



Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hopkins County Schools is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen the district's program of campus safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to achieve that objective. The Raptor system will better allow us to track visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID, which may be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian is undocumented or for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can ask to see another form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system to check for sex offender status. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings. The Raptor system only checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded. The system is not connected to any other database such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, and information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, date, and purpose of his/her visit.

A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office, pick up paperwork, or check in/out a student. If a person does not have identification, he/she can still be given access to the building, but will be escorted by a school staff member.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system provides a consistent way to aid in keeping our students and staff safe. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be entered into the system and obtain a visitor's badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna D. Ashby".

Dr. Deanna D. Ashby
Superintendent, Hopkins County Schools