

Principal Message

Dear Families,

Congratulations to all our students for the completion of another school year. Whether you and your child are new to YES Prep Southeast, or you are one of the proud parents of the Class of 2021, thank you so much for supporting your children and our small but mighty school. Our students and families along with our staff are responsible for creating a strong sense of Wizard pride.

This year has been filled with an incredible amount of challenge and uncertainty, but we are so grateful for your persistence in continuing to say yes to YP Southeast. Your partnership this year has been felt in many ways, and we are deeply appreciative of your patience, collaboration, and flexibility. Our Wizards have so much to be proud of, and you are a huge part of what we have been able to achieve this school year. Thank you once again for being an incredible community of encouragement and support.

Summer Communication Requests

Over the summer, staff will not be using Teams to communicate with students, except for College Counselors working with our freshly graduated seniors on close out next week, and staff who lead groups that have gotten prior approval from campus leaders. It is not an expectation that your children respond to messages on Teams. Students may choose to delete the Teams app from their devices entirely to focus on rest and relaxation over the summer. In return, we ask that students refrain from messaging their teachers during the summer break, as we want our staff to have time to relax and spend with loved ones as well. Teachers will not be available via Teams over the summer. If you or your child need assistance, please call the front office during summer operating hours, shared below.

Information about the 2021-2022 School Year

This packet contains the usual information about school supplies, uniforms, and summer assignments for the 2020-2021 school year. One important shift we want to share at this time is that we will launch our school year completely in-person in August. Though the past year has taught us the need to remain flexible given the immense amount of change, our full return to campus is planned until we hear otherwise from the Texas Education Agency. We cannot predict what the end of the summer or start of the school year will bring, but please be assured that we will do everything in our power to keep staff and students safe and well as we welcome all Wizards back to the building for the 2021-2022 school year.

I wish all your families a safe and healthy summer. If you need anything from your Wizard family, please do not hesitate to reach out to our front office.

See you in August!

Emily Ryans

Summer 2021 Front Office Hours

June

- June 14th -June 25th: 9 AM- 12 PM
- June 18th: YES Prep District Holiday
- June 28th -July 4th: We will be CLOSED

July

- July 5th: YES Prep District Holiday
- July 6th-30th: 9 AM-1 PM

August

- August 2nd-13th: 9 AM-3 PM
- Starting August 16th: 8 AM to 4 PM

Retention / Promotion Decisions

Middle School: If a middle school student is being reviewed by the Retention Placement Committee (formally Grade Placement Committee) and is at risk for being retained due to not meeting the YES Prep Middle School Promotion standards guardians will be informed by Friday, June 11th.

High School: High School Promotion, Placement and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by June 11th. High school students who have failed 1 or more semesters of a core class may be required to enroll in Summer Credit Recovery to be promoted or placed into the next grade level. If successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed, a second parent/guardian meeting will be held at the start of the 2021-2022 School Year to communicate final Retention and Placement decisions based on successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery.

High School Credit Recovery: The YES Prep Credit Recovery Program is for students currently enrolled in 9th – 12th grade and is designed to help students regain credits, persist, stay on-track to graduate and go to college. Most core English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses will be offered. Foreign language courses will only be offered to Juniors and Seniors. YES Prep Summer Credit Recovery will be offered in-person through the Edmentum PLATO Platform with a YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student during the normal school day from June 7th-10th and Monday-Thursday from 9:00-1:00 on June 14th-June 24th. Due to the implications of COVID-19, this summer we will waive all Summer Credit Recovery fees and it will be offered free of charged to students. Students must successfully complete the program by the last day, June 25, to receive credit for the course. Failure to finish or earn a passing grade will result in the student retaking the course next year and possible retention. More information will follow for students that are registered.

- Date: Monday, June 7 – Friday, June 25
- Time: Office Hours provided by Credit Recovery Teachers will be communicated at the start of the Program

Summer Assignments

We will not have wide-spread summer assignments for all students this year.

Students entering grades 6th-8th will be provided a list of books that they can choose from to read this summer. Students who complete books will be able to share what they read at the beginning of the school year and will be eligible to earn prizes. We highly encourage all students to read each day for 30 minutes throughout the summer.

Students entering grades 9th-12th will have summer assignments assigned by their teachers. They will be available on the YPSE Website starting June 15th but they have also been communicated directly by teachers. This includes all students enrolling in an AP Course for the 2021-2022 school year.

YES Prep Student Handbook

Access the most updated YES Prep Student Handbook on the YES Prep Website. Changes may be made to the handbook over the summer and throughout the school year; the most updated version will always be posted to the website.

<http://www.yesprep.org/student-handbook>

The YES Prep Student Handbook includes all policies and information for students and families that is consistent from campus to campus across YES Prep. It's crucial that all YES Prep students and guardians are familiar with the Handbook and the information contained within it.

Individual Campus Supplements: Each campus will create their own Individual Campus Supplement to the YES Prep Student Handbook. This supplement contains specific information to the campus your student attends. These supplements will be available on your campus's website at yesprep.org.

2021-22 Student Fees

Legal guardians should expect to pay various student fees throughout the year depending on the student's participation in special programming. YES Prep has worked to standardize student fees across campuses and ensure fees being charged to students are aligned with compliance expectations and YES Prep philosophy.

These are some general parameters applied to student fees:

- Students will not be charged for materials that are required for class.
- Students will not be charged a fee for items that have no cost.
- Students will not be charged a fee for items or services that benefits staff members.
- Cost inflation should not be variable for items with a fixed cost. i.e. ID badges should cost the same at all locations
- Maximum cost formulas may never exceed base price + 2%.
- Student fees for specific activities may change from year to year because they are based on a percentage of cost. Campuses will communicate specific fee amounts based on the parameters above as cost for items and programs are finalized.

These are **some** fees families should plan to pay throughout the next school year. Exact amounts will be shared with campuses as they are finalized. This list is not exhaustive, and there may be fees not included below:

- Advanced Placement test fees (for 8-12 grade students taking an AP exam)
- Trip fees (may include day trips and/or overnight trips)
- Athletic fees (applicable to students who participate in athletic programming)

YES Prep Atlas and Other Reading Materials

The YES Prep Atlas is the scope of books, novels, short stories, and other readings students will be assigned to read each year in English classes. The YES Prep Atlas can be found on the “For Parents” section of Yesprep.org. All required reading materials will be provided by the campus for students. Required reading materials such as novels, Spanish anthologies, or SAT prep materials will be provided for students at no cost to the family.

<https://www.yesprep.org/families/atlas>

2021-22 School Supply List

Individual teachers will share a limited list of supplies at the beginning of the school year. Below you will find the list of supplies that will be used in each class.

Grade Level	Required Supplies	Calculator Requirements
Middle School (6 th -8 th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wired Headphones that are compatible with a laptop. • Blue or black pens • Pencils • Highlighters • Notebook paper 	<p>6th and 7th graders should have access to a single function calculator that is not on their phone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Texas Instruments TI-30XIIS Scientific Calculator, Black with Blue Accents</u> • <u>Desk Calculator, 12-Digit Solar Battery Office Calculator with Large LCD Display Big Sensitive Button, Dual Power Desktop Calculators</u> <p>8th Graders are required to purchase a TI-Nspire calculator for their Math class.</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Instruments TI-Nspire CX II Color Graphing Calculator with Student Software (PC/Mac)
High School (9 th -12 th)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wired Headphones that are compatible with a laptop. • Blue or black pens • Pencils • Highlighters • Notebook paper 	<p>9th-12th graders are required to purchase or own a TI-Nspire calculator for use in their Math course. Please do not purchase a “CAS” version as they are not allowable on assessments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Texas Instruments TI-Nspire CX II Color Graphing Calculator with Student Software (PC/Mac)

We will not have calculators for loaners next year except for those that are requested through a Student Support Counselor. TI-Nspires are usually on sale starting August 1st in most retail stores. Students should write their name on their calculator and record the serial number so that it can be easily identified if lost.

2021-22 Back to School Forms (Formerly Re-enrollment Forms)

Back to School Forms (formerly re-enrollment forms) will take place through Skyward Family Access Center in July, like last year. Please sign into your Skyward Family Access account to complete your required back to school forms. Below is the link to sign in, and we will also send out an email to you when the forms are launched to remind you.

[Skyward Family Access Login \(https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStu\)](https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStu)

Dress Code

YES Prep Public Schools believes in the power of community and school pride while also deeply valuing a student’s right to express their individuality without the fear of unnecessary discipline, body shaming, or the confines of gender norms. Students have the right to be treated equitably and dress code enforcement at YES Prep Public Schools will not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, nor will it be unfairly enforced more strictly against a student because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size or type, or body maturity.

YES Prep Southeast’s 21-22 Dress Code

Dress Item	Expectation
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Free Dress	<p>Clothing should meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T-shirts are acceptable, however all clothing and accessories must be school appropriate: YES Prep prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on T-shirts that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance, show gang affiliation, or depict violence in any way. • No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student. • No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student. • No open-toed shoes or crocs <p>All pants, shorts, and skirts must meet the criteria established in the “Bottoms” for pants/shorts/skirts.</p> <p><i>YES Prep polos will still be available for purchase if a student/family chooses to wear the polo as one of their daily shirt options.</i></p>
Spirit Shirts	All students should have at least 1 campus spirit shirt and the campus will have more available for purchase.
Bottoms	<p>Students may choose between pants, skirts, or shorts of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khakis (any color) • Jeans (any color) • Joggers (any color, must be jean or khaki material- may not be sweat pant material) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New for 21-22: Students may wear school appropriate ripped jeans. Rips should follow the same guidelines as shorts/skirts without exposing areas above mid-thigh. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Students may not wear leggings, jeggings, athletic or mesh shorts, workout bottoms, or pajama pants. Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh. Bottoms should be worn at the waist.</i>
ID Badges	ID Badges must be worn by all students on lanyards and must be visible at all times.

Shoes	<p>For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed-toed • Must have backs (i.e. no slides/crocs) • Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers) • Any color is permitted
Accessories/ Styling	<p>Students may have visible piercings and tattoos as long as messaging and images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Accessory items that are spiked (bracelets, belts, collars) are not permitted due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Students may wear a variety hairstyles and colors. Head shaving designs are permitted as long as images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Sunglasses are not permitted for safety purposes. Religious head-coverings are permitted.</p> <p>Campuses can permit other head-coverings (i.e. scarves, wave caps) as it may be culturally responsive and affirming. Campuses may choose to not permit bandanas on campus if it impacts the safety of the learning environment.</p>
Outerwear	<p>Students may wear any outerwear as long as it is appropriate. However, students may also have the option of purchasing the following from YES Prep or Athletic Departments to build school-pride and community: Students may choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep) • YES Prep cardigan (purchased through YES Prep) • Campus athletics department outwear (purchased through campus Athletics Department) • Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable) • Hats and beanies are acceptable as long as ears are exposed. <p>• <i>*Note: Students may not wear hoods that cover their heads/faces on campus in order to meet safety expectations.</i></p>
PE Uniform	<p>Students may wear their own athletic wear for PE classes. YES Prep will not offer PE uniforms to be purchased through YES Prep. Clothing for PE class must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have school appropriate messaging • Meet criteria in the “Free Dress” category

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottoms may not be higher than fingertip length above the knee
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Student Portal Access

The following assessments will be available on Student Portal after Spring 2021 administration:

- TELPAS & TELPAS Alt
- STAAR Alt
- STAAR (Middle School & End-of-Course)

See schedule below for availability. You can access your student's state results online using the code assigned to your child.

- TELPAS: TBD
- TELPAS Alt: TBD
- STAAR Alt: May 31
- Middle School STAAR: June 28
- STAAR End-of-Course: June 15
- STAAR Algebra II & English III: August 2

On how to access Student Portal, please view on of the following links:

- [Student Portal Overview](#) (English)
- [Resumen Del Portal Del Estudiante](#) (Spanish)

If you need assistance accessing your student's scores, please contact your campus front office.

2021-22 School Hours and Academic Calendar

Elementary Non-Partnership

Days	Campus Hours
Monday – Friday	7:30 am – 3:15 pm

Early Dismissal Days Outlined on Academic Calendar	7:30 am – 12:15 pm
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Secondary Non-Partnership

Days	Campus Hours
Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Early Dismissal Days Outlined on Academic Calendar	8:30 am – 1:00 pm

The YES Prep SY21-22 Academic Calendar can be viewed below:

- Academic Calendar 21-22 – ([English](#)) / ([Spanish](#))

Key dates:

- The first day of school for all students is August 16, 2021.
- The last day of school for all students is June 2, 2022.