



IRVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Irvington Blue Knights Academy

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

In order to ensure the safety of students and staff, a recent review of security procedures at Blue Knights Academy was conducted. This review was necessary to align security practices with the transition to our new home at 36 Mount Vernon Avenue.

Please be advised of the following:

The items listed below will not be permitted in the building.

1. Lighters (lighters will be confiscated and will not be returned to students)
2. Snacks that are not placed in the student's lunch bag.
3. Beverages (the only beverage permitted will be a sealed bottle of water)
4. Candy

Furthermore, as per the District's Zero Tolerance Policy, any item such as weapons (or any item used as a weapon), drugs, or drug paraphernalia brought into the building may result in an arrest and charge of possession of the item on school grounds.

Students are permitted to bring a bag lunch to school. The lunch consisting of candy and/or potato chips *will not* be considered lunch and will be confiscated.

Any student who rides a bike to school must bring a chain and lock to secure the bike outside in the school's parking lot. Finally, a student will not be permitted to enter the building until the Metal Detector and Security Wand, no longer beep. This may mean a student will have to remove his/her shoes.

The above listed security measures will be effective from October 24, 2019. I thank you for your cooperation and support as we endeavor to create a safe and secure environment for our students. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Also, please contact my secretary Breana Wilson at (973-399-6407 Ext. 2605 or bwilson@irvington.k12.nj.us) if you would like to participate in the BKA Parent Advisory Council. I would like to have monthly meetings with parents to discuss ways that we can meet the needs of our students both socially and academically. I would like to have the first BKA Parent Advisory Council meeting on November 13, 2019 at 6pm.

Sincerely,

H. Ato-Bakari Chase,
Principal, Blue Knights Academy