



## Senator Eddie A. Lucio Jr. Middle School

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June 18, 2024

Dear Lucio Lion Family,

I hope this letter reaches you and your family in good health and spirit! As we prepare to begin a new school year, I want to take this time to share the high expectations that we continue to expect for all students. Please take some time to review some of our policies and procedures that will be consistently enforced throughout the school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting the front office at (956) 831-4550. We look forward in meeting and working with your child. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Yours in Education,

Mr. Chester J. Arizmendi  
Principal

### REMINDERS:

- Shirt uniforms are required and on sale until June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please do not wait until the last minute. To place your order, click on the link on our school Facebook or Web Site.
- Students who are not zoned to Lucio Middle School will have to submit an Intra-District application with Pupil Services at the Central Administration Building, 708 Palm Blvd. Suite 121. This must be completed by August 1st. For more info call (956) 698-0465. To qualify for an approval, the student must have no disciplinary records, good attendance, and must have made growth progress for the 2024 STAAR.
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Monday, August 12, 2024 by 7:40 A.M.**

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**Cell Phones, Ear Buds & other Electronic Devices (or other confiscated items)** are not permitted throughout the instructional day. Student laptops may be utilized to assist in instruction. Cell phones & earbuds must be turned off and placed in the student's backpack. If a cell phone is in a student's possession for any reason throughout the school day, it will be confiscated and sent to the office for parent pick-up; *checking the time or responding to a parent/guardian's message is not an acceptable excuse*. Pick-up hours for all confiscated items are between 3pm- 3:45pm only; **the student MUST BE PRESENT**. Repeat violators will be subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Dress Code: The dress code is strictly enforced.** Dress code violations cause unnecessary distractions throughout the instructional day. Students in violation of the dress code will be directed to call home for a change of clothes and/or may be temporarily placed in ISS. Samples and a full detail of the dress code may be found on our web site: [Lucio.Bisd.us](http://Lucio.Bisd.us) In addition to the BISD Dress Code Policies, all students must strictly adhere to the 2024-2025 Lucio Middle School Dress Code Policies. All students are to wear their 2024 School ID badge, displayed in a badge carrier or pinned to their shirt. All students enrolled in Lucio MS last school year were issued an initial badge carrier and lanyard; new students will be provided with a complimentary one. Replacements are subject to a charge. **6th grade** will utilize a solid orange polo shirt. **7th grade** a solid hunter green polo shirt, and **8th grade** a solid black polo shirt. **Every Thursday is College Day**—on this day students may wear any college/university polo shirt or T-shirt (No ECHS shirts). **Every Friday is Spirit Day**—students may wear any Lucio MS T-shirt, club or organization shirt or any Lopez ECHS shirt. **Black and blue jeans and Khaki pants** are the *only* authorized pants that may be worn. Jeans/pants may not be ripped (even by imitation) and are not permitted to be sagging at any time. Pants may not be rolled from the bottom. Jackets may be utilized in the building but as an added safety measure they must be unzipped. **Hoodies and pullovers** are not permitted & will be confiscated except for forecasted chilly weather of 55 degrees and below **throughout the whole school day (the principal will announce)**. **Ear piercings** are permitted for *female students only* and are limited to a single stud per ear lobe; no other piercings are permitted. **Student hair-color** must be of a natural color and should not stick out to cause a distraction. **Line designs** in the hair **are not permitted**. Any other hairstyle or dress code concerning outside the parameters from the dress code policies will be subject to discretionary approval from administration.

**Keeping Hands to Self: Please discuss with your child about keeping their hands to themselves.** Usually, problems arise when students make any type of contact with their peers. Please encourage your child to report any of these instances to school personnel (counselor/ teacher/administration).

**Backpacks/Supplies:** A mesh or clear see-through backpack is the only type that may be used. Students must come to school prepared. Please ensure that your child comes to school with all the necessary supplies. At a minimum, a notebook with paper and a pen/pencil is required daily. If a student arrives at school unprepared, contact will be made with the parent/guardian to come to the school and provide the required supplies.

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**Academic Achievement:** We encourage parents to enroll in Home Access Center (HAC). You may stop by the front office to complete the necessary forms for access. A driver's license or state identification card is required for registration. Please take some time to review your child's progress. **Students are expected** to take ownership and responsibility for their classwork, homework, projects, quizzes, and tests. Parents are highly encouraged to make an appointment to meet with teachers about their child's progress. **Good character:** On a daily basis we promote "good character" traits. These traits are Responsibility, Caring, Trustworthiness, Respect, Citizenship, and Fairness. All students are expected to integrate these traits into their daily lives. In preparation for high school and scholarly studies, **all students are held accountable for their actions and are expected to make good decisions at all time.**

**Traffic Procedures/Parking:** In consideration of other parents/drivers, PLEASE pull forward to the front and follow the directions of campus personnel monitoring traffic. **Cell phones are not to be used in the school zone.** BISD PD will be issuing citations for those in violation. **Parking is never permitted along the side of the front curb (fire lane).** Vehicles in violation will be subject to police citation. Please utilize the unreserved parking spaces in front of the school.

**Attendance:** The **tardy bell rings at 7:40 a.m.** –By that time, all students must be in their classroom ready to receive instruction. Students who arrive tardy and/or are tardy during the day to other classes will be subject to disciplinary action (see LMS Tardy Policy). At Lucio Middle School, we are promoting "responsibility." Students are being responsible by attending school every day and being on time. Students with excessive absences/tardies (more than three) will be in danger of being placed on an attendance contract, parent meeting with the principal and counselor, and/or being referred to truancy court for judicial proceedings. Students with excessive absences may also be in danger of losing credit for all or some classes. If your child must be absent, please bring a medical excuse to the front office the following day.

**Tardy Policy:** Students must arrive at all classes on time. Students have three minutes to transition to their class and should not loiter, take unnecessary routes, or walk other students to class. **Students who are tardy will receive after-school detention from 3:00-3:45 PM.** (bus transportation will not be provided). Detention can be avoided by arriving at school/class on time. Students who are chronically tardy to class will be subject to a disciplinary referral and/or placed in ISS. Tardy roundups will result in immediate placement in ISS.

**Hall Passes:** Lucio MS uses the SMART PASS Platform that tracks pass usage daily. Any student who leaves the classroom during instructional time must have an approved hall pass from their teacher and the SMART PASS System. **Students who do not have a hall pass will be subject to immediate disciplinary action for skipping class.** For safety and security purposes, restroom passes are generally not permitted during the first and last 10 minutes of every period

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except for emergency situations. Students who abuse and/or exceed the allotted time for use of the SMART PASS SYSTEM will be subject to disciplinary action; student use of SMART PASS is monitored frequently.

**Bullying:** Lucio Middle School is a **bully-free environment**. If a student is being verbally or physically harassed, they must immediately report it to the teacher, counselor, or an administrator. If the student feels that “*nobody is listening*,” they must immediately report it to the principal. Students that bully others will be subject to intense disciplinary consequences.

**Mutual Combat:** There is zero **tolerance for fighting** (including horseplay). Students who engage in physical contact will be subject to intense disciplinary consequences that may result in long-term removal to the District’s Alternative Placement—BAC. Students will also be subject to charges for disorderly conduct by the Brownsville ISD Police Department. Students who are being prompted by others to engage in mutual combat must walk away and report it to school personnel. Students that promote, contribute, provoke others into fighting will also be subject to the same consequences.

**Referrals:** Students are held accountable for their actions and must always follow the policies and procedures of Lucio Middle School. **Students who receive three disciplinary referrals will be warned about the long-term removal to the District’s Alternative School---BAC. On the fifth referral, the student will be summoned for a disciplinary removal hearing to BAC; some infractions may automatically warrant a BAC hearing/placement.**

**Drop-off/Pick-up:** For the safety & supervision of all students, drop-off may not be earlier than 6:45 a.m. Dismissal is at 2:50 p.m. All students must be picked up by 3:05 p.m. (15-minute policy). **Students are not allowed to be dropped off at the back of the school or along Vermillion Ave. Student drop-off is only permitted at the school's front doors.** Students who are participating in extra-curricular activities must report to the cafeteria and upon dismissal from their extra-curricular activity must likewise be picked up within 15 minutes of their dismissal. Students are not permitted to loiter in or off campus (within 500 feet from the school). For the safety of all students, once they leave campus, they are not allowed to return.

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**Principal's Open-Door Policy:** Although it is more convenient to call the front office to make an appointment, the principal will always accept students, parents, or guardians. If you have a concern about your child's grades or teacher, the parent/guardian must first follow the flow chart and begin with the teacher and if not satisfied with the response, then proceed to the Instructional Coach and/or Assistant Principal; afterwards, the Campus Principal will listen to any final comments or concerns. If you have a question or concern, please call the front office to make an appointment or stop by the front desk.

**Stay Informed:** We are on Facebook! Be sure to "LIKE" our page. We can be found under "Senator Eddie A. Lucio Jr. Middle School." Pictures and announcements will be posted and will help to keep you informed! You may also visit us on YouTube to listen to our morning announcements & presentations. Be sure to "Subscribe" to our page! Lastly, **PLEASE keep your phone numbers up to date** in the front office so we may always be in contact.

**We thank you** for your support as we maintain a safe environment, where children can learn every day and become tomorrow's leaders with exemplary character!

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