



## **How Raptor SmartPass Reduced Unauthorized Student Traffic in Newark CSD's Hallways**

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**Newark Central School District, Newark, New York**

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Driven by their values of high academic standards and student responsibility, Newark CSD replaced paper hall passes with Raptor SmartPass, gaining digital insights and accountability into student movement.

## Newark CSD in Wayne County, New York

Newark Central School District is a K-12 district in Newark, New York, serving roughly 2,000 students across two elementary (UPK-2), one intermediate school (3-5), one middle school (6-8), and one high school (9-12).

To uphold their values of academic excellence and future readiness, the district needed a more effective way to manage hallway wandering. Newark CSD turned to Raptor SmartPass to help limit lost instructional time, bolster student accountability, and gain better insight into student movement through data.

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We really want to know where our kids are, [SmartPass] adds that additional layer of safety and security.

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William Bean, District Coordinator  
of Professional Learning

# CHALLENGES

Before SmartPass, Newark CSD used a combination of paper passes and hallway staff supervision. Each building in the district had hallway monitors, security guards, and other safety staff to help keep an eye on students wandering oversight of class. But even with these measures in place, students still evaded hallway monitors and found ways around processes.

Relying on paper passes created a system where

- **Hall passes became easy to fake and reuse.** Some students held onto passes to use later or give to a friend, while others pretended to have a pass, flashing a piece of paper to the hallway staff. Staff carried the burden of verification instead of the system.
- **Late arrivals wandered the hallways instead of heading to class.** Students arriving late were signed in via the district's attendance system, but staff wouldn't know until after the fact if a student avoided going straight to class. "They might sign in at 7:50 but it's 8:15 before they finally make it to their class," says Bean. "Some kids called it a 'hot lap.'"
- **Staff relied on assumptions instead of data.** Without data, staff couldn't know which or how many students were regularly out of class or abusing bathroom passes, so district administration couldn't measure the actual scope of their student movement problem. This led to policies that restricted movement for all students for the actions of a few without addressing the core issue.

The district needed a hall pass solution that could improve student accountability and reduce lost educational time without overburdening classroom and hallway staff.

## HOW RAPTOR HELPED

Raptor SmartPass gave Newark CSD a real-time view of student movement across every building with a system that accounts for every student's approved location and time out of class. Authorized staff could view campus and student data to gain insights that inform decisions about early interventions, pass controls, and encounter preventions.

Newark CSD can now

- **View accurate pass use.** Administrators can see actual patterns of student movement, instead of guessing who is out of class frequently, using too many passes, or engaging in bathroom vandalism. This means policy changes and disciplinary conversations are more effectively backed by data.
- **See which students exceed their pass allowance.** With digital pass controls, authorized staff see visible status changes on overdue students, giving Newark CSD hall monitors and security staff a quick way to know when to locate and intervene on a late student.
- **Automate escort requirements.** At Newark CSD, students with disciplinary or behavioral restrictions often require an escort for hallway movement during class. Previously, these requirements were communicated through email or staff meetings, which made them easy to miss or forget. Now, pass restrictions are flagged automatically when a student requests a hall pass.
- **Customize the platform to fit changing needs.** Newark CSD has been able to customize Raptor SmartPass as their needs and policies change. For example, they can change the pass request back to the educator rather than the student for better oversight when needed. And they adapted the bell schedules and class length to accommodate their rotating school schedule.

“The SmartPass team didn’t say, ‘Here’s your solution,’” says Bean. “They said, ‘What’s the issue? How do you want to work through it?’”

## RESULTS

Since implementing Raptor SmartPass, hallways across Newark Central School District are quieter during class time—a sign that students are getting to class and staying there.

With consistent, accurate data from SmartPass, administrators can focus on providing support through insights about student pass requests and interactions with others. The configurability of the platform allows the majority of the student body the freedom to use their passes responsibly, which is integral to the district's goal of setting students up for success through personal accountability.

“We’re trying to help kids think about their own decision making,” explains Bean. “We can’t do that if we just limit everything and put them in a box.”

Raptor SmartPass has dramatically simplified the goal to keep Newark CSD students in class, hold them accountable, and support them when they need it most.

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Now with SmartPass, our kids are where they’re supposed to be more [often] than not. As a result, they have more opportunities to be engaged in their classrooms...and make better-informed decisions.

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