

High Desert Middle School will be continuing to use the RAPTOR visitor and volunteer management system this year. This system gives us a more modern means for managing guests to our schools, beyond the old paper and pencil system, which we believe will better allow us to track visitors, contractors and volunteers.

If you haven't already been registered into the system, please give yourself a few extra minutes to meet with our office staff so that we can get you logged in. Please bring a valid, state-issued ID (passport, drivers license, government issued identification, etc.), which will be scanned into the system. Our new badges will include your name, a photo of you (pulled from your ID), the date, where you are heading in the school and if you are a volunteer or visitor. A badge will not be necessary for those who come by to simply to drop off an item or to pick up something and do not need to go beyond the main office.

In addition to checking in and out each time you visit, you can further help to maintain safety at our school by redirecting anyone that you see without a badge to our main office and by notifying an administrator.

We believe that this system should be quicker for you than our old paper and pencil sign in system. That said, we do recognize that, like our old paper and pencil system, lines may form when large groups of guests arrive at once for events and activities. Please be sure to give yourself a few extra moments to get signed in during those events, as you did in the past.

The safety of our students is a high priority and we believe this visitor and volunteer management system can provide us with a consistent way to aid in keeping away people who may present a danger to our students. This system adds a layer of security – it will scan the name, date of birth and photo of visitors, vendors, volunteers and contractors to our school for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders.

If you are interested in learning more about this visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com).

If you have any questions for our Director of School Safety, Julianne Repman you are welcome to contact her at 541.355.1010 or julianne.repman@bend.k12.or.us or our Safety Coordinator, Scott Bojanowski at 541.355.1011 or scott.bojanowski@bend.k12.or.us with questions or comments.

Thank you in advance for your support of our work to continue to enhance safety protocols in our schools.