

In keeping up with the school system's ongoing commitment for increased awareness and more secure schools, Jackson-Milton School District is pleased to announce the implementation of the Raptor Visitor Management System (Raptor), a new visitor identification system for the 2015-2016 school year.

Raptor is being used by more than 8,000 schools and facilities across the country and will be installed in all Jackson-Milton School District. A "test run" on the Raptor System will be implemented for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. The Raptor system and its procedures will take full effect for all visitors beginning of the 2015-2016 school year during regular school hours.

The goal of the new system is to add an additional layer of security to safety measures already in place. As a result, all visitors will still follow the current entry procedures, including having to be buzzed in the front door and identifying themselves to front office staff before being allowed to enter the building.

Under the new system, all visitors, including parents, volunteers, and vendors will be required to produce a valid government photo identification (ID) card. The identification will be scanned into the Raptor system and a visitor's badge, complete with a name, date, time and photo will be produced. The only data stored in the system from the ID is the name, date of birth, and photo.

It is the goal of the Jackson-Milton School District to continue to make parents and visitors feel welcomed at our schools so it is important to note that the sole purpose of the new system is for the increased safety of all children and staff. Jackson-Milton School District will only use the scanned and stored information for the purpose of tracking visitors who enter our schools or facilities.

In addition, the system allows the school to compare the visitor's information against the National Sex Offender Database.

The ID only needs to be scanned one (1) time so that future visitor badges may be produced by school staff by doing a first and last name search into the database.

Each school will continue to be staffed by a district employee who has been trained to use the new system and what procedures to follow should a visitor not have a valid ID or one with a barcode for scanning purposes.

Acceptable valid government photo identification (must have Date of Birth):

- U.S. or foreign Driver's License
- U.S. or foreign Government ID
- Military ID
- Department of Motor Vehicles Photo ID
- Passport
- Permanent Resident Card (Green Card)