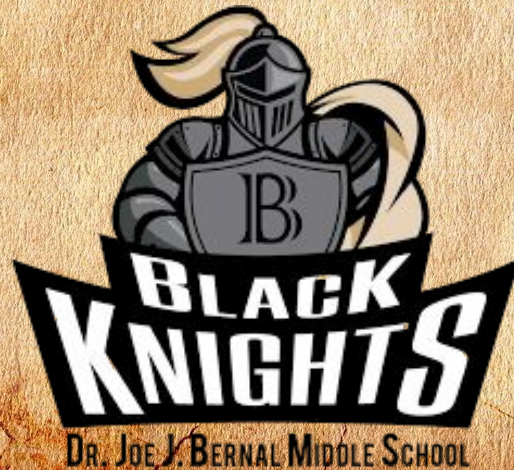


BERNAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE TRANSITION

We are Black Knights and
Black Knights are WE!



Welcome to Dr. Joe J. Bernal Middle School



Jose Mendez

Principal

David La Boy

Associate Principal

Susan Schottler

Academic Dean

Marla Reynolds

Assistant Principal



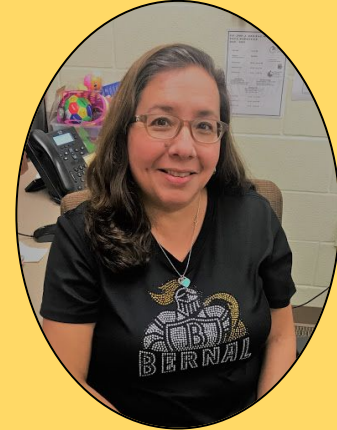
The Counseling Team



**Mr. Anzaldua
(A - Go)**



**Mrs. Vasquez
(Gra-Pes)**



**Mrs. Maher
Head Counselor
(Pet- Z)**

SCHOOL MISSION

**BERNAL MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL FOSTER MEANINGFUL
RELATIONSHIPS, WHILE PROVIDING A SAFE AND
ENGAGING LEARNING EXPERIENCE FOR ALL
STUDENTS.**

SCHOOL VISION

**BERNAL MIDDLE SCHOOL WILL CULTIVATE
SUCCESSFUL, LIFELONG LEARNERS IN AN
EVER-CHANGING WORLD.**

The POWER of OUR Partnership

- **Role of Campus Administrators**

- **Two-way communication**
- **Instructional Leadership**
- **Monitor student behavior**
- **Enforce Student Code of Conduct**
- **Provide a safe environment**
- **Build relationships with students and parents**

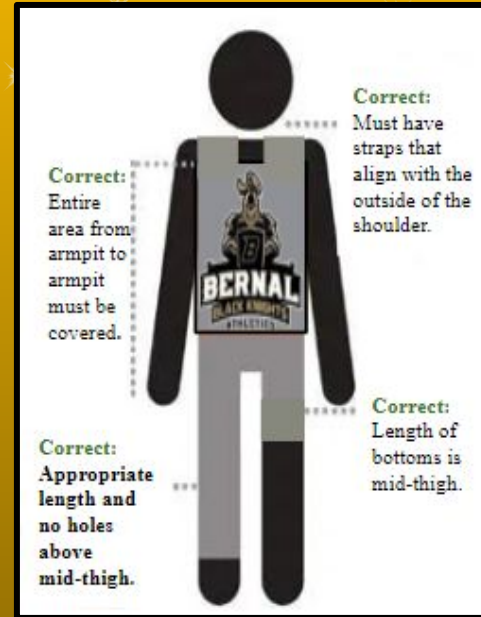
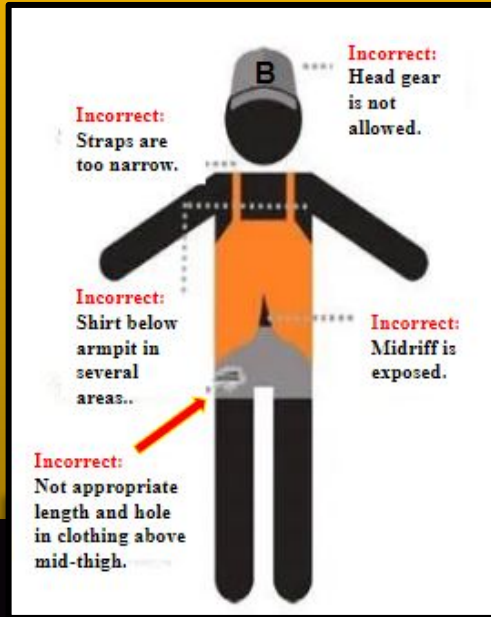
- **Role of the Parent(s)**

- **Two-way communication**
- **Ensure your child attends school regularly**
- **Ensure your child adheres to the student code of conduct (to include dress code)**
- **Maintain respectful relationship with campus staff**
- **Support/reinforce campus rules and expectations**

School Safety

- **Controlled Access**
- **Full Time Campus Officer**
- **Building Access Checks**
- **Fire Drills and Safety Drills**
- **Team Effort**
- **See Something, Say Something**
- **Parental Support**
 - **Limit visits to the campus**
 - **No lunch drop offs (fast food, food delivery services)**
 - **Volunteer**

Dress Code



ATTENDANCE / TARDIES / TRUANCY

- ATTENDANCE MATTERS
- Tardy Sweeps
- Attend all classes - Including lunch



Campus Technology Policy

- Technology will only be allowed before school and after school. Phones must be put away inside backpacks and turned off at 8:35am.
- Electronics should not be used/visible during transition times and passing periods
- Goal- Maintain the focus on instruction
- Cell phones, airpods and other technology will be confiscated

Interactions with Others

(ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS / BUS)

Keep to yourself

Maintain personal space and respect others' boundaries.

Appropriate language

Use kind, respectful words at all times on campus.

Follow expectations

Be mindful of the rules wherever you are.

Listen to adults

Follow directions the first time they are given.



SAFETY FIRST: NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY!



Hallway Behaviors

Walk with a purpose

Move directly to your destination without delay.

No running or jumping

Also includes skipping, crawling, or horseplay.

Stay on the right side

Keep traffic flowing by staying to the right.

No eating or drinking

Help keep our hallways clean and safe.



NO YELLING OR SCREAMING

Inside voices only to respect learning in classrooms.



Cafeteria Rules & Expectations

NO HORSEPLAYING

Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself at all times for safety.

Lunch Lines

Wait patiently in single-file lines. Use inside voices while waiting.

Seating Etiquette

Stay seated unless you ask for permission from a monitor.

Clean Up

Do NOT leave trash behind! Check under the table before leaving.

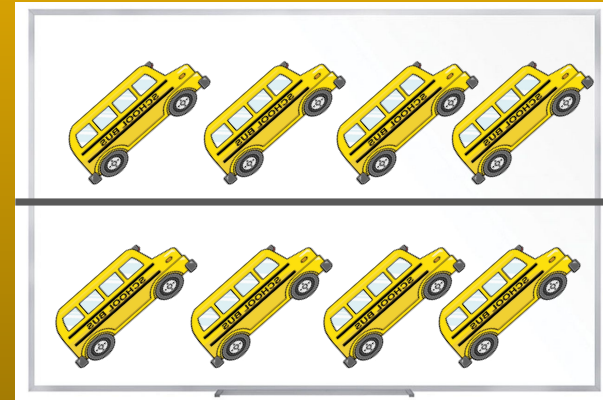


Dismissal & Bus Procedures

Quick Reminders:

- Get to where you need to be **A.S.A.P.**
- Bus Riders: be on the bus or in the cafeteria/gym.
- Buses are dismissed at **4:01 PM.**
- Walkers & Parent Pick-up: front of school.

Notice: Students will be removed from the bus for behaviors that violate the student code of conduct.



Counselors are here to help!

Certified School Counselors

Masters Degrees in Counseling, educated in theory

Limits of Confidentiality

Senate Bill 12- September 2025

Focus on four skill goals:

Interpersonal Skills

How to communicate and interact with others

Intrapersonal Skills

How to manage our own thoughts, emotions and behaviors

Career Readiness

Grades, goal setting, planning for the next level

Health & Safety

Protect well being and keep safe from harm

Tips to start the Year

Routine & Prep

- Start routine week before
- Plan for pick up & lunch
- Supplies: Backpack, pens, composition notebooks

Academic

- Dedicated homework place
- Different for every student
- Tutoring

Technology

- Chromebooks: Remain in classrooms
- BARK System

Support Systems

- Give time for adjustment
- HAC for Grades/Attendance
- Here comes the Bus

Important: Middle School is the time for students to practice problem solving skills!

Student Recognitions

Every 9 Weeks:

- A and AB Honor Roll- Ribbons
- Perfect Attendance- Ribbon
- Pillars of Character and Learner Profiles- Honor Wall

End of Year

- All year A and AB Honor Roll- Medal
- All year Perfect Attendance- Medal
- Pillars of Character and Learner Profiles- Certificates



Student Life: Get Involved!

- **Clubs**
- **Spirit Events**
- **Military Kids - S2S**

What Will School Look Like Next Year?

- **Building opens at 7:30am**
- **Morning procedures**
- **4 minute passing periods**
- **Students will have an 8 Period Day with 7 Classes**
- **4 core classes (Math, ELA, Science, & Social Studies); along with...**
 - **PE and Healthy Habits (each is one semester)**
 - **Foundations for Success**
 - **1 elective**

Tips and Resources

[Nisd.net/parents](https://nisd.net/parents)

Home Access Center

Grades

Attendance

Course Information

Data Verification

School Cafe

<https://www.schoolcafe.com/>

Important Summer Dates

- **July 28th- Prep Day**

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Last Names A-L
- 1:00 pm-4:00 pm- Last Names M-Z
 - PE Uniforms
 - Bernal Spirit Items
 - PTA
 - Student Schedules
 - Tour the campus
 - Transportation Information
 - Cafeteria Information
 - School Nurse
 - 504/SE

- **August 4th- Sixth Grade Meet the Teacher Night**

- 4:00pm- Last Names A-L
- 5:30pm- Last Names M-Z
 - Follow Student Schedule
 - Meet Teachers
 - Learn about the classroom (do not bring student supplies)

Stay Connected

Watch DOGS

Campus Smore Monthly Newsletters

School Messenger (Email/Text Message)

Bernal Facebook - [Dr. Joe J. Bernal Middle School](#)

Bernal "X" - [@nisdbernal](#) [@JMendez_81](#)

PTA Bernal Facebook - [Dr. Joe J. Bernal Middle School PTA](#)

Campus Website nisd.net/bernal



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