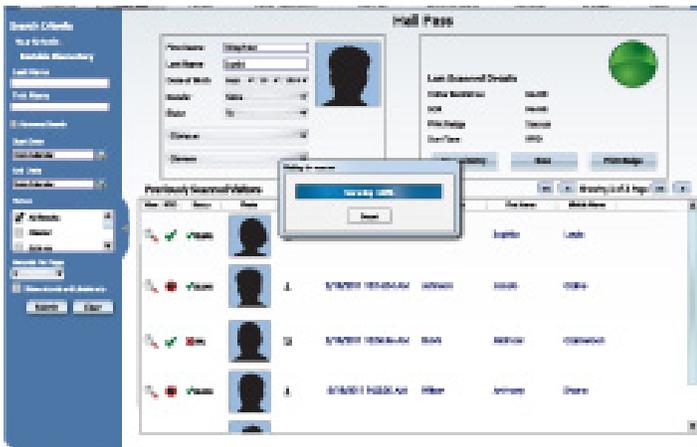




Accommodating visitors while keeping students safe

Safety and security are top priorities in Kansas City Public Schools. We respect the trust that families place in us with their children, and we are always looking for innovative ways to make our schools safer and more secure. With that in mind, we're unveiling a new visitor management system for the 2015-2016 school year: Hall Pass.



Hall Pass is a fast, effective way of ensuring that families and other visitors can get access to their schools while also keeping sexual predators and other restricted individuals away from students and staff.

Here's how it works:

- When entering a school, each visitor must present a government-issued ID at the front office or security desk.
- The ID is scanned using the Hall Pass optical scanner and in seconds the information is checked against the National Sex Offender Registry and a list of restricted visitors that will be established in the near future by KCPS.
- If the visitor is found on either the sex offender or restricted list, and he or she has a legitimate, school-related reason for the visit (a parent meeting with the principal or teacher, for instance), that person will be supervised by a KCPS representative

in a secure area away from students during their visit. Otherwise, if the visitor has no legitimate purpose for being in the school, he/she will be politely escorted off the property by the principal or KCPS Security, and KC Police will be notified.

- If the visitor is cleared, Hall Pass will print a time stamped and dated photo badge for the visitor to wear while on school grounds.
- Each badge can be labeled for the reason of the visit. These include but are not limited to: visitor, volunteer, vendor, or substitute. The visitor's destination can be added as well.



The Hall Pass system is primarily designed to increase safety by making sure that known sexual predators are kept away from our students. It is not a law enforcement tool.

We will not be using it to catch people with outstanding arrest warrants, residency status issues, or other similar issues. Families and other visitors who have legitimate reasons will still have access to our schools.

Safer schools mean better teaching and learning. Thank you for your help and cooperation as we launch the new Hall Pass visitor management system!

Please contact your school if you have questions or concerns.