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Latest News & Information

H1N1 Information

Katy ISD is taking the threat of an outbreak of the H1N1 flu virus in our community seriously. Consistent with the district's infection control program, school nurses will be monitoring student illness and teachers will be stressing the importance of good hygiene practices such as hand washing and covering coughs and sneezes.

To help prevent the spread of the flu viruses, **the CDC is recommending that students who do exhibit flu-like symptoms (fever with a cough or sore throat) should not attend school for at least 24 hours after fever is gone.** Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine. For more information related to the H1N1, including flu signs and symptom and the 24-hour rule, please visit the [H1N1 page](#) on the Katy ISD Web site.

New Cell Phone law starts Sept. 1

A new state law that goes into effect on Sept. 1 bans the use of cell phone while in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call. For more information read the complete [text of HB 55](#).

2009-10 Criteria for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Applications to receive free and reduced-priced meals for the 2009-10 school year will be sent home with all Katy ISD students the first day of school, along with a letter describing the program in more detail. Applications in both English and Spanish are also available at the front office in each school or may be downloaded from the [Katy ISD Nutrition and Food Services Web page](#). Parents can also fill out an application online at <https://freereduced.katyisd.org/>. [Read more...](#)

Katy ISD Fifth Grade Students Get P.O.W.E.R.

Starting this school year, Katy ISD fifth grade students will have the opportunity to participate in P.O.W.E.R. (Police Officers Working to Empower students and Reinforce prevention), a new program designed and taught by uniformed police officers with the Katy ISD police department that aims to help students resist risky behaviors and make positive choices. [Read more...](#)

Katy ISD Launches Automated On-Campus Volunteer Hour Collection

Are you volunteering today? That's a question all visitors will now hear every time they enter Katy ISD campuses. The days of counting our *on-campus, school day* volunteer hours by hand are long gone! Katy ISD has launched a new initiative that tallies *on-campus, school-day* volunteer hours through our Raptor visitor check-in system. Off-campus, after-hours time will still be collected by campus Volunteer Coordinators, as in the past. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Events

- [Open House Dates \(secondary\)](#)

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