

Keeping Junction Students Safe



Junction Elementary welcomes visitors to our school community, as we are very proud of our facilities and our learning environment. However, keeping our students safe is our top priority at Junction and within the Turner School District. Please review the below information regarding some of our practices, our routines and the ways that you may help us reach this goal on a daily basis!

Arrival and Dismissal: Following Junction's arrival and dismissal procedures helps to promote the safe movement of students before and after our school day. These procedures also support the Junction staff in the safe transition of students from our care to the care of parents.

- **Car Riders** - We ask that **parents remain in vehicles during drop-off and arrival**, as staff will support your child in and out of your vehicle. Car rider arrival will begin at 7:40 am and will conclude at 8:05 am. For the safety of our students, we ask that parents do not drop off your child without staff present. Afternoon dismissal begins at 3:05 pm. If you are picking your child up, we ask that you remain in the car line and do not park your vehicle and pick your child up from the front office. Teachers will not dismiss students from the car line unless the parent is in their vehicle. During times of high traffic flow on 42nd street and in our car rider loop, we understand this process may be slow at times. We feel the extra few minutes these procedures may take are worth the extra effort in keeping our students safe.
- **Bus Riders** – Students will be dismissed from busses at 7:40 am. Students will report directly to breakfast or the classroom. At 3:05, the office will dismiss students from the classroom by bus number. Staff will be available to assist students on busses.

Changing Your Child's Transportation: The end of the day is a very hectic time of day for teachers and office staff. Our top priority at the end of the day is ensuring that students are prepared for home and get to the correct location for dismissal. If you need to change your child's regular route of transportation, please call the office before 2:30 pm. We will not accept transportation changes after 2:30 pm.

A Secure Building: All exterior doors at Junction are locked when students are in attendance. For any visitor to gain access to the building, the buzzer system located at the front door of the school must be used. Office staff will greet visitors through the intercom system and will ask the visitor to provide information regarding his/her visit. At this time, **all visitors will be asked to provide a government issued photo I.D.** Office staff will determine if entry to the school will be granted. Once entry to the school has been provided, please note the below expectations of our visitors.

- During your first visit, you will be required to submit your I.D. through our new Raptor Visitor System. A visitor badge will be provided by the office during your visit.
- A request to visit a classroom can only be approved by the principal, but is not encouraged due to interruption of the learning environment.

In an effort to keep our schools as secure as possible, schools will not allow parents to escort their children to the classroom after August 19. If you feel your child is having difficulty transitioning to school in the morning, we are happy and more than willing to assist! Often times we have found, especially for our youngest students, that returning after the first few weekends can be a challenge. We are ready to help!

Being Prepared: Junction Elementary and all Turner schools have safety and crisis plans in place in case of an emergency. In addition, students and staff participate in routine drills throughout the school year. We are also fortunate to have the great support of our local emergency responders throughout our community.

Ensuring the Safety of Our Students is a Group Effort: Through the course of the school year, we want each of our students and families to be aware of our school surroundings. If you ever see suspicious activity around our school or any of our Turner schools, please report it immediately.

If you have questions or concerns about safety, please do not hesitate in contacting us at 913-288-3600.