

Raider Nation,

What. A. Year.

With the end of this school year, I will be celebrating 11 years in education and 10 years at YES Prep. In my 11 years working in schools, I have never experienced a more difficult one than this school year.

I wanted to give a huge shout out to a few groups of people that made this school year possible:

- Our faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that students continued to receive that education that they deserve, despite the global pandemic and social unrest that made this year particularly difficult.
- Our families that support our students at home and in school, in the classroom and outside of the classroom. We all appreciate your grace and the countless treats and positive notes that you have sent to us as encouragement throughout the school year.
- Our students! There are not many people, if any at all, that can say they have experienced what our students have experienced this past year and a half. We recognize that so many of our students have experienced lost and difficulties (at home and at school) that no student should experience. We are very grateful for the dedication and tenacity that so many of our students have demonstrated this year!

Despite the difficulties we had so much to celebrate this school year! Here's a small sample of our campus wins:

- We graduated the **largest** graduating class in YES Prep history.
- Our seniors **amassed over \$6 million** in scholarships and grants from colleges and universities.
- Our **best campus attendance rate** ever, meaning our students still showed up to school to learn!
- Three students earned the prestigious QuestBridge Scholarship (full tuition, room, and board to University of Notre Dame, and Emory University). One Posse scholarship (which meets full need for tuition, room, and board) to Colby College, and several scholarship award winners, and YES Prep Impact Program participants!

Looking ahead to next year, we are preparing for the 2021-2022 school year to be our best school year yet! Here is some important information that you need to know:

- Based on the latest local health indicators showing a continuing decline and consistently low COVID-19 positivity rate as more people are vaccinated, we plan to join other public-school districts in our community to resume in-person learning for all YES Prep students in the 2021 – 2022 school year. Our commitment to prioritize health and safety first remains steadfast.
- Governor Greg Abbott and the TEA will lift the mandatory mask requirement for schools after June 4. Our revised policy will be that the use of face coverings is strongly recommended but is optional in accordance with the Governor's executive order. This policy will take effect after June 4.
- Below you will find the school supply list for each class. We anticipate student schedules being updated at the end of July, just in time for Tax Free Weekend in Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Freshman will join us on campus for Raider Camp on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. Raider Camp will run from 7:45am until 12:00pm. Sophomores will join us for a shorten Raider Camp on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> only, from 7:45am until 12:00pm. This will ensure that both Freshman and Sophomores are ready to go on day 1 and have a strong start to the 2021-2022 school year. More details about transportation and meals to come!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on campus for the start of the 2021-2022 school year at 7:40 am on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>!

Have a great summer!

Mr. Little

## **Summer 2021 Front Office Hours**

**Hours:** Monday-Thursday: 8am-12pm

Friday: CLOSED

**Location:** Spring Woods High School, 2045 Gessner Rd, Houston, TX 77080

**Phone:** (713) 251-4250

YES Prep Northbrook's front office will remain at Spring Woods until Northbrook reopens at the beginning of August.

**Note:** The YES Prep front office will be closed on all Fridays and for a week from Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> through Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>. The front office will reopen on Tuesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>!

## **Retention / Promotion Decisions**

**High School:** High School Promotion, Placement and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by June 11<sup>th</sup>. High school student who has 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> 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 virtually through the Edmentum PLATO Platform with a YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student virtual through Teams. 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 – Wednesday, June 23
- Time: Office Hours provided by Credit Recovery Teachers will be communicated at the start of the Program

## **STAAR Re-Testing**

All students that took a STAAR End of Course exam received their results to the SBISD e-mail address. You can also review your student's scores using the portal information below. Students who do not meet expectations/pass a STAAR End of Course will need to report to Spring Woods High School to re-take their End of Course exam. Dates for each exam are listed below:

Biology	Algebra I	English I	English II	US History
Monday, June 21st	Wednesday, June 23rd	Tuesday, June 22nd	Thursday, June 24th	Monday, June 21st

Students should arrive at Spring Woods by 7:30am. You may bring your calculator for the Algebra I exam.

## Summer Assignments

Summer Assignments are found under each course in our Academics page on our school's website. AP English Literature is the only course that requires a summer assignment.

[Academics - YES Prep Public Schools](#)

## 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)

\*\*Student Fees charged by Spring Branch ISD and Northbrook High School will follow Spring ISD's fee policy and **not** YES Prep's. For example (but not limited to) fees for temporary IDs, library fees, cheerleading, band, athletics, etc.) \*\*

## **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**

Please visit our [website](#) for an up-to-date list for the new school year.

**All 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a TI-Nspire graphing calculator for math class. (Do not purchase a “CAS” version as it is not allowable on assessments.)**

## **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.

[Login - Powered by Skyward \(springbranchisd.com\)](#)

## **Dress Code**

### **Dress Code Philosophy**

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.

### **Dress Code Policy**

YES Prep Public Schools dress policy is centered around values of equity and school pride. Our school dress policy allows for community building and options within the dress selection allows for student and family choice. Like all YES Prep policies, if a student’s dress, or accessory choice poses a concern for student physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the item.

YES Prep Northbrook will not require students to wear a uniform on any day of the week. We will publish a more specific dress code policy in July. There will be no uniforms for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **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

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**

<b>YES Prep Northbrook High School</b>	
<b>Days</b>	<b>Campus Hours</b>
Monday and Friday	7:45 am – 3:55pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	7:45 am – 3:00 pm

The YES Prep SY21-22 Academic Calendar can be found at: <http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar>

Key dates:

- **Freshman** will attend Raider Camp on Thursday, August 12th and Friday, August 13th from 7:45am – 12:00pm.
- **Sophomore** will attend a shorten Raider Camp on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:45am – 12:00pm.
- **The first day of school** for all students is August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- **The last day of school** for all students is June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.