



# South Houston High School

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Mrs. Andrea Wenke - Principal

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Dear Parents,

Pasadena Independent School District is committed to keeping our students safe during their time at school. In a continuous effort to enhance our safety efforts districtwide, Pasadena ISD will implement random metal detector screenings at all secondary campuses (grades 7-12) beginning May 2019. The purpose of these screenings is to prevent and deter students from bringing weapons to school.

A district level team, comprised of male and female employees and contracted staff, will be trained specifically in metal detection with a promise of the following.

- Minimize the inconvenience to students and interference with the educational process.
- Maximize the detection and deterrent value by regularly screening a significant numbers of students.
- Ensure that patterns are not established that would allow students to avoid screenings by predicting the time and location of a screening.
- Personnel will not deviate from the screening pattern during the course of a particular screening unless special circumstances arise.
- Ensure that screenings of students are not based upon gender, race, ethnicity, physical appearance, manner of dress, or association with any particular group.

These random screenings will be carried out in the following manner:

- The metal detector team will randomly select groups of students for screening.
- The metal detector screening team will utilize hand-held metal detectors.
- A campus administrator and/or designee will be present to accompany the metal detection team while on campus. The administrator will not actively participate in the screening process, but will be present for safety.
- Students will be instructed to form one or more lines in a designated area, typically a hallway, and will return to the classroom to be screened with a hand-held metal detector after being asked to remove all items from their pockets.
- If a metal detector activates during the screening of a student, staff will attempt to determine the source of the alarm by asking the student to confirm he or she has removed all metal objects and by rescreening that location.
- If a reasonable determination cannot be made as to what caused the alarm to sound, an administrator will be contacted and may conduct an administrative search.
- In conjunction with the metal detector screening, backpacks, bags and personal items capable of concealing a weapon will be opened and inspected for the presence of weapons.

Additional information about metal detector screenings can be viewed at

<https://www1.pasadenaisd.org/about/keepisdsafe>

I appreciate your support of our efforts to continue to make student safety our number one priority in Pasadena ISD. If you have any questions about the process or any of our safety efforts, I encourage you to reach out to your child's campus or any of our administrators because it takes all of us working together to maintain student safety.

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