



Dear Arkansas City Community,

We want to take a minute to inform you of some upcoming changes to the 2018-2019 school year regarding security at ACHS. It is unfortunate that building security has been thrust to the forefront of education, but we want to do everything we can to ensure that we are always operating in a safe environment.

The first change regards student parking. Students will be required to park in the east parking lot, rather than the stadium parking lot. The south lot is reserved for staff and visitors. Students are not permitted to park in the south lot or the stadium (west) lot during school hours. Having students park in the east parking lot is an important first step to school safety and affects the second upcoming change.

The second change involves where students will enter the building. At the beginning of the day, all students will enter through two main areas: the front doors (doors "A") and the east doors on Senior Street (doors "SS"). Students who ride the bus will be dropped off at the east doors on Senior Street (doors "SS") and picked up at the doors in the circle drive (doors "NN").

Thirdly, the Kansas State Fire Marshall is changing the requirements for the emergency preparedness drills that schools complete. Rather than doing a fire drill every month, all schools will conduct a total of 16 drills during the school year. These drills will include 4 fire, 3 tornado, and 9 crisis drills. The 9 crisis drills can encompass many different safety scenarios including, but not be limited to, intruder response drills and lockdown drills. We will be working closely with our school resource officer and other local agencies while coordinating these drills.

If you have any questions regarding safety at ACHS, please contact the office at 441-2010. We are treating the safety of our students and staff with the utmost importance, and hope that everybody will see the value of these changes.

Thank you,
ACHS Administration