information is helpful in filling specific volunteer needs (i.e. field trip chaperone).

- 1. Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Job Interest(s) of Volunteers*.
- 2. Enter your school's 4-digit location number, and click Ok.



Volunteer Approval Status Report

This report lists the names of all new and returning volunteers at your school, who are required to complete an online volunteer application. It is your school's volunteer program roster and it provides a number count of those included in the report. However, it will not include mentors, student volunteers, as well as volunteers who did not select your school as their #1 Preferred School on the on-line application. The volunteers in the report are presented in four categories:

Active A clearance status that indicates that the volunteer has a printed volunteer

badge, and is ready to serve or is presently serving.

Approved A clearance status that indicates that the applicant completed the BCPS

On-line volunteer application and has been cleared by the STAR System's

background check processes.

Inactive A clearance status that indicates: (1) The applicant failed the security

clearance screening. This is indicated by a Deny Entry message. (2) The

applicant has indicated he will not be serving this school year.

Pending A clearance status that indicates that the applicant has not yet been cleared in

the STAR System.

Instructions

1. Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Volunteer Approval Status*.

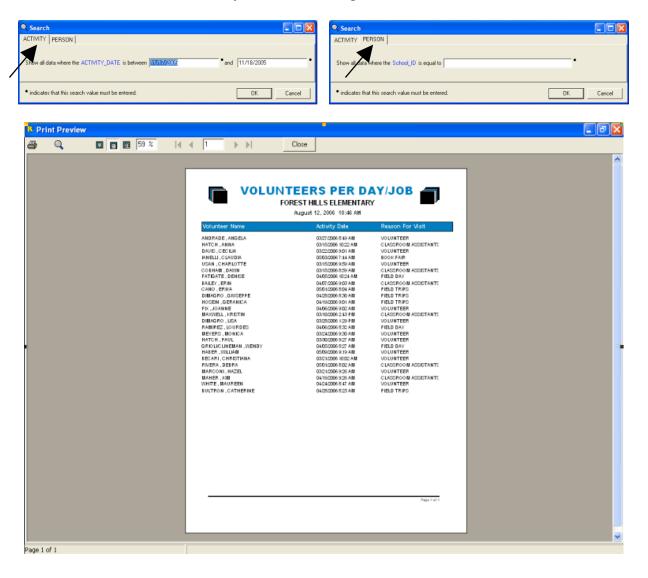




Volunteer Per Day/Job Report

This report is designed to show a list of volunteers and their activities during a specified time period. You can use this report to identify everyone who helped on a certain day, or with a special project (Book Fair), or a similar short-term volunteer event.

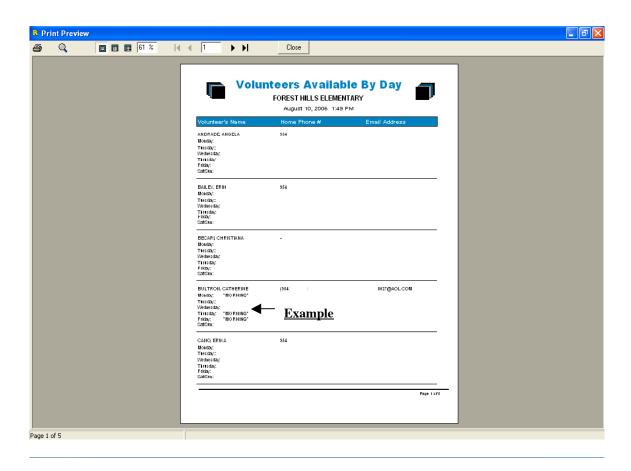
- **1.** Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Volunteer Per Day/Job*.
- 2. Under the Activity tab enter the dates in which the volunteer activity took place, and click *Ok*. Please note: The end date must be at least one day later than the start date.
- 3. Click the Person tab, enter your school's 4-digit location number, and click Ok.



Volunteers Available by Day Report

This report lists all approved volunteers, in alphabetical order. For the volunteers who completed the on-line application, the times they may be available to volunteer are listed. You can use this report to find help for a special volunteer need or to match a teacher's request for volunteer assistance on a specific day.

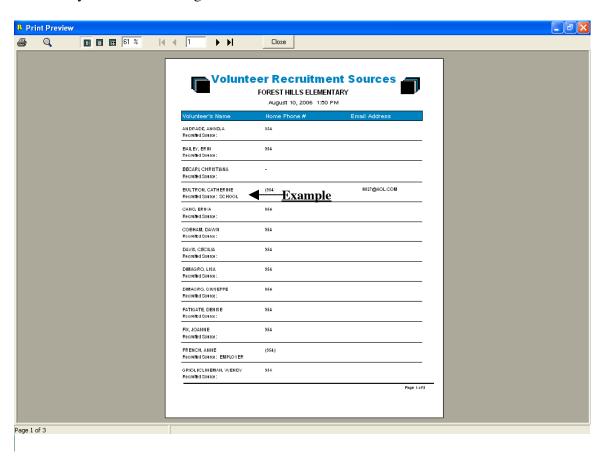
- 1. Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Volunteers Available by Day*.
- 2. Enter your school's 4-digit location number, and click Ok.



Volunteers by Source Report

This report lists all approved volunteers in alphabetical order and how the person was recruited to assist at your school. This list will be very important in identifying your school's business partner volunteers.

- 1. Log into the Registration Module. On the menu bar select Report, and click *Volunteers* by *Source*.
- 2. Enter your school's 4-digit location number, and click Ok.



Appendix

STAR System Glossary

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Active (clearance status)	A clearance status that indicates that the volunteer has a printed volunteer badge, and is ready to serve or is presently serving.			
AOI – Area of Interest	Identifies the primary activities a volunteer wishes to be involved in, such as: assist in classroom, field trip chaperone, or tutoring.			
Approved (clearance status)	A clearance status that indicates that the applicant completed the BCPS on-line volunteer application and has been cleared by the STAR System's background check processes.			
End-Users	The front desk personnel at each school who operate the STAR System.			
External	Individuals identified as being outside the school. Vendors, parents and other visitors are external. Staff members, students and approved volunteers are processed as internal.			
FD	Front desk.			
Preferred School	The school identified as the preferred school on the on-line volunteer application. Volunteer hours will only be credited to the preferred school.			
Inactive (clearance status)	A clearance status that indicates: (1) The applicant failed the security clearance screening. This is indicated by a Deny Entry message. (2) The applicant has indicated he will not be serving this school year at any District location.			
Individual Volunteer Record	All information held within the STAR System pertaining to an individual volunteer.			
Internal	Individuals identified as being of the school, including staff members, students and volunteers. Vendors, parents and all other visitors are considered to be external.			
Manager Module	Supports the operation of the STAR System; not used by school staff.			
Pending (clearance status)	A clearance status that indicates that the applicant has not yet been cleared in the STAR System.			

Appendix

Registration Module	Processes school visitors in the STAR System by collecting their identification information, checking their criminal background, capturing their photos, and printing their badges. The main user of this module is the End-User, who is located at the school's front desk. A volunteer program manager's use of this module is primarily for the viewing and printing of reports on volunteer activities.
Reports	Provides static data that is presented in the system's preset order. The information within the reports cannot be rearranged or manipulated in any way.
Search Lists	Provides data that can be customized, rearranged or sorted to present desired information.
Sentry Module	Verifies visitors' identity and tracks their entry and exit into a school site. Sentry is the STAR System's timekeeper and must be running whenever STAR is in use.
Settings Module	Supports the operation of the STAR System; not used by school staff.
STAR	Security Tracking And Response
STAR Volunteer	An individual who has completed the on-line volunteer application.
Volunteer Module	Provides most of the STAR System's volunteer program management features. These features include the ability to produce a list of all approved volunteers for a school, as well as the ability to view and amend a volunteer's service history and hours.

Searches/Reports Quick Reference

FAST – PASS Volunteer Services Module Searches				
Search screen columns may be sorted and arranged by the user.				
Approved Volunteers	A listing of all approved volunteers, along with all contact			
	information. This search allows users to mark who they			
	have contacted and the date of contact.			
Advanced Search				
Time/Attendance	Service hours logged for each volunteer			
	A list of all volunteers who are active, approved, pending			
Volunteer Approval Status:	or inactive who named your school as school #1. It includes			
All Volunteers Selecting School	date added, phone # and child/children's name and grade.			
Active Volunteers	A list of volunteers who are security screened, badged and			
	should be in service to your school.			
Approved Volunteers	Volunteers needing badges & assignments. Same as above.			
Pending Volunteers	Volunteers who are still awaiting security clearance. These			
	individuals should not be assigned to duties at this time.			
	Useful in building an E-mail listing of volunteers, it			
Volunteer Information:	includes child #1's name and grade level as well the			
Email addresses/volunteers	volunteers' E-mail addresses.			
Date Added/Import ID	This list gives the security clearance validation date and the			
	Import # to use on award applications and field-trip forms.			
Visitor's Badge=Volunteers	This list has a search word feature that helps you spot			
	volunteers who are signed in as visitors. Search for key			
	volunteer words like, "SuperStars", PTA, etc.			
Field Trip Chaperone	The name and contact information of all volunteers who			
	indicated an interest in being field trip chaperones is useful			
	in field trip organization.			
Volunteer Interests	This list is a composite of which duties interest each			
	volunteer, as indicated on their applications.			
Business Partner Volunteers	Identify volunteers sent by your business partners. This is			
	useful information for your Partnership Liaison.			
Volunteer/Child's Name/Grade	Volunteer information with child's name and grade level is			
	useful to teachers.			
Total Volunteer Roster	A listing of all volunteers, status, phone number and			
	children's name and grade level.			
Person Search	This search is helpful in quickly accessing approval status			
	and contact information, and allows you to see all entries of			
	the individual (visitor, volunteer, etc.) We recommend			
75 - 1 777 - 11 - 11	leaving this open and available at all times.			
Batch Time/Attendance	The service time logged in STAR for each volunteer may			
	be requested in various formats.			



The FAST – PASS Volunteer Services Module is used primarily to search for an individual STAR record and/or to develop customized group searches that can then be saved and printed. The person search feature is ideal to check whether a volunteer's application is approved. (To remember, think "Services = Searches!")

Searches/Reports Quick Reference

FAST – PASS Registration Module Reports Reports are pre-arranged and cannot be modified by the user.			
Child Pickup Report	A complete report of all child pick-up events can be ordered for any time period in this school year.		
Child Drop-off Report	A complete report of all child drop-off events can be ordered for any time period in this school year.		
School Visitor Report	This report can be ordered by date or any time period during this school year. It shows all visitors, the purpose of the visit and the pass issued date and time. This is useful in spotting volunteer activities that were logged as visitors.		
Active/Inactive Volunteers	The names of all volunteers who are either active or inactive, including the E-mail address and phone number of each. Does not include approved volunteers.		
Job Interest of Volunteers	This is a report of all volunteers, contact information, and the volunteer jobs they are interested in doing.		
Volunteer Approval Status	All volunteers, clearance status, address and phone numbers are included in this report.		
Volunteers Per Day/Job	This is a report of all volunteers who have performed service at your school. You may set the parameters to search for specific functions, i.e. band, PTA, SuperStars.		
Volunteers Available by Day	This report shows each volunteer and the days and times they are available to serve the school.		
Volunteers by Source	A complete summary of volunteers, contact information and how they were recruited: school, PTA/PTO, etc.		
School Report - Everyone	In one report, everyone entering the school (visitors, District Employees, volunteers, vendors) is listed, along with the purpose of visit and date/time.		



The FAST – PASS Registration Module is used by Volunteer Program Managers to access reports on the volunteers who listed your school as their primary location. Reports differ from the searches available within the Volunteer Services Module because they are already customized and cannot be adjusted by the user. To remember this easily, think "Registration = Reports!"

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Visitor	Setting/Activity	Requirements	STAR System Steps	Badge	Watch
Туре				Type	List
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Chaperone (Overnight)	Unsupervised	Approved 2008-09 online volunteer application & Level 2 clearance	Registration Module: See Check-in steps below	Volunteer (Annual)	No
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Mentor	Unsupervised	Approved mentor application & Level 2 clearance	Registration Module Enter as visitor Log hours manually	Visitor (One day badge)	No
Volunteer Speaker/ Academic Fair Judge	Supervised Escorted, staff present		Registration Module Enter as visitor	Visitor (One day)	Yes

Visitor Badge: Valid for <u>one day only</u>. Does not log volunteer hours.

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Volunteer Badge: Valid for <u>entire school year</u>. Badge says "2008/2009 school year" not a specific day.

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down menu, and click OK.

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Badge Maintenance: Photocopy badge, give volunteer copy, and store original at front desk.

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FAQs for Processing Volunteers in STAR

1. Do all volunteers have to apply for 2008-09?

Yes. A yearly application is required, whether or not the volunteer applied last year.

All individuals must fill out an online volunteer application and be approved before serving as a school volunteer.

Go to: www.getinvolvedineducation.com

2. A name disappeared from the approved volunteer list. How do I find it?

Check the active volunteer list. Once a volunteer badge is printed the status changes from *Approved* to *Active*.

3. Why has a volunteer helped many times at school, but no volunteer hours are logged?

- Volunteer was given a visitor badge.
 Visitor hours are not recorded as volunteer service hours.
- b. Sentry Module was not running during check-in. Sentry is the STAR's time clock.
- a. School did not complete check-in after hearing the "beep" when badge was scanned. School must choose reason for visit for hours to record.
- d. Volunteer may not have listed your school as the "preferred" school. This volunteer's hours must be logged on paper.

4. How do I check if a volunteer is cleared?

If the volunteer listed your school as the "preferred" school:

- a. Check the *Volunteer Approval Status* report in the Registration Module. (List is alphabetical by status type.)
- b. Do a person search in the Volunteer Services Module under the Volunteer tab.
- c. Ask volunteers who listed another school as the preferred school to show a copy of the volunteer badge. These names will NOT show on your school's reports.

5. Why does a license not swipe /come up? Why does the system ask to process person as "external"? What do I do?

- a. Volunteer has not applied online for the new school year. Ask volunteer to apply.
- b. ID was used for a visitor badge. STAR refers to visitors as external and volunteers as internal.
- c. The driver's license number was not entered correctly on the volunteer application.

To check-in as volunteer:

Ask if the volunteer entered a social security number on the volunteer application. If so, type social security number in Internal Registration to search for record. If the volunteer did not enter the social security number, call the ETS Help Desk or email <u>Vendor Star via Cab</u> with the volunteer's name and driver's license number. Volunteer Services cannot see or edit driver's license number.

6. Where can I acquire reports on School Visitors and Volunteer Approval Status?

In the Registration Module, pull down the Reports tab and select the report desired.

7. Which Fast Pass modules do I turn on each day?

- 1. Sentry Module
- 2. Registration Module
- 3. Volunteer Services Module

For more information on STAR Go to: http://web/star

Or contact:

ETS Help Desk - 754-321-0411 STAR Tech Support Email - Vendor Star via CAB

8. Which volunteers need to be fingerprinted and what is the process?

ONLY Overnight Chaperones, Volunteer Coaches and Mentors are to be fingerprinted. Fingerprints are NOT required for single and extended day chaperones.

Process for Volunteer Fingerprinting: School gets approval from Dr. Joe Melita for fingerprinting via CAB; volunteer brings copy of the approval to Security Clearance Department in KCW. No cost to volunteer.

Renewing Level 2 clearance: Fax a VECHS form (also known as Level 2 Rescreen Form) and Security Background form to the Security Clearance Department at 754-321-2070. Forms available at SIU Department's website at:

www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/seccl/forms.htm

<u>Check Level 2 status</u> on Security Clearance Fingerprint Database, located on CAB Desktop, BCPS Resources. Cannot be checked in STAR.

9. How can I make sure STAR is keeping track of volunteers?

- a. Print and review volunteer approval status and visitor reports weekly to check for Volunteers who were processed as visitors.
- b. Print and review "Batch Time and Attendance" Reports weekly to check for volunteer hours that were not recorded.

10. What are considered volunteer roles?

Chaperone (field trips, dances)
Field day helper
Parent group workers (PTA/PTO, SAC, & booster clubs)
Special event helpers (attendees are visitors)
Math SuperStars & Meet the Masters helpers
Check at your school for more volunteer jobs.