

SY24-25 End of Year Family Packet

Principal Opening Letter

Trailblazers,

I am humbly honored to start my second year as the Principal of YES Prep North Central Secondary School. I am committed to leading our school towards continuing our track record of excellence. I will do this while Living the Blue Orange and incorporating our values of Respect, Hard Work, Leadership and Team.

Let me start by sharing a bit about what I believe. I trust that it takes a community of individuals to create an environment that will foster growth in our students. In my years in education, I have witnessed the immense power of relationships and truly understand that not all learning happens in classrooms. I firmly believe that academic excellence goes hand in hand with character development, school culture and developing holistic skills. As such, I am dedicated to creating a school that will emphasize our Blue Orange Values in all aspects of school life.

One of my aims is to cultivate a culture of excellence. I see a campus where Trailblazer feels inspired to embrace challenges and strive for success. Together, the Trailblazer community will celebrate collective and individual growth and accomplishments in our pursuit of excellence. As a Trailblazer, we must blaze those trails of excellence so that others are compelled to follow.

I have been part of the Trailblazer community for more than 9 years now (16 years with YES Prep) and have seen how we have become a place for legacy. I am a mom of four and believe that North Central Secondary should be a school I am proud to send my own children. As a community, we will continue to set the bar of excellence high. This past year we were able to achieve such excellence. We have grown in all areas, overcame obstacles together, and built a place where our students feel safe continuing to learn.

Let's have an amazing year, doing what we do best – pursuing excellence.

Mrs. Lilian Macias



Summer 2024 Front Office Hours

YES Prep North Central Secondary's Office Hours are as follows:

Monday—Friday (9:00—3:00pm)

The Front Office will be closed on the following days:

- Thursday, June 6, 2024 (New Student Registration Day)
- Friday, June 7, 2024 (Campus Development Day)
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 (Juneteenth Holiday)
- Monday, July 1—Friday, July 5, 2024 (YES Prep Recharge Week)

Student Device Return

All students at YES Prep NCS were issued a device and charger at the start of the 23-24 SY. Therefore, all students are responsible for returning their YES Prep issued device and charger. Most devices were returned during the last week of the school year, but there are students whose device and charger is still pending.

If you have received communication confirming your student's device is pending, please plan to return your student's device during our adjusted summer hours. All devices are due no later than Tuesday, June 11th.

Transportation Registration Form

Returning families will need to confirm in Skyward if your student(s) will need transportation services for the upcoming school year. Families should complete registration by Friday, June 14th. Please note, registration is required to guarantee transportation services. Failure to complete the transportation registration by the deadline will result in a lack of transportation services for your student until registration is completed.

Summer Records Request

Records request made during the summer will be processed in the order received with a processing of 24-48 hrs.

Retention / Promotion Decisions

Middle School: If the Retention Placement Committee reviews a middle school student (formally Grade Placement Committee) who is at risk of being retained due to not meeting the YES Prep Middle School Promotion standards, guardians will be informed by Friday, June 7.

High School: High School Promotion, Placement, and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by Friday, June 7. High school students who have failed one 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. Supposing successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed in the next grade level. In that case, the parent/guardian will be communicated with before the 2024 - 2025 School Year about final Retention and Placement decisions based on the 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. All core classes, including English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses, will be offered, and world language courses will only be offered to Juniors and Seniors. YES Prep Summer Credit Recovery will be offered in person at your student's campus through the Edmentum PLATO Platform. A YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student in person during Summer Programming. 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 10th – Friday, Monday June 24th (**No summer programming will be held on June 19th**)
- Time: Class times are provided by the Credit Recovery Program Admin and will be communicated at the start of the program

Summer School

There are several exciting summer enrichment opportunities available for secondary students. Check out our dates below and mark your calendars! A confirmation will be sent to families before 6/7 regarding whether your child needs to attend a summer program.

- **Special population support** will be offered to secondary students in all grades and will start on Monday, June 3.
- **Credit and Attendance Recovery** for students in grades 9 - 12 who did not pass a high school credited class began on Monday, June 10.
- For most participating campuses, enrichment programming offered through **ASPIRE** for all secondary students begins on Monday, June 10.
- **Accelerated Learning** is required for identified students who failed an 8th grade reading and/or math, Algebra I, Biology, or US History STAAR EOC assessment and begins on Monday, June 10.
- **STAAR EOC testing** will take place June 25 and is HIGHLY recommended for all students in grades 9-12 who did not pass or missed their Spring STAAR exam as it is a graduation requirement.

All students in our summer programming will have access to our free summer meals. Please note that there will be **no summer programming on Monday, June 19**, as campuses will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

Additional program information can be found on the YES Prep [Say YES to Summer web page](#).

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.

School Year 2024-2025 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:

- Trip fees (may include day trips and/or overnight trips)
- Athletic fees (applicable to students who participate in athletic programming)
- High School Credit Recovery (applicable to students who must attend Fall, Spring, or Summer Credit Recovery to regain failed credits).

YES Prep Atlas and Other Reading Materials

The YES Prep Atlas is the scope of texts 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](https://www.yesprep.org). All required reading materials will be provided by the campus for students. Required reading materials such as novels, textbooks, and/or SAT prep materials will be provided for students at no cost to the family.

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

School Year 2024-2025 School Supply List

All secondary school supply lists should at minimum have the following items:

- Blue and black pens
- #2 pencils
- Erasers
- 1 set of wired headphones (with a microphone)
- 1 spiral notebook per course (college-ruled)
- 1 T1 Nspire graphing calculator for all students in Geometry, Algebra II, Pre Calculus, AP Calculus, and/or AP Statistics (may not purchase "CAS" version)- optional

School Year 2024-2025 Annual Student Enrollment Forms

Every year, YES Prep parents and guardians are required to update Annual Student Enrollment forms (previously called Back to School forms). **This applies to any new and returning student regardless of the start date at YES Prep.**

Annual Student Enrollment forms ensure important student information -- such as guardians, emergency contacts and medical information – is up-to-date allowing the district to respond appropriately in case of emergency. Maintaining up-to-date student information is also needed to maintain compliance with the TEA (Texas Education Agency).

Annual Student Enrollment forms for returning and new students will be released through **Skyward Family Access on Monday, June 17, 2024**. We encourage families to complete their students' Annual Student Enrollment forms as soon as possible.

School Year 2024-2025 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.

For the 2024-2025 school year, students are required to wear a YES Prep-branded uniform top five days a week. Students will be allowed to wear a uniform top from any previous school year (that fits uniform policy).

24 – 25 Uniform:

- Tops:
 - YES Prep branded outer layer (sweaters, jackets etc)
 - YES Prep t-shirts, polo or spirit shirts
 - Students must wear a YES Prep shirt under outer layers
- Bottoms:
 - Khakis, Jeans, or Joggers
 - Any holes above the knee should be covered to not show skin
 - No leggings, jeggings, or pajama pants
 - Skirts or shorts should not be higher than 3 inches above the knee
- Shoes:
 - Must be closed toe
 - Must have backs
 - No Crocs or Slides are allowed

Uniform Sale Price

Shirts	Secondary
T-shirts	\$5
Polos	\$8
Uniform bundle: 3 spirit shirts, 2 polos	\$31
Outerlayers (sweaters & jackets)	\$15 - \$30

The YES Prep polos and spirit shirts will be available for purchase online beginning Friday, May 17, 2024. All information pertaining to student uniforms, the links to campus webstores, and distribution guidance can be found on the [YES Prep Student Dress Code website](#).

Families should purchase uniforms using our campus webstore. Uniform purchase pick-up on campus will take place on Wednesday, June 12th—Friday, June 14th and Monday, June 17th—Friday, June 21st, except for Wednesday, June 19th, which is closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Uniform pickup on these dates will take place from 9am—2pm.

A full dress code will be shared with families during the summer.

STAAR & TELPAS Testing Results

Log in to the Texas Assessment Family Portal to view your child's test results: [TEA Family Portal](#) **or** use SkyWard's Family Access - [click here for instructions](#).

The following assessments will be available on Student Portal after Spring 2024 administration:

- TELPAS: June 12
- TELPAS Alt: May 14
- STAAR Alt: June 20
- Middle School STAAR: June 14
- STAAR End-of-Course: June 4
- Summer STAAR End-of-Course: August 2

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

School Year 2024-2025 School Hours and Academic Calendar

Days	Campus Hours
Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm

The YES Prep SY24-25 Academic Calendar can be found at:

<http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar>

Key dates:

- The first day of school for all students is August 14, 2024.
- The last day of school for all students is May 29, 2025.

2024-2025 Back to School website

YES Prep Public Schools' Back to School webpage with information for the 2024-2025 school year will go live on Monday, July 1, 2024. Here you will find the latest information to get ready for the first day of school. Leading up to July 1, you will also find this End Of Year (EOY) school packet on this webpage. To visit the Back-to-School webpage, click here:

yesprep.org/backtoschool

Stay Connected

Make sure to stay connected during the summer by following the main YES Prep social media accounts as well as your school's social media accounts. On the main YES Prep accounts, you will learn about the latest news and events happening across the district. On your school's accounts, you will stay up to date on school events and activities. During the summer, both accounts will be sharing information you will need to know for a successful first day of school.

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YES Prep Public Schools	Facebook.com/yesprep	Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools
YES Prep North Central Secondary	Facebook.com/yesprepncs	Instagram.com/yesprepncs