



# Rains Independent School District

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To: RISD Community  
From: Jim Dunlap, Interim Superintendent  
RE: RISD Security Protocols for April 8, 2024  
Date: March 21, 2024

*All classes in Rains ISD are canceled on April 8, 2024, because of the total solar eclipse. Canceling classes allows parents and community members to fully enjoy and appreciate this impressive once-in-a-lifetime natural happening. Practicing safety at home during this event will enhance the overall experience. We believe this proactive approach prioritizes the safety of everyone involved including children, staff, parents, and visitors. By collaborating with city, county, and state first responders and emergency management officials, we assist in a coordinated effort to address the potential increase in traffic and safety considerations during this event.*

All RISD campuses will be closed, all entrances secured and will be off limits to all persons except security officers from 4:00 PM Friday, April 5 until 4:00 PM April 8, 2024. Barricades will remain in place until Tuesday morning before the beginning of bus routes. Because of the district track meet finals on Saturday, April 6, track meet participants and fans will be allowed only for the duration of the track events.

No RISD staff will be allowed on campus for any reason (except for the track meet) during this time frame (4:00 PM April 5 until 4:00 PM April 8). There will be no trespassing, loitering, set-up of equipment, camping, etc. Unauthorized persons found upon RISD facilities during this time are subject to prosecution.

Driveways will be blocked at 3:30 PM on Friday, April 5 at each campus entrance.

RISD PD will begin a 24-hour patrol of all RISD campuses and facilities at 4:00 PM on Friday, April 5.

RISD PD has the authority and is expected to enforce State Law, protect RISD property and facilities, and enlist backup assistance from area first responders as necessary.

UIL event practices, contests, etc. may resume the regular schedule at 4:00 PM on April 8.

Interim Superintendent

*Jim Dunlap*