

# Safety and Security Updates

## Armed Safe School Officer or Police Officer

Westwood Heights Elementary (WHE) will be staffed with an armed officer every day during student hours to provide school security and safety services for the campus and protect the life and well-being of scholars, staff, and visitors. The officer will use appropriate level of force to stop, disrupt or eliminate physical threats to students, staff, and visitors on campus.

## Security Cameras

The WHE security monitoring system has been upgraded per district protocol to meet new digital standards. All security cameras can now be monitored in real-time from several computers when on district campuses. Upgrades to the security system will continue throughout the 18-19 school year to include additional cameras with analytic capabilities that will further enhance our abilities to identify and mitigate threats to the security of our campus and safety of all scholars, faculty/staff, and visitors.

## Doors

All doors, including front office and classroom doors, will be locked at all times. The single point of entry to the campus is the front office. All visitors must enter the campus through the single point of entry.

## Perimeter Gates

School perimeter gates will be unlocked only for arrival and dismissal. Unlocked gates will be monitored by school staff members who will have a functioning two-way radio and be trained in procedures of how to respond to intruders accessing the campus. When utilizing the parent car loop on the north side of campus (NW 7<sup>th</sup> St entrance), all parents/caregivers are expected to remain in their vehicles. School staff will assist in getting children to cars. The parent car loop will be unlocked during the following times:

Arrival            7:30-8:00 AM  
K-5 Dismissal 3:00-3:30 PM

At the end of arrival and dismissal, all perimeter gates will be secured. All perimeter gates will remain locked after 3:30 PM even while students and staff are still on campus. Access to the campus will only be permitted through the single point of entry in the front office.

## Signing In

All visitors must enter through the front office and be processed through the Security Tracking and Response (STAR) System by providing a valid Federal, State, or Broward County School Board issued photo identification. This includes, but is not limited to, parents, District staff, vendors, volunteers, and members of the public. Visitor names, date of visit, time of arrival, purpose for visit, and time of departure will be logged.

## Parent, Scholar & Staff ID Badges

Individuals visiting campuses must wear a district-issued identification badge, site-based visitor badge or volunteer badge while on campus. ID badges **MUST** be worn at all times. Any visitor that is not wearing a badge will be expected to produce and wear the appropriate badge or immediately leave campus. Additionally, identification badges will be produced for all scholars and staff members and must be worn at all times. The Crisis Text Line will be printed on the back of student and staff identification badges. This tip line can be used by texting FL to 741741.