

Dear Parents and FISD Stakeholders:

As we look to begin a new year in the next few weeks, the district would like to inform you of a bit of a procedural change that our schools will implement for the '09 - '10 school year. Several of our schools ran a pilot program with the Raptor Technology Visitor Registration System this past school year. After this highly successful trial, FISD has decided to begin utilizing the Raptor Program district-wide.

All of you are already familiar with our check-in procedures at your respective schools and that process will remain in place. However, under the Raptor Program, the initial time that you (or any visitor) come to one of our campuses and need to enter one of our buildings beyond the office area itself, you will be required to provide the office staff with your driver's license for the purpose of having it scanned. After this initial visit and scanning of your license, you will be able to check in at the campus as you have in the past without having to go through the scanning process each and every time you visit.

The scanning of your license enables the Raptor Technology System to check the national database for registered sex offenders, and it alerts several entities should a visitor appear at one of our schools who is identified as such via this database. Across the country this tool has allowed predators to be caught who were trying to enter schools as a vendor, repairman, visitor, etc. If a visitor is identified as a sex offender through Raptor, several parties are immediately notified and the information is verified quickly by school personnel so that said personnel at the respective campus can handle the situation appropriately. As you may know however, a parent or other visitor may be a registered sex offender and still be able to attend school functions if said rights are set forth in the parameters of their court orders. If such should ever be the case, rest assured that campus staff members and appropriate, designated personnel will always be in close proximity if and when such visits occur.

We continue to look for ways to assist us in keeping our students safe and FISD feels that this is one more resource in that effort. Note: All parents and adult volunteers will still be required to obtain an annual background check if and when working with or helping to supervise students.

FISD Administration