

# Carroll ISD School Safety Update 2006

The protective measures detailed below are a part of the Carroll ISD Emergency Operations Procedures manual. This document was recently updated and approved by Carroll ISD School Trustees in February 2006. Questions about the district's emergency response and/or prevention procedures should be directed to the Communications & Marketing Department at 817-949-7080.

- All visitors to CISD campuses are asked to check in at the school office upon immediate arrival to verify identification and obtain a visitor's pass.
- Minor entrances and exits at CISD school campuses are to be locked at all times. Visitors are asked to use the main school entrance/exits in an effort to help school officials monitor traffic flow on campus.
- School employees are encouraged to approach any and all school visitors to request compliance with office check-in procedures.
- Refusal to follow procedures and/or show identification will result in denial of access to the campus.
- Employees are not permitted to prop exterior doors or windows open with rocks or other items to control building temperatures. Incidents such as this should be reported to the campus administration.
- Teachers *are* instructed to keep classroom doors locked, but propped open during the course of the school day. This will help ensure a faster response time in the event a lockdown becomes necessary.
- School resource officers are located at each of the district's secondary schools and serve as first responders for all CISD campuses.
- Carroll ISD works cooperatively with local fire and police officials to ensure ongoing prevention and mitigation measures are in place. The Superintendent activates emergency response teams and/or safety measures in consultation with local emergency personnel.
- Campuses regularly participate in fire evacuation, inclement weather and lockdown drills to ensure that students and staff are well versed in crisis procedures and responses.
- CISD conducts criminal background checks of all district employees, as well as, volunteers assisting with overnight trips involving students, transporting students in personal vehicles, and those contracted professionals who work individually with students.
- Campus administrators have identified a chain of command at their building that extends to five professional staff members. This, too, helps ensure a faster response time in the event of a campus emergency.
- All campuses have full-time nurses and counselors who are trained to handle a variety of emergency situations.
- Procedures for parents and students are outlined in the campus handbooks and the School Bus Safety Handbook. All are available for public review on the CISD website. To protect the integrity of the district's total crisis response, the Emergency Operations Plan is not posted to the district's website.
- Carroll ISD's new school bond package includes bus and building surveillance cameras and a swipe card system to equip CISD facilities with the latest security technology.
- All school employees and campus visitors are encouraged to observe school speed zones and to refrain from talking on their cell phones when driving in pedestrian areas near the schools.
- The district regularly monitors state and national news coverage of security and/or safety situations to ensure that Carroll ISD's plan and individual responses are aligned appropriately.
- Age-appropriate discussion of world events is permitted at the discretion of the campus principals and teachers. Viewing of live TV coverage is often limited, however, depending on the circumstances and nature of the national incident.

Keep in mind that Carroll ISD uses its web site, cable TV channels 30 (Charter) and 33 (Verizon FiOS), U.S. mail, E-mail, and/or the telephone system to notify parents of safety instructions and/or guidelines. Listen to news radio (WBAP 820 AM or KRLD 1080 AM) or await contact from the school district regarding an update during a school crisis and/or inclement weather. In the event of a campus security situation, parents are asked to refrain from calling or responding to the campus until communication is made from the district.

While we cannot prevent each and every emergency, our pledge to parents is to keep you informed and current about facts involving school safety. Thank you for your cooperation in complying with CISD safety policies and procedures.