



## QISD Parents Safety and Security FAQ

Parents/Guardians,

Quitman Independent School District is committed to the safety and security of students, faculty, staff, and visitors on its campuses. QISD wants our parents and guardians to have a basic understanding of the safety and security procedures and practices implemented in the district. Some information will not be published or shared due to security measures in place.

Q: Does Quitman ISD have an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) in place?

A: Yes, QISD has an EOP in place. The District EOP has been approved by the Texas Education agency and the Texas School Safety Center.

Q: Are teachers and staff trained in responding to emergency situations? How often do they receive updated training?

A: Yes, QISD utilizes the Standard Response Protocol (SRP) and trains staff and teachers in its implementation. All staff will be trained in the SRP before the beginning of school and additionally throughout the year. The SRP is not based on individual scenarios, but rather on the response to any given scenario. One large benefit of the SRP is the standard language used by all responders; this includes students, parents, staff and first responders. The protocol also allows for a predictable series of actions as an event unfolds. The SRP is based upon four actions: Lockout, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter. All new teachers receive Stop the Bleed training annually and returning teachers update their training every three years. Further information on the Standard Response Protocol can be found at [iloveyouguys.org](http://iloveyouguys.org).

Q: In case of emergency, how will the school communicate with parents and guardians?

A: In the event of an emergency, the first priority will be to secure the safety of students. Once the safety of students has been confirmed, QISD personnel will utilize the call out system, School Messenger, to communicate important information with parents and guardians. **It is important that parents and guardians keep all contact information up to date.**

Q: How does the district manage visitors and guests entering campuses?

A: QISD uses the Raptor Management System to screen all visitors entering a campus. The Raptor Management System requires all visitors to register with the front office and undergo a screening before having access to the building. During the school day, visitor entries to all campuses are limited to single secured main entrances with secure vestibules with an electronic lock system.

Q: Are there safety procedures and common safety practices on campuses?

A: Yes, the following procedures are practiced on all campuses by teachers and staff.

- Instructional staff will use the single secured access entry during morning school hours
- Classroom doors will be closed and locked during the school day.
- All QISD Staff will wear a picture ID badge when on campuses and inside buildings.
- Staff will initiate contact with visitors without proper identification and escort them to the main office.
- No doors, interior or exterior shall be propped open.
- All out- building doors will remain locked and will be monitored by staff during use.
- At minimum, a daily exterior door check will be performed by campus custodial and administrative staff.

Q: Does Quitman ISD have a School Resource Officer?

A: Yes, QISD maintains an annual contract with the city of Quitman and employs two school resource officers.

Q: Has Quitman ISD responded to State safety directives?

A: Yes, QISD staff have completed the following actions in response to the State's safety directives:

- QISD has completed an exterior door audit for all instructional campuses.
- A safety audit has been conducted by school staff.
- QISD Safety and Security Committee has met and reviewed the District Emergency Operation Plan.
- All drills have been scheduled and input into the Raptor Management System.
- Campus Behavior Threat Assessment Committees have received behavioral threat assessment training prior to the start of the school year.

For further information, please visit the district website.