

We're sure you have heard about or seen changes at The Franklin County School. We'd like to take this opportunity to explain what is happening and why. Please understand that while we have not had any incident at school necessitating these changes, we are taking a proactive approach to protect our students, your children.

The first change you may notice is an automated gate system out front. Please be careful when you come up the driveway. If you see the stop signs in front of you, the gate is closed and will only open in the proximity of special transmitters in the vehicles of certain staff members. In the case of an emergency, first responder vehicles are equipped to open the gate. The gate will be open during normal business hours and whenever there is an activity requiring extended access.

The biggest change involves visitors to the campus. You now must have some type of government issued ID card. It does not have to be a driver's license, it can be a state issued ID card or a military ID or any other type of government issued identification. Again, while we have not had a major security problem, we have had enough minor incidents that caused us to review our procedures and comply more closely with state law. You will no longer be able to sign in as you have done in the past. You will be required to present your ID to our secretary who will then scan it and enter your name and photograph into our visitors system. It will review existing databases to check for the presence of an individual who should not be allowed on our campus with access to your children. The new system will print out a name tag with your picture, name and date which you should stick somewhere visible while on campus.

We have made these changes for a couple of reasons, the first is safety. Student safety is one of our prime concerns and we take it seriously. We are responsible for your most precious possessions, your children, and we want to make sure that your trust continues to be earned. The second reason concerns better compliance with state statute and improving the level of security of all schools within the state.

We hope you come to visit our school and join with us in ensuring the ongoing safety and security of our students, your children.