

Stafford Municipal School District RAPTOR V-SOFT SYSTEM

SMSD has implemented a visitor tracking system designed to track all campus visitors, including parents, volunteers, vendors, and contractors to create a safe learning environment.

Upon entering an SMSD campus, all visitors are 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

The identification is scanned, and once cleared, the individual is 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 used to protect the students, faculty, and visitors at school campuses. It enhances school security by reading visitor identification, comparing information with a sex offender database, alerting campus administrators if a match is found, or printing a photo visitor badge when no match is found.

Why did SMSD Implement V-Soft?

Safety of the students is our highest priority. V-Soft 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 the visitor's photo, name, and time and date of the visit.

How does it work?

Identification information is compared to a national 48 state database including Texas of registered sex offenders. The system has the ability to provide alerts on people who may jeopardize the safety of the campus. V-Soft scans only the visitor's name, date of birth, and photo for comparison. 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 identification to be scanned using the visitor tracking system. Vendors and contractors entering areas where students are present must also present identification to 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.

Besides sex offender database, is any other data 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 will not be shared with outside resources.

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

Visitors will not gain access to the campus if they do not present a valid, specific identification.

What happens if a 'hit' comes back, identifying the visitor as a sexual predator or offender?

The information will be verified as correct by the staff member scanning the identification. Administrators and law enforcement will be notified immediately. A principal will identify what type of access the visitor is permitted. An individual who receives a positive 'hit' will not be allowed in the building without an escort.

Does the school have the right to require visitors, (i.e., parents, grandparents, etc.) to produce identification prior to entering the campus?

Yes. The primary obligation is to keep the students safe.