

October 30, 2009

To all Parents of J.R. Irvin Elementary –

Our greatest concern is the safety of your children.

New Texas law states that all children younger than eight years old (unless taller than 4'9"), be in a child passenger safety seat system. The safest place for your student in your car is in the back seat. Therefore we are asking that you allow our teachers to put your students in the back seat. Below are some additional suggestions to help ensure our students' safety during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times.

- Please use the curb lane to drop off your child. It is too dangerous to stop in the street and let your child out of the car.
- You must enter the car line from 4th Street around the back of the school. Please do not turn on 2nd Street and try to get in the car line – the students have already been called to their pick-up number.
- After your child is in your car, please remain in the car line until the line begins moving. Avenue H is a 2-way street and cars exiting the car line are sometimes in the middle of the road.
- If you must make alternate pick-up arrangements for your child, please notify the office BEFORE 2:15. It is very difficult after that time to locate and verify that your child is in the right place.
- We will no longer release children between 2:30 and 2:45, unless it is an emergency. Classes are getting organized with take-home work and lining up for dismissal. We do not have enough office staff to locate students during this time.
- Please SLOW DOWN!

Another new Texas law prohibits the use of handheld devices in school crossing zones. In order to ensure the safety of all of our students, we ask that you comply with this new law.

As always, please know that all of us here at J.R. Irvin only have your students' best interest at heart. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jean Embry
Principal