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Using a Handheld Integrated SIS System

By an Assistant Principal using JMobile

Late one evening while locking the front door to the school, a concerned parent approached me and asked why his daughter had not returned home. He stated that she attended a Speech tournament and was supposed to call him when she returned. The call was never placed and he had no idea where she was. I asked if he knew any of her friends or where she might have gone. Being new to the area he did not know her friends, but did remember the name of one of the girls who had been calling the house. Thinking quickly, I pulled out my Palm Pilot and opened the JMobile program. Within seconds I had all of the demographics of his daughter's friend on the screen and called her on my cell phone. After a couple of questions his daughter was located and the parent was informed where he could pick her up. This scenario is just one of many problems that the JMobile program has resolved.

Prior to using JMobile, I was constantly calling the office secretary on our school radios to find locker numbers or student schedules while in the middle of an investigation. Now I utilize the JMobile program to instantly pull up the schedules and talk to students in the halls or call them directly to their lockers. Also, visit with parents at ballgames and discuss grades, attendance, discipline, staff and sub data. JMobile has saved precious time in my hectic school day by allowing me to access information on the go, rather than walking back to my office to access it on my desktop computer.

The JMobile program has allowed me to "break the chains" that bind me to my desktop computer, but has helped me remain connected to the information that is vital to the job of an administrator. Football games, school concerts, or the local supermarket are now possible venues to hold a parent conference, student conference, or to access needed student information in an emergency. There is neither a time nor place that I am not within a "hands reach" of the information about every student in our school.

The JMobile program is a "must have" for the administrator of today.

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