



ReadingPals Highlands County Volunteer Application

For the safety of the children, the School Board of Highlands County requires volunteer applicants to undergo a Florida Department of Law Enforcement criminal background check. If you have questions regarding criminal history or approval requirements, please contact Sylvia Palmer at 863-648-1500 x278.

Instructions:

1. Highlands County Schools will arrange payment of the non-refundable \$25 Background Screening Fee. Therefore it is important to carefully consider the 31 week ReadingPals commitment before completing the application.
2. Please return your completed ReadingPals application to the ReadingPals Program Manager, United Way of Central Florida, P.O. Box 1357, Highlands City, FL 33846, or fax to 863-648-1535 or scan/email to sylvia.palmer@uwcf.org
3. The Highlands County School Board requires all volunteers to fill out an application online at http://www.highlands.k12.fl.us/SBHC/HR_VolunteerInfo.html Or www.highlands.k12.fl.us Select "Community" tab, select "Volunteer Information".
4. Pictures for security badges will be taken at the district office after approval of the application. Badges will be distributed at each school.

Thank you for your commitment to serve as a school volunteer. If you have been convicted of murder, sexual offenses such as sexual battery, lewd or lascivious acts, soliciting lewd acts or indecent exposure, sexual misconduct, prostitution or solicitation of prostitution, obscenity or pornography, contributing to the delinquency/dependency of a child, abuse/neglect, drug related charges, kidnapping or battery to a child, criminal driving offenses, you will not be approved.

***Required Information for all ReadingPals (Please type or print)**

*Last Name:	* First Name:	M.I.:
*Date of Birth:	*Gender:	*Ethnicity:
*Street:	*City:	*State
*Zip Code	*Email:	*Phone:

*** Please check the school where you would prefer to volunteer:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Elementary 867 Memorial Drive, Sebring, FL 33825	<input type="checkbox"/> Park Elementary 327 E. Palmetto Street, Avon Park, FL 33825
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*** Please check the day/s you would like to volunteer:**

Tuesday Thursday

For new applicants only:

I am already a registered volunteer in the Highlands County schools.

***Important Note:** Our first partner in the creation of ReadingPals has been The Children’s Movement, a statewide effort to make Florida the best state in the nation for young children. Through your volunteer opportunities, we hope you begin to understand the need to build a real “movement” for all children in our state. In the pursuit of just that, we hope you will agree to receive updates directly from The Movement on our ReadingPals efforts around the state, as well as what is happening in the area of early education.

Yes, I would like to learn more about how I can help Florida’s children. Please share my email address with The Children’s Movement of Florida.

***Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

For more information go to the United Way website at uwcf.org and click on “Our Work,” “Education,” “ReadingPals”

Office Use Only: Andar: _____ Trained: _____ Approved: _____ Volunteer #: _____
