

Information Regarding New Visitor Tracking System in Katy ISD

You trust us with your children daily, and we feel it is our responsibility to make every effort to create a safe learning environment. As such, Katy ISD has implemented a new visitor tracking system designed to help protect our students by tracking all campus visitors, including parents, volunteers, vendors and contractors.

Upon entering a Katy ISD campus, all visitors will be asked to present one of the following forms of identification in order to gain entry to the campus beyond the front desk:

- A valid driver's license
- State-issued identification
- Immigration visa
- Green card

The license or identification card will be scanned, and once cleared, the individual will be issued a visitor's badge, which must be worn while on campus and returned to the front office upon leaving.

The following are some frequently asked questions regarding the visitor tracking system.

What is the Raptor V-Soft system?

V-Soft is a visitor registration system that is used to protect the students, faculty, and visitors at school campuses. It enhances school security by reading visitor driver's licenses, comparing information to a sex offender database, alerting campus administrators if a match is found, then (assuming no match was made) printing a visitor badge, which includes a photo.

Why is Katy ISD using this system?

Safety of the 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 and staff members. The system quickly prints visitor badges that include a photo, the name of the visitor, time and date.

How does it work?

Drivers' license information is compared to a national data base of registered sex offenders from 48 states including Texas. Raptor is only scanning the visitor's name, date of birth, and photo for comparison. The system has the ability to provide alerts on people who may jeopardize the safety of the campus. If a match is found, campus administrators and law enforcement personnel can take steps to keep the campus safe.

Who is scanned?

All visitors wanting access to move past the school's front office will need to present a valid driver's license to be scanned using the visitor tracking system. Vendors and contractors entering areas where students are present must also be scanned. All visitors must state the location they wish to visit. After the regular school day, or when students are not present, visitors will not be scanned.

How is Katy ISD paying for the system?

The visitor tracking system is funded through the November 2006 bond authorization. Starting January 10, the system will be piloted at Exley Elementary, West Memorial Junior High and Mayde Creek High School. Pending a successful pilot, V-Soft will be implemented district wide beginning in February.

Besides sex offender data, is any other data is used?

This is NOT a background search – no other criminal information is searched or provided such as traffic tickets, warrants, felonies, etc. The data collected is exclusively for the use of the school, school

district and law enforcement. This information is not sold/shared with any outside resources.

What if a visitor does not have an identification card or driver's license?

Visitors will not gain access to the campus if they do not present a driver's license, identification card, work VISA or green card. The Texas Department of Transportation can issue an identification card once a consulate office has provided the appropriate paperwork to the individual.

If a "hit" comes back indicating that the person just scanned as a sexual predator or offender, what is the protocol?

The staff member scanning the I.D. will verify that the information retrieved is correct. Administrators and law enforcement will be notified immediately. A principal will identify what kind of access the visitor needs. No identified visitor with a positive "hit" will be allowed into the building without an escort.

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

Yes. The school needs to be sure who is visiting the campus and why they are there. The primary obligation is to keep the students safe.

What if I don't have a state-issued identification card?

State-issued identification cards are issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and can be obtained by visiting your local DPS office. There is a DPS office located 6202 George Bush Drive #7, in Katy. Operating Hours are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.; telephone is 281-391-4874.

There is a cost associated with obtaining an ID card. For individuals age 60 or older, the cost is \$5.00; for those under the age of 60, the cost is \$15.00.

For more information on how to obtain a state-issued identification card, visit the [Texas Department of Public Safety website](#).