

Dear North Richland MS Families,

The safety of BISD students and staff is a top priority for BISD. The district believes if our children and staff do not feel safe at school, they will find it difficult to focus on learning.

In 2009, BISD implemented a visitor tracking system for each campus. The system logs visitors as they enter and exit the campus, generates visitor badges, electronically checks all visitors against multiple registered sex offender databases, and tracks and maintains a database of campus visitors. However, this one safety measure is not enough. Unfortunately, the possibility remains that an intruder can slip into one of our buildings undetected.

Beginning this school year, BISD is implementing a new safety measure at every elementary and middle school. In 2011 BISD piloted this additional safety measure at Green Valley Elementary School, The Academy at West Birdville and Richland Middle School.

BISD has installed a video check-in system at the main entrance to NRMS. (This system is being used successfully in many other districts, including Keller ISD and Garland ISD.) The new program will allow us to keep the main doors of our campus locked during the school day.

**When visitors/parents visit NRMS they must:**

- Come to the designated front door, push a buzzer and wait for a response from the office.
- The office staff will use a video camera and intercom to see and speak to the person at the door before granting them access to the building.
- Once access is granted, the visitor must come straight to the office to obtain a visitor's badge.

Though this system may seem inconvenient at first, it is important to remember this change better protects our children. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation in making our campus as safe as possible.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ernie Valamides  
Principal