



HALLETT ACADEMY

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Oct. 4, 2023

Dear Hallet Families,

First of all, I would like to thank you for such a warm welcome to Hallett. The students, staff, and community have been wonderful to work with daily, and I look forward to getting to know everyone during my time here.

As you know, student and staff safety is the number one priority for Denver Public Schools. This has never been more important than it is right now.

In order to continue to ensure safety at Hallett, we will be implementing the RAPTOR system, utilized district-wide, effectively immediately. The RAPTOR system is a visitor registration system that enhances school safety by reading visitor driver's licenses and comparing the information to a national sex offender database. The school leadership and the DPS Department of Safety are notified if a match is found, and the visitor identified will not be allowed entry. The system also prints out a visitor badge if no match is made, permitting access to be in the building.

Currently, we don't have a reliable way to know who is coming into the building. Safety is best when layers of systems work together within the environment. That is why I will be working with the DPS Technology team and the Department of Climate and Safety to install this system to improve the safety of everyone in our building. Please know that this system is already widely being used in other schools across Denver Public Schools.

Please know that you may still walk your students to their classes in the morning. In addition, parents and guests will not be able to access the building through the playground door. All parents, community members, and guests must enter the building through the front door only.

Once the RAPTOR system is installed, all visitors will need to use the RAPTOR system upon entry. It may slow your entry process to Hallett, but I hope you see it as a small sacrifice to help keep our students safe. Staying at the office while you sign your student out will not be impacted by this process.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charmaine Keeton
Interim Principal