

Raptor Visitor Management System Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Raptor system?

Raptor is a visitor management system that enhances school security by reading visitor drivers' licenses (or other approved ID), comparing information to a sex offender database alerting school administrators and local police if a match is found. Once cleared through the system, a visitor badge is produced that includes a photo.

Why is Geneva School District considering this system and piloting it at Geneva Middle School North?

The safety of our students is our highest priority. Raptor will provide a consistent system to track visitors and volunteers while keeping away people who present a danger to students. The system quickly prints visitor badges that include a photo, the name of the visitor, time and date. Geneva Middle School North was chosen to pilot this system because the school's size, entrance configuration, and number of visitors to the middle school would provide enough evidence to assess the effectiveness of the system for the district.

Does the District have the right to require visitors, even parents, to produce identification before entering the school?

Yes. School officials need to know who is in the building and why they are there. Particularly when a student is involved (e.g. early pickup), school officials need to be able to confirm that an individual has the authority to have access to the student.

What types of IDs will work in Raptor?

The scanner is able to scan all state licenses, state identification cards, concealed handgun licenses, consular ID cards, green cards, active military cards, and passport card (not the full passport). It does not officially scan other countries' IDs.

What other information is the school taking from driver's licenses?

Raptor is only scanning the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders and any private alerts at the school. Additional visitor data will not be gathered, and no data will be shared with any outside company or organization.

What does a visitor do if he/she doesn't have a government-issued ID?

Visitors without a government-issued ID will be denied access to the school.

Will the Raptor System be used for after school activities?

No, the system will only be used during normal school hours, Monday through Friday.