



## RESPONSE IF STOPPED BY THE POLICE

- Stay calm
- Do not run, resist, or obstruct the officer
- Do not yell, curse or use derogatory language towards the officer
- Do not lie or give false documents
- Keep your hands where the officer can see them at all times
- Comply with all requests and commands made by the officer
- If you are arrested, say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately
- Do not give any explanations or excuses
- Do not say anything, sign anything, or make any decisions without a lawyer
- Call your parents or guardians because you have the right to make a local phone call
- If you believe your rights were violated, write down everything you remember, including officers' badges and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details
- Get contact information for witnesses if they are available
- If you're injured, seek medical attention immediately and take photographs of your injuries
- File a written complaint with the agency's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board. In most cases, complaints can be filed anonymously.

## Clayton County Public Schools

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## STUDENT RESOURCES

#### **Student Services:**

[www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/student\\_services](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/departments/student_services)

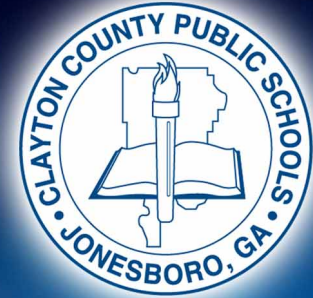
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#### **Student Center:**

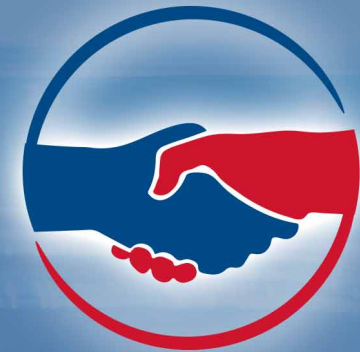
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## CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY



## SAFETY MEASURES:

## STAYING SAFE DURING CIVIL UNREST

### A MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

The purpose of this pamphlet is to provide Clayton County Public Schools students with safety measures that will assist them if they encounter situations associated with civil unrest and/or are approached and stopped by law enforcement officers. It is our belief that knowledge is power and with that power comes awareness and individual responsibility. Our objective is to positively impact youth, build community interaction, and reduce crime and its effects. Safety & Security wants to provide the timely sharing of pertinent crime related information between school and law enforcement personnel. We sincerely believe partnering with our stakeholders is the first step in crime prevention.

The information enclosed in this pamphlet shall provide our students with valuable helpful resources and strategies to deter negative outcomes if they are in precarious civil unrest situations and/or are stopped by law enforcement. This pamphlet also encompasses helpful resources offered by Clayton County Public Schools in the areas of Student Services and Safety & Security. It is our intent to educate and apprise our students, so they are able to make informed decisions when approached, encounter and/or are stopped by law enforcement. Additionally, we are providing the link to the Clayton County Public Schools Student Services Department, where our students are able to ascertain emotional behavior and social needs support.

### CLIMATE IN AMERICA

In America's current climate, civil unrest encompassing demonstrations, protests, riots and in some instances, acts of violence can occur out of nowhere at any time and any place. With this being our reality, we must prepare ourselves in the event we encounter such an act while traveling and commuting in our communities. Therefore, we have created this Safety Measures Pamphlet which provides some helpful tips to assist you with avoiding tragic outcomes if you encounter civil unrest and/or are approached by law enforcement (police officers) while traveling. Most importantly, we want to provide you with tools to assist you with surviving the encounter!

### TRAPPED IN A CAR DURING CIVIL UNREST

- Never drive through a crowd
- Never allow demonstrators, protestors or rioters to gain access to your vehicle
- If you find yourself in the path of a crowd, turn down the nearest side road, reverse or turn around and drive away calmly
- If you cannot drive away, park the car, lock it and leave it, taking shelter on a side street or doorway
- If you don't have time for this, stop and turn the engine off. Lock the doors and remain calm. Be sure not to show hostility or anger
- After the crowd has passed, slowly drive away



### HOW TO STAY SAFE WHILE TRAVELING

- Keep abreast of current affairs and monitor the news while seeking regular updates if you are in a volatile area
- If you hear that a demonstration, protest or riot is taking place, avoid the area or stay in your home and/or avoid the area until you are sure that it's safe to go out
- Before you go out, establish where the demonstration, protest or riot has taken place, and if possible, avoid the area in the event of extra law enforcement activity
- If you encounter a demonstration, protest or riot while commuting, don't become inquisitive, just leave the area and find another route to your intended destination
- Should there be a need to go to an area which has experienced significant numbers of demonstrations, protests and riots, try not to go alone. Where possible, please take someone with you and operate as a team looking out for each other. Keep close and maintain visual and verbal contact
- Avoid any place where law enforcement (police, security or military) actions are in progress

