

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

School Safety – We All Play An Important Role

On television and in the newspapers, there has been a lot of talk about the issues involving safety in the schools. Please note that the administration and staff at Nathan Hale High School are focused on continuing to make our school safe for our students and visitors. This leads us to making a few simple requests to our students' families and visitors:

- 1) During the school day, always enter Nathan Hale High School at the front entrance located on West Lincoln Avenue.
- 2) Be prepared to show photo identification as it is now required by our school.
- 3) Please wear the visitor pass given to you at the front door throughout your stay in the school.
- 4) Please exit using the same front entrance.
- 5) As you walk through the building to your destination, please keep your cell phone off and do not engage in conversations in the hallways. Classes are in session and should not be interrupted.
- 6) Please do not open up any outside doors to other visitors. This can cause tremendous conflict if unknowns are walking throughout our building.

Changes will take place in the future regarding procedures and precautions. As we look at best practices and work with law enforcement agencies, Homeland Security, and the School District, we will make changes to keep Nathan Hale safer for student learning and achievement.

Currently, we use security cameras that are strategically placed in and around the building. We are extremely proactive with our students in engaging in discussions that may cause conflict and we hold mediations to help resolve the problems. Recently, the West Allis-West Milwaukee Crime Stoppers supplied the school with locker stickers that provide information on how to report suspicious behaviors anonymously. An administrator and several counselors attended conferences on school safety, which was sponsored by Homeland Security. The overall security plan is also under review.

Finally, we look for ways to improve our security at school. If you notice something that doesn't seem right, or if you or your child hears of something, please contact an administrator at the school immediately. We thank our students, staff, and West Allis community in helping us keep our school safe.

Sincerely,

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