

FAQ

What problem are we trying to solve?

Over the last year, we have had issues where this system could have potentially helped the person that disrupted graduation is one example and unwanted guests arriving to visit students unannounced. Fortunately, none of these situations resulted in serious criminal activities.

Moreover, when it comes to the safety of our community, we want to be proactive even though it may cause some inconvenience. Knowing who is on campus and having software to track visitors and make it easier to identify known bad actors is an enhancement to the safety of the community.

Was the decision the result of broad community input and/or the campus safety task force?

The Campus Safety Advisory Board has discussed this and is in favor.

How will we manage big events -- including Open Rhodes, Admission events, Move-athletic events (including football games), academic conferences, alumni events, Homecoming, and graduation?

The check-in process for large events is described in the announcement message. All these events have (or easily can have) registration processes that can allow registered external guests to bypass the check-in at the gate even for athletic events parents of our players get passes in advance.

If we make exceptions for the above events, does that mean the process/policy will not be consistently applied?

We do not anticipate exceptions. People who attend large events have the opportunity to pre-register. Guests and visitors who do not pre-register will need to follow the sign-in process.

Will faculty and staff family members (including children) need to get visitor passes?

Adult family members can either get a pass or check in at the gate. Children under the age of 18 and accompanied by an adult will be excluded.

Will the policy make us less welcoming?

Anyone coming to campus can expect to be met with a welcoming and pleasant experience from our officers.

Ultimately, our students are our most important responsibility, and this enhancement enables us to make our campus a little safer for them.