

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Port Arthur Independent School District has determined that it is important to introduce a new communications tool called Anonymous Alerts®. Anonymous Alerts® allows students or parents to quickly, easily, and anonymously report urgent information to school officials across all of our school campuses. The system encourages students, parents and staff to confidentially report bullying, cyber-bullying, and other sensitive topics through private messages to our administration. Port Arthur Independent School District does not support, encourage or tolerate any behavior that prevents any student from reaching their full potential.

We also believe that the best way to address problems that our students face in school is personal contact with a teacher, school administrator, psychologist or counselor and we strongly encourage and fully support that continued practice. However, we do know that sometimes there is a concern that a student or parent may want to communicate anonymously.

How do I place an incident report from Internet connected computers/tablets?

- 1) Go to <https://www.anonymousalerts.com/portarthurisd> from any Internet connected device.
- 2) Click on the web button called "Anonymous Alerts". Fill out your incident report.

How do I place a report from an iPhone or Android phone?

- 1) From the iPhone Store, download the free app by searching for "Anonymous Alerts". If you have an Android phone, go to the Play Store, search for "Anonymous Alerts" and download.
 - a. After downloading the app, click on it, enter setup/login **portarthurisd** and enter **portarthurisd** as your Password.

The mobile apps and Web-based reporting system provides secure 1-way or 2-way encrypted messages, increasing the flow of important information to school officials. Message topics for submission may include bullying, cyber-bullying, family difficulties, self-harm/cutting, drug and alcohol abuse, student depression, sexual harassment, gang related issues or strange/abnormal student behavior.

All reports remain completely anonymous, although submitters have the option to reveal their identity if they prefer to have a person-to-person discussion. The program is monitored from 7AM until 5PM, and should only be used for serious and urgent matters. Indeed, if something disturbing or life threatening occurs at other times, it is imperative to call 911.

We feel that we have a responsibility to offer this tool to our community in order to protect the safety of our students, providing avenues for confidential disclosure when there is something serious that is troubling them. At Port Arthur Independent School District, our goal is to enhance the student's learning experience and limit any roadblocks to a student's success, giving everyone the opportunity to succeed.

Sincerely,



Port Arthur Independent School District

Estimado Padre de Familia/Tutor,

Por medio de la presente se les informa que la escuela Port Arthur Independent School District cuenta con una nueva herramienta de comunicación escolar llamada Anonymous Alerts.

Esta nueva aplicación puede ser adquirida por medio de la escuela. La aplicación Anonymous Alerts tiene la función de comunicación confidencial. La cual permite a estudiantes, padres de familia y personal escolar a que de manera fácil, rápida y anónima reporten información urgente a oficiales escolares a través de un sistema móvil. Este sistema promueve estudiantes, padres y personal escolar a reportar confidencialmente acoso (bullying), acoso-cibernético, problemas de estudiantes y otros temas sensibles vía mensajes privados a oficiales escolares o a nivel distrito. Nuestra meta es mantener a nuestros estudiantes y personal escolar lo más seguros posible y poder responder rápidamente a los informes.

¿Como someter un reporte?

- 1) Vaya a <https://www.anonymousalerts.com/portarthurisd> o a la página web de su escuela desde cualquier aparato conectado a Internet. Haga clic en el botón web llamado "Anonymous Alerts". Rellene su reporte del incidente.
- 2) Desde su tienda en su dispositivo Apple, descargue la aplicación gratis llamada "Anonymous Alerts". Si usted tiene un teléfono Android, vaya a Play Store en su dispositivo, busque "Anonymous Alerts" y descargue la aplicación gratuita.
 - a. Después de descargar la aplicación, haga clic en ella, vaya a setup/login y entre *portarthurisd* y proporcione su clave *portarthurisd*.

Temas de mensajes presentados pueden incluir acoso, acoso cibernético, dificultades familiares, abuso, uso de sustancias, depresión estudiantil, conflictos, pensamiento de hacerse daño a uno mismo, amenazas, armas en la escuela, y comportamiento inusual del estudiante etc.

Todos los reportes son mantenidos anónimamente y seguros y quienes someten el reporte tienen la opción de revelar sus identidades. Con la opción de tener una conversación personalmente con la administración escolar.

Estamos satisfechos de poder ofrecer esta nueva herramienta a nuestra comunidad y miramos hacia adelante a su impacto positivo en la seguridad estudiantil. Nuestra meta es mejorar el aprendizaje académico, social y emocional de los estudiantes.

Atentamente,



Port Arthur Independent School District