

A Note on Safety

School safety is paramount. It supersedes anything else that we do. Safety includes anything that concerns the health and well-being of our community.

If your child has a medical condition or takes medication, please be sure to inform the school nurse. Mrs. Wendy Barragan, RN, can be reached at 504-324-7160, and her email is wendy.barragan@hynesschool.com. We have many students who have severe food allergies including peanuts and tree nuts. For the safety of all students, follow all guidance that is communicated through the homeroom.

On August 9, 2018, our faculty and staff participated in active shooter training conducted by members of the NOPD SWAT. Hynes was commended for the safety plan that is in place.

During the school day, Hynes restricts access to campus. The one point of entry, the main set of front doors, is restricted and monitored during the day. Anyone who has a reason to visit campus is required to produce a picture ID (driver's license or state ID) to obtain a visitor's pass. This ID is swiped through our system which matches it to a national database. Teachers have clearly defined teaching schedules and will not be disturbed during this time. If you need to see a teacher, please make an appointment so that it can be scheduled during an off period.

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten families may enter the building in the morning through the back doors to escort their child(ren) to class. These visitors may not go past this area, and if there is other business to conduct at the school, will be required to exit and re-enter the building through the main office. We regret that this may feel inconvenient, but we will **not** compromise the safety of the students and adults in the building for convenience. Do not prop open locked doors or allow visitors to enter while you exit.

If there are any changes to custody arrangements that affect school dismissal and early check out, you must inform the administrative team so that all legal arrangements are in place at school.

Walk on the sidewalks and cross at intersections while on campus. Adults model appropriate pedestrian traffic for the safety of all students and stakeholders. Carpool lanes move efficiently once the students are dismissed. Post the student placard in the windshield so that it is visible to the teachers on duty.

Over 20 Hynes faculty and staff received additional training on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), and first aid. Two AEDs will be installed in the building. One will be in close proximity to the gym, theater, and cafeteria. The other will be on the first floor of the building near the center stairs. Everyone on staff has received training on the Heads Up concussion protocol. If a student reports that he/she hit his head, the nurse will evaluate the situation. If a child hits his/her head, he/she will be required to sit out to be sure that there are no other signs of concussion. "When in doubt, sit it out." For more information visit the website <https://headsup.cdc.gov/>.

Faculty, staff, and students participate in monthly drills for fire, weather, and intruder safety. Students are taught that if they see something, they need to say something. The Hynes

community values our Husky High Five: Be Cooperative, Be Respectful, Be Peaceful, Be Kind, so that we can all Be Safe. Students who follow the Husky High Five are recognized and rewarded through our positive behavior and intervention supports (PBIS). The Olweus Bully Prevention Program is part of our instruction. Bullying has three components:

- Bullying is aggressive behavior (physical, verbal, electronic) that involves unwanted, negative actions.
- Bullying involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time.
- Bullying involves an imbalance of power or strength.

Students are taught to understand the roles of bystanders in a bullying situation. If they see something, they need to say something. Administration is required to follow state guidelines if a situation is deemed as bullying.

Thank you for your attention to school safety. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 504-324-7160 if you have any questions or concerns.