

SafeVisitor Check-In/Check-Out Parent/Guardian FAQs

Why is Snohomish School District using this system?

Safety is our top priority. As our Active Threat Strategic Plan outlines (www.sno.wednet.edu/safety), knowing who is in our buildings at all times is one of our best practices for safety. The new system will allow us to screen visitors and will provide us with a visitor-log. In the event of an emergency/evacuation, it is important to have an accurate visitor log. Approved visitors are welcome in our schools. Our goal is to keep everybody safe while maintaining a welcoming environment.

How does the system work?

Visitors will be asked to scan their Washington state driver's license. The data will be transferred into the system and compared with the national database of registered sex offenders. If no results are returned, a picture is taken, and a badge will be printed.

Will the system check for legal residency in the United States?

No, the system will not check for legal residency in the United States.

Will the system check my driving record?

No, the system will not check the driving record.

What, if I don't have or want to scan a driver's license?

If you don't have a driver's license, you can provide a different photo identification or government- issued form of identification. Please let the staff know that you need assistance checking in.

Why are my name and date of birth required?

This information is necessary to run a check against the National Sex Offender Registry (NSOR).

What if the system produces a false result?

Staff members will work to clear up any false results and can compare the picture of the identified offender to the person standing in front of them.

What information will the system store and where is the data kept?

The driver's license scans and visitor logs are stored within SafeVisitor Solutions in a validated secured environment hosted by Microsoft. The visitor logs are stored for a period not to exceed seven years.

How will larger events be handled?

For larger events, it is possible to have visitors pre-register before arriving at the school. Schools also have the option to default back to paper and pencil for the event.

SafeVisitor Check-In/Check-Out Volunteer FAQs

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How does the system work?

Volunteers will be asked to complete a short online volunteer background check. This can be completed at home or anywhere there is online access. The data will be transferred into the system, a Washington Access To Criminal History (WATCH) check will be run and the applicant will be compared with the national database of registered sex offenders.

If no results are returned, the applicant will receive an approved volunteer confirmation email (to the email provided). Typically, these approvals only take a few minutes. The confirmation email will also include an electronic SafeVisitor identification number/badge which can be used to scan into and out of Snohomish School District schools. Approved volunteers will be asked to arrive to the school a few minutes early at their first visit so the school can take a photo and provide an identifiable volunteer badge for the visit. You will need to bring a Washington state driver's license or government-issued photo identification for the first visit. Our district will then store the photo and associate it with your badge the system will email a new electronic identification with photo that can be stored on your phone or mobile device as an image an image/mobile badge.

If results are returned, the information will be communicated to Snohomish School District administration for consideration. Decisions about volunteer approval status are made on a case-by-case basis. Criminal convictions do not automatically restrict people from volunteering. Applicants should expect to receive notification of a decision within 10 business days. A formal response letter will be issued to the applicant if the application has been denied.

What should approved volunteers bring with them to their first school visit?

Approved volunteers will be asked to arrive to the school a few minutes early at their first visit so the school can take a photo and provide an identifiable volunteer badge for the visit. You will need to bring a Washington state driver's license or government-issued photo identification for the first visit. Our district will then store the photo and the system will email a new electronic identification with photo that can be stored on your phone or mobile device as an image or mobile badge.

What, if I don't have a driver's license?

If you don't have a Washington state driver's license, you can provide a different form of photo identification or a government-issued form of identification.

Will the system provide a badge that can be stored on my phone or mobile device?

You can store your volunteer badge on your phone or mobile device by searching for the SafeVisitor app in the Apple Store or in the Google Play Store. You can then open the app and scan the badge directly from your phone or mobile device.

If approved, how long is my volunteer authorization good for? Can I volunteer in any Snohomish School District school?

The in-depth background checks will remain on file for two (2) years. Approved applicants can volunteer in any Snohomish School District school during that two-year period.

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