



VERNON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Visitors frequently asked questions

Why am I required to make an appointment to visit my child's school 24 hours in advance?

Vernon Board of Education policy requires that appointments during school hours be made in advance by all visitors to minimize disruption of administration, teaching and staff duties. To make an appointment, please contact your schools main office.

Why do you require a valid, government issued photo ID for me to visit my child's school?

The safety and security of our students and staff is of the utmost importance. We require a valid, government issued, photo identification from all visitors so we can positively verify the identity of everyone in our facilities. If you do not have photo identification, you may make an appointment with our Logistics and Safety Supervisor to provide alternative documentation to verify your identity.

Do I need to bring my ID with me every time I visit a school?

Yes, you will need to bring your valid, government issued, photo identification with you anytime you visit our schools, including when picking up your child.

What happens when you scan my government issued photo ID?

By scanning your ID card, the system extracts your name and date of birth and enters it into our visitor management system and compares it to the national sexual offender database. If no matches are found, a visitor badge will be printed and you will be permitted to enter the school.

If a positive match occurs indicating that a visitor is a registered sexual offender, what will happen?

In the event that a sexual offender attempts to enter one of our schools, our office staff will receive a discreet alert and have been trained to handle the situation in a professional and non-confrontational manner. It should be noted that the Vernon Board of Education policy prohibits sexual offenders from being on school property during school hours or any school related function.

I am a parent, but I am a registered sexual offender; can I visit my child's school?

We encourage parents to be part of their child's educational process and have put policies in place to ensure that you are able to attend meetings and events. You are required to meet with the Superintendent in advance of your visit to your child's schools so we may review the policies and procedures with you.

What information is stored by your system?

Your name, date of birth, and photo will be stored in our secure, on-line, visitor management system as well as the date and time of your visit.