



Brandywine Heights Area School District

Raptor Visitor Management System Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Raptor system?

Raptor is a visitor registration system that enhances school security by reading visitor drivers' licenses, comparing the information to a sex offender database, alerting campus administrators if a match is found, then (assuming no match was made) printing a visitor badge that includes a photo.

How does it work?

Drivers' license information is compared to a database that consists of registered sex offenders from all 50 states, including Pennsylvania. If a match is found, campus administrators and law enforcement personnel can take appropriate steps to keep the campus safe.

Why is Brandywine Heights using this system?

Safety of our students is our highest priority. Raptor will provide a consistent system to track visitors while keeping away people who present a potential danger to students and staff members. The system quickly prints visitor badges that include a photo, the name of the visitor, time, date, and location they are visiting.

What other information is the school taking from drivers' licenses?

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

What if a visitor refuses to show identification?

A building administrator will be contacted and they can question the individual and explain the process to them. The administrator, based on this knowledge of the person and situation, can make a determination to allow entry or refuse access to the facility and/or a student, or at the administrator's discretion, the student and visitor can meet in the office.

Do we have to give listed sexual offenders and predators access to our school?

Generally speaking, unless the individual is wanted by the police and as long as they have a legitimate reason to be on campus (e.g., visiting a legal dependent) we cannot give a blanket “no.” However, such individuals will only be given limited access and will be accompanied at all times by an adult representative of the school. Building and district administrators will have the final determination if a visitor is granted access to the building and to what extent.

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

Yes. It is our responsibility to monitor who is on our campus, why they are there, and particularly if a student is involved (e.g., early pickup) – be able to confirm that an individual has the authority to have access to the student. The best way to ensure our student’s safety is to ask for this information as an extra security measure.