Criminal Background Check for Mentors

Senior Project mentors must undergo a state criminal background check, as required by the Narragansett School System's policy regarding volunteer criminal background checks, which provides

"In accordance with RIGL 16-2-18.4. Any persons intending to volunteer in the NSS shall undergo a state criminal background check to be initiated prior to such volunteer work. The applicant shall apply to the bureau of criminal identification (BCI), department of attorney general, state police or local police department where he or she resides, for a state criminal records check. Background checks are valid for one year from the date processed."

The Narragansett School System already has a procedure in place that provides mentors and other volunteers with three options to apply for a background check.

Option #1 (Narragansett residents only):

• Walk-in to the Narragansett Police Department. Link to form.

Option #2 (non-Narragansett residents):

• Visit the police department in the city or town where you live.

Option #3 (non-Narragansett residents):

• In-person background check by the Attorney General's office. Link to instructions.

Senior Project mentors can use the existing system to meet this requirement as efficiently and easily as possible. In additional to applying for a background check, mentors must complete a <u>Narragansett School System Release of Information Form</u>.

Students must not begin work with a mentor until the mentor's criminal background check is complete and Release of Information Form is submitted.