



THE GOLD STANDARD IN SCHOOL SAFETY

CASE STUDY

Wa-Nee Community Schools Strengthens Safety Culture with Automated Visitor and Volunteer Management

CHALLENGE

Student and staff safety had been a primary concern in the Wa-Nee Community Schools for years and had become a heightened priority over the last decade. From transportation to receiving, and from labs to kitchens, safe practices and injury prevention received strong emphasis. By 2014, the nationwide increase in school violence and similar uptick in unauthorized custody-related contacts and abductions convinced Wa-Nee officials to explore additional measures that would increase school security and further enhance the district's culture of safety.

SOLUTION

In 2014 Wa-Nee's school resource officer returned from a conference where he had seen the Raptor® Visitor Management system. Convinced that the system would allow the district to eliminate use of inaccurate paper sign-in sheets while providing the ability to screen, manage, and track all visitors, including volunteers, the officer recommended immediate adoption.

WA-NEE SCHOOLS (IN) SCHOOLS



- 3,000 students
- 375 staff
- 5 schools (3 elementary, 1 middle school & 1 high school)

Located south of Elkhart, Indiana, 30 miles from the Michigan state line, the district serves students in and around the communities of Wakarusa and Nappanee

KEY RESULTS

Wa-Nee Community Schools introduced the Raptor® system in 2015. Since then, the system has helped the district:

- Screen and track approximately 50 visitors daily
- Identify and prosecute one registered sex offender attempting to gain school access
- Log more than 10,000 visitor and volunteer sign-ins

Wa-Nee subsequently installed the Raptor system in all five schools. Upon a visitor's arrival on campus, the Raptor system screens the person's state-issued ID against sex offender databases for all 50 states and any district-created custom databases to instantly alert school staff of a dangerous or undesirable presence. Wa-Nee officials can now track visitors and volunteers in real time by school, destination within the school, and reason for the visit. Designated district personnel can use the Raptor system to generate reports on every visitor and volunteer 24/7.

RESULTS

Teachers and staff particularly like that the Raptor system generates temporary photo badges for each visitor and volunteer. "See something, say something" is a key element in Wa-Nee's culture of safety. All teachers and staff wear visible district photo IDs while on duty in the schools, and Raptor temporary photo badges, which are collected when the visitor checks out of the building, provide official visual confirmation that all persons have been screened. When a visitor or volunteer is spotted not wearing a temporary photo badge, he or she is immediately escorted to the school office.

Wa-Nee is currently implementing Raptor Volunteer Management and Emergency Management modules. Parents and staff alike embrace the system's proven ability to increase school safety. "I view our results as proof that this program is working, helping us to reinforce our safety culture," says Amy Rosa, Wa-Nee's Director of Transportation and manager of the district's Raptor implementation. "Our goal is to prevent any attempts by dangerous individuals to have access to our staff and students. We're confident the presence of the Raptor system in our schools is deterring any offender from trying to enter our buildings."

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