


## Principal says south Toledo school's hi-tech device keeps kids safe

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TOLEDO, OH (WTOL) - Winterfield Venture Charter Academy in south Toledo has a hi-tech computer system to keep its students and staff safe.

Principal Amy Kramer says the school's security system is better than a sign in sheet or a security guard because it offers instant background checks.

Kramer says LobbyGuard is a computer system that screens visitors and prospective staffers.

For example, before visitors can venture inside the school, they must first have their picture taken at the front office. Then, their driver's license is scanned for a quick background check.

For example, if someone turns up in a sex offender database, the principal gets a phone update so she can take appropriate action.

Kramer says thankfully a situation like that has never come up in the four years the school has used the system.

Each visitor is given a badge with his or her picture and when they leave the school, they must scan their barcode, which the school's principal says keeps track of who is in the school.

Parent and librarian Kathryn Henke says LobbyGuard is a comfort for her because she knows the children are safe.

"I don't have to worry about people just walking in and you know you see all the stories on the news about horrible things happening," said Henke. "I don't have that fear when my kids are here."