

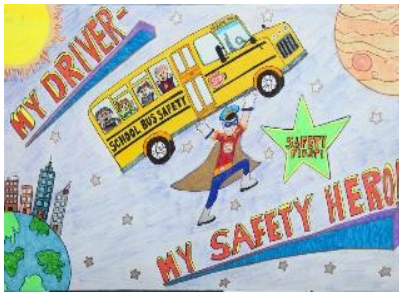
SANTA FE ISD

SAFETY MATTERS

Santa Fe ISD Safe and Secure Schools Update

October 12, 2018

National School Bus Safety Week



National School Bus Safety Week is October 22-26, 2018. This year's theme is "My Driver-My Safety Hero." The District's first priority in the transportation program is the safety of students. Approximately 3,500 students are transported by 57 drivers on 40 buses with over 140 routes on a daily basis. This week is set aside to promote safety when loading, unloading and while riding on the bus. Literature is given to students during this week to share with their parents and with the community about bus safety.

Texas School Bus Illegal Passing Survey

As we look ahead to celebrating National Bus Safety Week during the week of October 22- 26, the District would like to share the results of a *School Bus Arm Survey*. On a single day last school year, 8,913 Texas school bus drivers reported that their buses were illegally passed by other vehicles a total of 7,429 times.

That's an average of 1.2 illegal Texas school bus passings reported per driver, and an increase from the average of 0.9 illegal bus passings reported per driver in Texas for a single day in 2017, when there were 804 fewer drivers participating in the survey than this school year.

The results were reported in the eighth annual *School Bus Stop Arm Survey* coordinated by the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation and reported each August. The Texas Department of Public Safety assists in the data collection for the Texas portion of the survey.

Please remember that passing a school bus on an undivided highway is illegal. For example, passing a school bus when the Stop Arm is out on Highway 6, FM 646 or Highway 1764, is considered an illegal pass since this is not a divided highway.



School Lunch Week

School Lunch Week, "school lunch lots 2 love," is October 15-19, 2018. The Santa Fe ISD "YUM" Nutrition Department serves approximately 875 breakfasts and 1,921 lunches daily, and these employees serve nearly 645,000 meals each year, ensuring students nutritional needs are met with appealing and delicious meals. This week is set aside to encourage all residents to become aware and concerned about their children's and their own nutrition habits, in hope of achieving a healthier outlook for today and the future. Since

fall break falls within this week, the Nutrition Department has selected the week of October 22-26, 2018, to celebrate.

Food Allergies

The District requests to be notified when a student has been diagnosed with a food allergy, especially those allergies that could result in dangerous or possibly life-threatening reactions either by inhalation, ingestion, or skin contact with the particular food. It is important to disclose the food to which the student is allergic, as well as the nature of the allergic reaction. Please contact the school nurse or campus principal if your child has a known food allergy or as soon as possible after any diagnosis of a food allergy.

The District has developed and annually reviews a food allergy management plan, which addresses employee training, dealing with common food allergens, and specific strategies for dealing with students diagnosed with severe food allergies. Each year all staff in the District are required to complete a mandatory training, Health Emergencies: Life-Threatening Allergies through Safe Schools, an online training system. When the District receives information that a student has a food allergy that puts the student at risk for anaphylaxis, individual care plans will be developed to assist the student in safely accessing the school environment. The District's food allergy management plan can be accessed at the Health Services/Nurses Website [Also see Board policy FFAF(LOCAL)].

District wide Staff Training

On October 8, 2018, all District staff received *Stop the Bleed Training* from Dr. Lance Griffin, Trauma Surgeon, from UTMB in Galveston. District staff was taught the ABC response model which includes **Alert**-Call 911; **Bleeding**-Find the Injury and **Compress**-apply pressure to stop the bleeding. The staff also received "hands-on" training using Trauma Safe Kits which included Tourniquets including proper tourniquet application on yourself and others and the proper procedure for Packing a Wound. In addition, all staff received *CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events)* from Chief Walter Braun, SFISD Chief of Police. This specific training is designed and built on the Avoid, Deny, Defend (ADD) strategy developed by ALERRT in 2004. CRASE training provides strategies, guidance and a proven plan for surviving an active shooter event.

New Safety Procedures at the Cowan Education Center

In keeping the lines of communication open with our parents and community, the District is providing this latest announcement regarding updated safety measures and procedures. Raptor is the nation's leading provider of integrated school safety technologies. Every campus in Santa Fe ISD has this system in place for all visitors. Beginning October 15, 2018, The Elizabeth "Yaws" Cowan Education Center will now have this system in place to accommodate all visitors to the building. This system will also be used to ensure safety for any visitors requesting entry to our Indian Success Academy and STRIVE program located in a building adjacent to the Cowan Center. Anyone wishing to visit these offices/programs will be required to check in through the Cowan Center first. All visitors to any of these facilities will be required to provide a valid driver's license as proof of identity.

Students, Staff & Parents

Since the District will be closed October 17th-19th for Fall Break, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for all for your support in making this a great first nine weeks in Santa Fe ISD. We also want to thank all of you for your patience, support and understanding as you experienced new procedures this school year to ensure a safe and secure learning environment. Have a restful, safe weekend, and we look forward to our Fall Break! As a result of the fall break, the next edition of Safety Matters will be shared on Friday, October 26, 2018.

Reminder: The Resiliency Center provides free long-term services at no cost to community members

The Resiliency Center serves as a free long-term resource for healing the Santa Fe community. The Center's caring professionals provide a safe and supportive healing environment dedicated to everyone affected by the incident. As a referral hub, the Center works with partner agencies that provide spiritual care referrals, training, advocacy, legal aid, equine therapy, recreational therapy, and more. The Resiliency Center is open daily, and for more information, contact the center directly at 409-218-7129 or email cgaylord@ci.santa-fe.tx.us

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