

Jessica Lunsford Act

The Jessica Lunsford Act was passed in response to the terrible abduction and murder of Jessica Lunsford by a convicted sexual offender. This law, effective September 1, 2005, will affect your business if you, your employees, or your agents will have access to school grounds when students are present, have direct contact with students, or have access to or control of school funds.

As a result of this law, your business should first determine whether you or any of your employees or agents will:

- Be at a school when students are present, or
- Have direct contact with students, or
- Have access to or control of school funds.

If you or any of your personnel do not meet any of these criteria, this law does not apply to you. However, if you or any of your personnel do meet any of the three above-referenced criteria, you must ensure that applicable individuals are fingerprinted and screened. Level 2 screening includes fingerprinting, statewide criminal and juvenile justice records checks through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and federal criminal records checks through the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Level 2 screening may also include local criminal records checks through the local law enforcement agencies.

For information regarding the fingerprinting process, please contact Mrs. Coretha Lumpkin, Administrative Assistant for Personnel, at 386-792-6504. The cost for fingerprinting is \$61.00 per person. The fee can be paid either by money order (payable to Fingerprinting Services, LLC) or by credit card (at www.flprints.com). If paying by credit card, please bring a copy of your confirmation number with you.

The requirements of this law must be met in order for the Hamilton County School District to continue working with you. We value your relationship with our school system and look forward to a continued positive association.