

# **FORNEY** ISD AQUATIC CENTER

## **2nd Grade Water Safety : What to Expect**

- 1. Students will arrive at the FISD Aquatic Center in their school clothes. They travel from their home campus with their teacher via FISD bus.**
- 2. Students will enter the Aquatic Center learning area and view safety videos by American Red Cross Whale Tales with our instructors (10-15 mins).**
- 3. Students will be moved to the bleachers where they will take off their shoes and socks and place their socks in their shoes.**
- 4. Students will change into their swim clothes in the designated private changing area and will be assigned a number.**
- 5. WSI staff members will divide students and begin in-water safety training (20-25 mins). Each student will have a fitted life jacket.**
- 6. Students will get out of the pool, rinse and towel off then change back into their school clothes. All belongings will be kept at their assigned bleacher seats (10 mins).**
- 7. Students get on the bus and return to their campus for the rest of the day.**

*To hear the WSI team introduce themselves and talk about the Water Safety program listen to Season 5 Episode 1 of [The One2Six](#) podcast! Use the QR Code below:*



## **Water Safety FAQ**

**My child can't swim. Is this safe for him or her?** Yes! This program is ideal for a student that cannot swim because the course is designed to teach familiarity with the water and strategies to keep yourself and others safe.

**My child is already a good swimmer. Will he or she benefit from this?**

Absolutely! This is not a learn to swim class, but rather a course of water safety strategies that can benefit any person while in or near any body of water.

**Who is teaching this class?**

Program leads are Carl Matthews and Kim Lester, FISD Aquatics coaches with years of experience in programming and instruction. They will be assisted by multiple part-time certified water safety instructors and a lifeguard.

**What do I send with my child?**

Each child will be given a Forney ISD Aquatics Center string bag, sponsored by [Just Print It](#) of Forney. Each day of class your child should bring a towel as well as swim attire. Students may request goggles and/or a swim cap at the pool, if desired. Tip: Send a plastic grocery bag to put damp suit in after class.

**What do we do with permission slips?**

Students will receive their permission slips from their teacher to participate and will return them to their teacher.

**Can my child wear his or her suit to school under his/her school clothes on water safety day?** Yes. There will be an opportunity to change out of school clothes in a private area.

**How do they get from campus to the pool?**

A Forney ISD bus driver will pick up your student's class from campus and take them to the pool for drop off. Then the bus will return the class to campus after the session.

**Will my child's teacher be there?**

Yes. The class's home teacher will travel with them to and from the pool but is not a Water Safety Instructor.

**Can I watch my child in this program?** Parents may not chaperone. However, parents who sign up AT THE HOME CAMPUS through the FISD security system and are approved by the building principal will be able to enter the Aquatic Center to watch water safety on *Thursday, or the final day* of the course.

**Does every student have to participate?**

Participation is at the discretion of parents, teachers, and administration; students not participating should remain on campus.