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Video: Auburn school has new way to protect students

AUBURN, Wash. - A new type of technology for schools can identify sex offenders and other visitors who don't belong.

For Principal Greg Brown at Dick Scobee Elementary in Auburn, keeping track of visitors is almost a full-time job.

"All of the restraining orders, parenting plans, custody issues for all of the kids at our school," said Brown.

In addition to the hundreds of pages of important information on who should not be allowed through the doors, there are also 22 sex offenders living in the area.

That's why Brown is now using the Lobby Guard.

"I actually saw it at a national principal's convention. I knew it was something that I wanted for my school," said Brown.

The Lobby Guard employs a touch screen for anyone entering the building. There's also a drivers license scanner which allows the machine to run an instant background check.

"It protects the kids, too, because people don't realize I can get 10, 15 restraining orders and keep everyone notified," said Scobee secretary Anne Gilbert.

The Lobby Guard also has capabilities of cross-referencing your information with the National Sex Offender Registry. But for right now, the school district has concerns about those capabilities and the legalities. The school has shut off the sex offender function for now, but Brown hopes it can be used next school year.

Some parents already like the system.

"Just knowing that he's safe when I drop him at school," said Theresa Reynolds.

"It keeps people out of the school system because that's where they could get their victims," said Meg Malone.