



# Get on the bus!

# Back to School

# 2023-2024



@sbranchisd 
 @SBISD 
 Spring Branch ISD  
 Spring Branch Independent School District

The first day of school is **Wednesday, Aug. 16**



## Welcome back, SBISD families!

Spring Branch ISD is ready to kick off an amazing school year with our students, staff and community. Inside you will find information on how to start the 2023-2024 academic school year off strong. The entire SBISD team has been working hard this summer to ensure our schools and facilities are ready to welcome our more than 33,000 students back for another outstanding year of learning. From academics to fine arts and athletics, our educators look forward to seeing your child on the first day of school.

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Learn more at: [springbranchisd.com/backtoschool](https://springbranchisd.com/backtoschool)



## Outstanding Academics



## Award-winning Fine Arts



## Exceptional Athletics

# Dear SBISD Community,

It's that time of year! I am excited to welcome you and your student(s) to a new school year. Our SBISD team has been hard at work this summer preparing for another great year, and I want to start by thanking them. Their dedication to providing a welcoming, safe, and clean learning environment is an example of what we call Collective Greatness, a Core Value in SBISD.

From preparing the over 20,000 meals that will be served on the first day of school, to maintaining the 165 buses transporting students from home to school and back, they are working hard toward a great first day – and school year - in SBISD.

I commend our teachers and school leaders for their continued commitment to providing high-quality instruction and robust support. SBISD's college and career pathways align with SBISD's T-2-4 vision of every graduate attaining a technical certificate, military training or a two-year or four-year degree.

From exciting new areas of study in Career and Technical Education (CTE), like the new dental program starting this school year, to Python for Computer Science and Fusion 360 for Engineering, to opportunities for Every Child to explore, achieve and excel in a variety of extracurricular programs, including fine arts and athletics, our students are not just learning – they are thriving.

Thank you to our community for approving the 2022 Bond. Work is already well underway on this transformative project. Inside, you'll find an update on this work as well as the continuation of the 2017 Bond.

Please continue to support our schools as mentors, volunteers, partners and engaged parents. Whether serving on one of our advisory teams or joining your campus PTA, or building connections with teachers and campus leaders, your partnership is critical to student success.

I look forward to all we will accomplish together this school year. Welcome back to school, SBISD!



*Jenny Blaine*

Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

 @drjsb33

 @jennifer\_blaine

# SAFETY & SECURITY

## Dear SBISD Families,

As we prepare to begin a new school year, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We want to ensure that every individual in Spring Branch ISD is safe and secure. Please take this time to review the following safety and security information:

### In the Event of an Emergency

- Our [Emergency Response Protocols \(Spanish\)](#) are a critical part of our campus and district safety plans for the 2023-2024 school year. Review the document in its entirety so that you are familiar with our safety terms and procedures and know your role as well as do's and don'ts in the event of an emergency.
- The nature of the situation dictates whether school officials, in coordination with the SBISD Police, will put in place a lockdown, secure, shelter, evacuation, hold, or any combination of these protocols, to ensure the safety and well-being of students and staff.
- Ensure your contact information, including home and cell phone numbers, email and the name of the individual(s) authorized to pick up your child remains accurate and current. Update phone and email information in Skyward Family Access or contact your school office.

### Threats & Prohibited Items

- Talk with your child and remind them that making a threat against a district, school or individual is a felony charge and will not be tolerated. Spring Branch ISD and the SBISD Police Department will prosecute any individual who threatens the safety of our students, staff or schools to the fullest extent of the law. *A conviction for a third-degree felony in Texas could result in up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.*
- Also, as a reminder, no weapons of any kind are allowed on the premises of any SBISD campus or facility. Do not allow your child to bring **anything** to school that is a weapon or gives the appearance of being a weapon, even if it is a toy. Airsofts, pellet guns, BB guns and water guns are not allowed.
- The district will also always respond in accordance with our Student Code of Conduct for any individual who threatens the safety of our students, staff or schools.



Scan here to  
view our  
Safety Guide

English



Spanish



## School Bus Safety

- If your student is a bus rider, talk with them about bus safety tips including:
  - When a school bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb and line up away from the street. Wait until the bus has come to a complete stop and watch for the driver to signal that it's safe to board.
  - If you must cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver. After exiting the bus, cross only in front of the bus, never behind it.
- **Yellow flashing lights** on a school bus indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load/unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.
- **Red flashing lights** on a school bus and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

## Bike Riders & Walkers

- If your student is a bike rider or walker, talk with them about safety tips including:
  - Do not ride or walk in the roadway. Look both ways and listen to the traffic before crossing, and cross the street only at a crosswalk. If riding a bike, get off the bike and walk the bike across when crossing a street.
  - Do not assume that a car will stop or that the driver sees you. Be sure to stay alert and be seen.
  - Do not accept rides from anyone unless your parents or guardians have given you permission.
  - If you feel unsafe or see something that makes you feel unsafe, report it to your parents, a teacher or a police officer immediately.

## Other Safety Reminders

- Bullying is something we take very seriously in SBISD. Reporting bullying can help us ensure our schools are safe, positive places where students can thrive and learn. Report any bullying to a campus staff member or administrator or use the Anonymous Reporting link prominent on every campus website.
- Please emphasize the importance of our "See Something - Say Something" protocol. Use Anonymous Reporting to share any concerns or call the SBISD Police Department at 713-984-9805.
- Finally, all parents and volunteers must register and gain approval before starting volunteer service each year. SBISD's 2023-24 volunteer application is now open - with a new look and feel! Beat the back-to-school rush and apply today. If you were approved to volunteer during the 2022-23 school year, your status is only valid through September 30, 2023. All returning volunteers must re-register and be approved for the 2023-24 school year.

We are committed to working together to have a safe and successful school year. Thank you for your cooperation and support.



Larry Baimbridge  
SBISD Chief of Police

## REMEMBER!

### Anonymous Reporting

All campus websites have a link on the homepage where anyone can anonymously report troubling situations. This includes, but is not limited to, issues around **safety, security, self-harm**, or other similar matters. Anyone can anonymously report observed threats, behaviors, actions and harassment like bullying or a potential threat.

In the event of an emergency, please call the Spring Branch ISD Police Department at 713-984-9805.

# Back to School

# CHECKLIST

## Have you contacted your child's pediatrician for a complete immunization and shot history?

Visit the Health Services section of the SBISD website for a complete listing of immunizations required for school and medical forms.

[bit.ly/sbisd-immunizations](http://bit.ly/sbisd-immunizations)

## Have you filled out emergency contact and other forms for your child's school?

Complete all required registration forms in Skyward/Family Access before the first day of school. It's also important to make sure your contact information in SKYWARD is correct. The information you have on file is the way your school, and the district, will outreach with important news and events.

[bit.ly/sbisd-student-forms](http://bit.ly/sbisd-student-forms)

## Have you downloaded a copy of the SBISD Emergency Guide?

Visit the SBISD Back to School website to download your copy now. You will receive a copy during the first week of school.

[bit.ly/sbisd-emergency-guide](http://bit.ly/sbisd-emergency-guide)

## Have you confirmed your child's transportation arrangements?

Use the Bus Route Finder on the SBISD website to find your child's stop and route. The phone number for the Transportation Department is 713-251-1066.

[www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=SBI04322537629](http://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=SBI04322537629)

## Have you completed your student's school meal form?

In addition to receiving daily meals, completing a school meal form can also qualify you for additional benefits including Pandemic-EBT benefits, discounted internet services, reduced academic test fees, discounted college application fees and more. Complete the application online or call 713-251-1150.

[www.schoolcafe.com/springbranchisd](http://www.schoolcafe.com/springbranchisd)

## Have you checked with your child's school about the supplies he or she will need? Does your child have a backpack?

Visit your school website to find important back to school information. Call your child's school if you need assistance.

[www.springbranchisd.com/schools](http://www.springbranchisd.com/schools)

## Do you know what time school starts for your child?

Visit your school website to find your school's hours.

[www.springbranchisd.com/schools](http://www.springbranchisd.com/schools)

## Do you want to be a volunteer or attend field trips with your child this school year?

SBISD strongly encourages you complete the annual Volunteer Registration Process between now and September 30.

[bit.ly/sbisd-volunteer](http://bit.ly/sbisd-volunteer)

## Do you know if your child's school has a dress code?

Visit your school website to find dress code and other important information. School websites can be found on the SBISD website under SCHOOLS.

[www.springbranchisd.com/schools](http://www.springbranchisd.com/schools)

## Have you reviewed SBISD's Course Catalogs, Student Handbook, and Online Grade-level Guide?

Visit the SBISD Back to School website for access to these resources and more!

[www.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool](http://www.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool)

## Do you know where to go to view your child's course content, assignments, due dates, and events?

Visit the SBISD Back to School website to learn more about Canvas. It's SBISD's anywhere, anytime student portal to digital coursework and instructional content.

[www.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool](http://www.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool)

## Do you know how to find your child's report card?

Visit and bookmark the SKYWARD/Family Access website. Skyward Family Access is a password-protected site that provides both parents and students access to course grades, attendance, and important student information.

[bit.ly/sbisd-student-forms](http://bit.ly/sbisd-student-forms)

## Do you know if your child needs a sports physical or if they are eligible for a free one?

Visit the SBISD Athletics website for information on free sports physicals, upcoming sporting events, tickets and more.

[bit.ly/sbisd-athletics](http://bit.ly/sbisd-athletics)



Scan to view SBISD Back to School website

# Bond Program Updates

## SHAPING SPRING BRANCH

*Thank you to our community!*

**\$898.4 million**

The 2017 Bond Program continues the transformation of district facilities. The program:



- REPLACES the remaining nine oldest elementary schools and one middle school.
- PROVIDES classroom and facility renovations (multiple locations).
- UPGRADES safety and security, building systems and technology at all campuses, including classroom furniture for secondary schools.
- REPLACES Career and Technical Education (CTE) classroom equipment.
- REPLACES aged music instruments and uniforms.
- UPGRADES athletics, including four turf fields.
- REPLACES older buses.

<https://bit.ly/SBISDBond-2017>

**\$381.6 million**

Approved by 73 percent of the vote in May 2022, the 2022 Bond Program will:



- PROVIDE CTE classroom, lab, and facility improvements at four high schools, six middle schools and two specialty campuses and PROVIDE CTE-related technology equipment.
- ADDRESS identified district facility needs including additional classrooms at Valley Oaks Elementary to meet anticipated capacity challenges.
- ADDRESS new building stormwater detention and code requirements put into place after Hurricane Harvey.
- FUND technology infrastructure improvements that support CTE programming and lifecycle replacements of audio-visual instructional tools and student and teacher devices.

<https://bit.ly/SBISDBond-2022>

*Bond Program*

**MILESTONES  
& CELEBRATIONS**

**Save the Date!**

**Nottingham Elementary  
Grand Opening Celebration**

**September 27, 2023**

570 NOTTINGHAM OAKS TRAIL  
HOUSTON, TX 77079

**Coming Soon:**

**AG/Science Center  
Groundbreaking**

Spring 2024\*

**Guthrie Center  
Groundbreaking**

Spring 2024\*

**Sherwood Elementary  
Groundbreaking**

Spring 2024\*

\* EVENT INFORMATION & DETAILS  
TO BE ANNOUNCED.

# 2023-2024 SPRING BRANCH ISD ACADEMIC CALENDAR

## Campus Phone Numbers

<b>Pre-K</b>	
Bear Blvd	713-251-7900
Lion Lane	713-251-6100
Panda Path	713-251-8000
Tiger Trail	713-251-8100
Wildcat Way	713-251-8200

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### CALENDAR KEY

[	Begin Grading Cycle	☐	New Teacher Orientation
]	End Grading Cycle	☒	Teacher Workday-Student Holiday
○	Early Dismissal	☐	Teacher/Staff Development-Student Holiday
■	Bad Weather Day	■	Holiday-Staff/Student

## Elementary

Bendwood	713-251-5200
Buffalo Creek	713-251-5300
Bunker Hill	713-251-5400
Cedar Brook	713-251-5500
Edgewood	713-251-5600
Frostwood	713-251-5700
Holibrook	713-251-5800
Housman	713-251-5900
Hunters Creek	713-251-6000
Meadow Wood	713-251-6200
Memorial Drive	713-251-6300
Nottingham	713-251-6400
Pine Shadows	713-251-6500
Ridgecrest	713-251-6600
Rummel Creek	713-251-6700
Shadow Oaks	713-251-6800
Sherwood	713-251-6900
SBAI	713-251-2219
Spring Branch	713-251-7000
Spring Shadows	713-251-7100
Terrace	713-251-7200
Treasure Forest	713-251-7400
Valley Oaks	713-251-7500
Westwood	713-251-2100
Wilchester	713-251-7700
Woodview	713-251-7800

## Middle School

Cornerstone	713-251-1600
Landrum	713-251-3700
Memorial	713-251-3900
Northbrook	713-251-4100
Spring Branch	713-251-4400
Spring Forest	713-251-4600
Spring Oaks	713-251-4800
Spring Woods	713-251-5000

## High School

AOC	713-251-1500
Guthrie Center	713-251-1300
Memorial	713-251-2500
Northbrook	713-251-2800
Spring Woods	713-251-3100
Stratford	713-251-3400
WAIS	713-251-1800

# IMPORTANT DATES

August 16	.....	First Day of School
September 4	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
September 20	.....	PK, Elem, MS Early Dismissal
October 6	.....	Student Holiday
October 9	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
October 12-13	.....	Elementary Early Dismissal
November 8	.....	PK, Elem, MS Early Dismissal
November 20-24	.....	Thanksgiving Break
December 18-20	.....	Secondary Early Dismissal
December 20	.....	Elementary Early Dismissal
Dec. 21- Jan. 5	.....	Christmas Break
January 8	.....	Student Holiday

January 9	.....	Back to School
January 15	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
January 31	.....	PK, Elem, MS Early Dismissal
February 8-9	.....	Elementary Early Dismissal
February 19	.....	Student Holiday
March 11-15	.....	Spring Break
March 29	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
April 1	.....	Student/Staff Holiday (Make up day if needed)
May 27	.....	Student/Staff Holiday
May 28-30	.....	Secondary Early Dismissal
May 30	.....	Elementary Early Dismissal

Spring Branch Education Foundation is grateful for our 30-year partnership with both SBISD and our community to provide collaboration, financial and volunteer resources, passionate care for Spring Branch ISD and its students, families, and staff, and commitment to a school district we love.

# WHAT DO WE DO?



**Project School Supplies**

**Project School Supplies** provides economically-disadvantaged students at both Title I and non-Title I campuses the supplies they need to begin the school year. Our donors make it possible for all SBISD students to begin the year with the tools critical for success in the classroom.



**District and Campus Grants**

Through **grants**, funding is offered to support SBISD students as they explore a variety of skills and interests that could lead to future careers. From reading to writing to cooking to technology to art, our grants offer the district and our teachers funding to help our students work towards their goals for the future.



**Scholarships for Graduating Seniors**

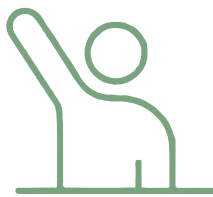
Generous donors help graduating seniors on the next step in their educational journey. The demand for **scholarships** is greater than ever, helping our high school graduates as they pursue a technical certification or attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university program.

# WHY GIVE TO SBEF?

## Funds raised by SBEF stay in SBISD.

Spring Branch Education Foundation puts your tax-deductible donation to work supporting the students and staff of our district. SBEF partners with the community to support SBISD.

## SBEF raises funds through:



### ✓ Donations from individuals

- who answer requests for Project School Supplies or Scholarship giving.
- who fund a specific project, program, or scholarship.
- who participate in one of SBEF's annual events.



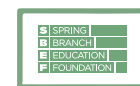
### ✓ Donations from organizations like PTAs, Booster Clubs, or other organizations

- who either fundraise through SBEF or transfer funds to SBEF to hold until they are ready to spend the funds on a campus or program-related expense.



### ✓ Donations from corporations

- who fund SBISD-approved programs.
- who provide scholarships.
- who attend SBEF events.



### ✓ Donations from foundations

- who answer grant requests from SBEF to fund specific SBISD-approved programs.





Let us recognize you as an **SBISD Good Neighbor!**  
Any corporation, local business, government entity, non-profit, faith-based organization, educational institution or individual who completes 3 or more strategic activities in support of SBISD or SBEF in a school year qualifies to become a Good Neighbor!



**Small time investment, big-time IMPACT!**  
See all the ways you can support our students and schools by giving time, talent or treasure!

## Get Engaged!

### Families

- Attend Parent U family learning opportunities.
- Become a Reading Buddy, Mentor or General Campus Volunteer! Apply between now and September 30 at [volunteer.springbranchisd.com](http://volunteer.springbranchisd.com).
- Engage with your campus PTA. Check out the Council of PTAs to find out if your school has one!

### Community

- Become a Reading Buddy, Mentor or General Campus Volunteer! Apply between now and September 30 at [volunteer.springbranchisd.com](http://volunteer.springbranchisd.com).
- Sponsor district programs for students and staff!
- Give back to SBISD staff by joining the XtraCredit Employee Perks Program!

### And SO much more!

Interested in getting connected? E-mail [partner@springbranchisd.com](mailto:partner@springbranchisd.com) to start today.



# Ask yourself...

- Am I a highly effective educator who has the capacity to engage students and empower them to succeed?
- Do I set goals and achieve them?
- Do I hold my students, my peers and myself to the highest standards?
- Do I believe all children have the ability to learn?

**If you answered YES...  
We Need You!**



Scan the QR Code  
to learn about  
our Core Values.

**Questions?**  
SBISD Human Resources  
713-251-2352

## **SBISD Offers Educators:**

- Competitive Starting Salary
- Employee Childcare
- Insurance-Health, Dental, Life, Disability, Cancer, Legal and Other Coverage Options
- Wellness Program
- Flexible Spending Account Options
- Employee Assistance Program
- 457/403b Retirement Accounts
- XtraCredit Employee Perks

**APPLY ONLINE TODAY!**  
[springbranchisd.com/join-our-team](http://springbranchisd.com/join-our-team)