

Schools protect against sex predators

Lobby Guard system in Chesapeake Public Schools

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CHESAPEAKE, Va. (WAVY) - The Chesapeake public school district is taking extra security measures to keep children safe from sexual predators.

In order to get into all of the public schools in Chesapeake, visitors must get past the electronic Lobby Guard. Once a visitor checks in, the computer checks them out.

"It checks them against the national and state sex offender registry, so that we make sure that anyone who is visiting our building is not on any of those lists," said Wayne Martin, Director of Student Services.

For parents, it helps put their minds at ease.

"Anything could happen, but at least we have that there. And that this is somebody sitting there, and they know who comes through - who we all are, and who is picking up the kids," said parent Jennifer Ringwald.

For schools, it's an extra layer of protection and an extra barrier for the safety of the children.

Federal stimulus money paid for the Lobby Guard system which cost about \$7,000 each.