



BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



KENNEDALE JUNIOR HIGH
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
AUGUST 13TH, 2024



WELCOME BACK!

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We are thrilled to have students and families back and ready for a new academic year. This year may look a little different, but we will work together to make sure we have a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment. Our teachers have been working tirelessly to prepare for this year, and they are excited to meet their new students. Remember to stay focused, take good care of yourself, and ask for help when you need it. We wish you all the best for a successful year ahead.

The first day of school is Tuesday, August 13, 2024. Doors open at 8:00 am each day. School hours are from 8:30 am to 4:15 pm.

This back to school newsletter is filled with lots of information to help families plan for a successful school year. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact us at 817-563-8200.

Angela Bruce, Principal





KYCH Orientation

AND REGISTRATION

ACTIVITIES:

- Class schedule
- Meet your teachers
- Enrollment Verification
- Orientation with Administrators
- Chromebooks
- IDs
- School Tours (self-guided)
- Join PTO

Event Dates:

Tuesday	AUGUST 6th	7th/ 8TH Grade	3:30 - 6:30 PM
Thursday	AUGUST 8th	6TH Grade	3:30 - 6:30 PM

Parents can get help with the registration process, hear from our administration team, receive IDs, schedules, and 6th graders will receive their Chromebooks. Students and parents will also have the opportunity to "Meet the Teachers."



Meet & Greet

Calling all incoming 6th grade
RFP, Delaney, & New to District
Wildcats:

Come meet your fellow classmates
and enjoy some fun games and
team building activities.

Friday,
August 2nd, 2024

1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

FOR MORE INFO,
PLEASE EMAIL
MRS. CHAVES
chavesc@kisdtx.net

Parents please:
drop off promptly
at 1:30 at the front
door. Please be on
time for pick up.



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

FOR ALL STUDENTS

All parents must complete the KISD online registration process for students, whether new or returning to KISD. Parents of returning students should update contact information.

State law requires children to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases to attend school in Texas. Getting your child vaccinated protects your child's health and that of the community. Students cannot attend school without the appropriate documentation for the required vaccines or a valid medical or conscientious exemption. All new-to-district students must submit a current vaccine record that complies with the Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements. **7th grade families - your student has two immunizations that are required: Tetanus-Diaphtheria (Tdap) and Meningococcal (MCV) shot this school year.**

[Click for the KISD Online Student Registration](#)

KENNEDALE ISD OPEN ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Kennedale ISD offers selective openings to out-of-district transfer students. The number of transfers accepted under this provision will be determined based on class size, staffing needs, and available space. To be considered, transfer students must complete the KISD Transfer Application. Transfer students must complete the Open Enrollment application before completing KISD online registration through Ascender.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

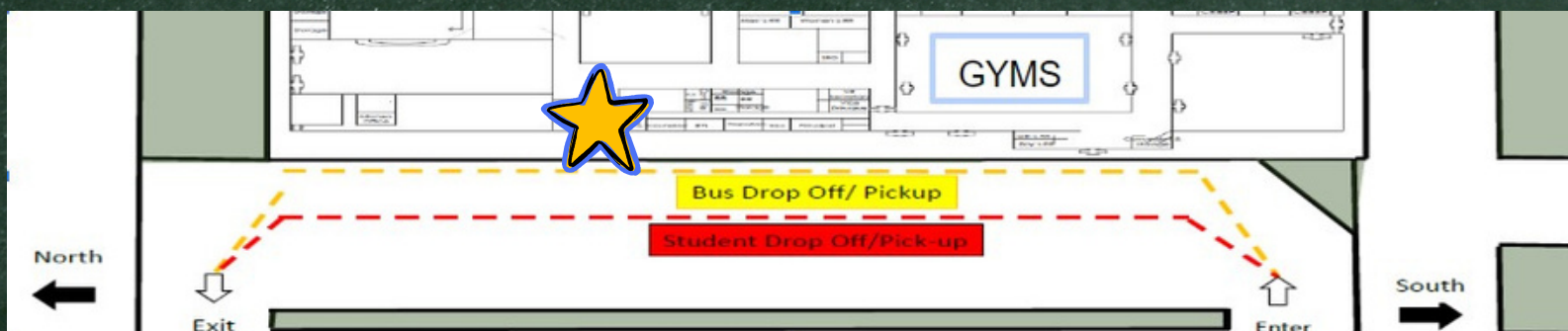


Student arrival is at the front of the campus through the main entrance. The “red” lane or curb lane is for bus/emergency vehicles at all times. Drivers are not to use the “red” lane for drop off/ pick up. Students arriving via guardian’s vehicle should form two lanes similar to dismissal. Please take a look at the image below for clarification.

Student dismissal via guardian’s vehicles may either pickup similar to a drive thru in the front of the campus or park in the south lot. Front lot drivers should form two lanes. The left lane, closest to the parked cars, are for drivers who want to turn left onto Corry Edwards and then the other lane of drivers will turn right. Drivers are not to drop/stop in the lane near the curb, this lane this to remain open for emergency vehicles and buses. If you child has not arrived to the vehicle in a timely manner, the driver will be asked to either circle around or move to a parking lot.

Drivers are highly encouraged to park in the south lot, especially if you have a student who doesn’t exit the building swiftly. Band parents, please pick up your student near the band hall in the south lot. The north parking lot is reserved for our families whose student requires special accommodation during pick-up. Contact campus administration regarding obtaining a North Lot permit.

Drivers, if you want to arrive at the campus before 4:00 pm you need to park in a parking spot. The front lot must remain open so emergency response vehicles can enter the property.



STUDENT CELLPHONE



KJH students have no academic need to use a cell phone during the school day. Cellphones are a major distraction to students learning. Even if the phone is not in use, students have difficulty recalling and retaining information because of the very idea that something might be happening on their phone. If guardians need to send a message to their student, they should call the main office. If a student needs to call home, there is a phone in the office they may use.

Student cell phones are expected to remain in their backpack and powered off during the school day from 8:25 am to 4:15 pm. If a student's phone is taken up by a staff member, it will be turned into the office. A parent will have to pick up their phone and pay a \$15.00 fine before it is released.

If a cell phone is observed out of the student backpack or pocket the following consequences will apply:

- 1st Offense - Warning
- 2nd offense - Confiscation and a \$15.00 fee
- 3rd offense - Confiscation and a \$15.00 fee, loss of privilege to have possession of any device on campus.

KISD CLEAR BACPACK POLICY

KISD improved safety measures by requiring all students in grades 6-12 to use clear backpacks beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Students participating in extracurricular activities will be permitted to carry non-transparent bags to store items related to their particular activity (i.e. band, athletics, etc.).

KISD BUS TRANSPORTATION

Goldstar Transit is proud to partner with the Kennedale ISD to provide bus transportation for eligible students. To register your child(ren) for transportation, complete the online Goldstar Transit Bus Transportation Request Form. For questions, contact Goldstar at 817-572-1812 or KISDSupervisor@ridegst.com.

[CLICK HERE GOLDSTAR BUS TRANSPORTATION](#)

STUDENT ID BADGES



Kennedale Junior High School students are expected to wear KJHS Student Identification Badges on lanyards around their necks. For safety reasons, IDs must be visible at all times.

Parents should consider purchasing a durable lanyard with other school supplies. Kennedale Junior High School will issue basic lanyards during registration.

Students will be given a Student ID and basic lanyard during registration. Students who do not have an ID will be required to purchase a new ID for \$5.00.

SCHOOL LUNCH TIME

Kennedale ISD participates in the federal lunch program. Quality food is available at a reasonable cost. The following procedures will be observed so the program may function properly.

1. Students may bring lunches for themselves prepared at home. A guardian may bring “take-out” food for their child, however, bringing food for other students is not permitted. **Guardians who drop off food need to drop the food prior to the student’s assigned lunch time. **Food may not be delivered by someone not on the student contact list.
2. NO food items will be accepted that are delivered by a mobile ordering and delivery marketplace such as GrubHub, DoorDash etc. per KISD Student Handbook
3. Food or drink is NOT eaten out of the cafeteria zone.
4. For health reason, no energy drinks are allowed.
5. No gum or sunflower seeds anywhere on campus.
6. KJHS is a closed campus; therefore, students may not leave campus to eat lunch unless signed out by a parent.
7. In order for an adult to eat with a student, the adult must be listed as an emergency contact. The campus has scheduled open lunches throughout the year. Dates will be shared later.

Additionally the school cannot provide food and beverages that are not prepared by the school food service anywhere on school premises from 30 minutes before to 30 minutes after meal periods.

MY SCHOOL BUCKS ACCOUNT



MySchoolbucks is used for all types of campus payments, not just lunch money. Need to pay a “fee”, buy a school hoodie, fill out a permission slip, or put some money on your student’s lunch account you will need a My SchoolBucks account. you may begin depositing money into student accounts at any time through MySchoolBucks to prepare for the cost of school lunches next year. Meal prices for 2024-25 can be found [here](#).

[**CLICK HERE TO SET UP A MY SCHOOL BUCKS ACCOUNT**](#)

APPLICATION FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS

All parents are encouraged to complete the Free and Reduced Priced Meal Application. Students who qualify may receive benefits beyond free/reduced meals such as waived/reduced college application fees and college testing fees (SAT, ACT, AP)

[**CLICK HERE FOR FREE AND REDUCED APPLICATION**](#)

CHROMEBOOKS

All Kennedale Junior High School students will be issued a new Chromebook and a charger in 6th grade. Chromebooks are expected to last 3 years. Students are allowed to take their Chromebooks home. Please remind your students to take care of their Chromebooks and keep up with the charger. You should consider purchasing a small, protective Chromebook case with your basic school supplies.

- Students with Chromebook issues should report to the Library, preferably before school starts each day.
- Students are expected to charge Chromebooks overnight and bring chargers to school.

KISD will offer a device protection plan for \$25 that will cover accidental damage for the enrolled school year. An email with sign-up information and plan details will be sent to parents soon.



STAY CONNECTED IN 2024-2025

We are excited to announce that we are adopting a new form of school-to-home communication at Kennedale ISD called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and encourage greater engagement and connection with Kennedale ISD. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:

- Send and receive school and class information
- Share pictures and files
- See calendar items
- Sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- and much more... all in one centralized place!

Once we are fully transitioned onto this new platform in August, the district will send out more information, a short introduction video for our parents and guardians, and the link to download the app.

We recommend that guardians bookmark these resources as well:

- [Parent U](#)
- [Ascender Parent Portal](#)
- [MySchoolBucks](#) (Also available as a free app on [iOS](#) and [Android](#))

OTHER HELPFUL RESOURCES



KISD 2024-2025 CALENDAR



2024-2025 School Calendar



July 2024						
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July 30 - 31 & August 1	New Hire Staff Development
August 2, 9	PLC/Teacher Work Days
August 5 - 8, 12	Staff Development Days
August 13	First Day of School
September 2	Labor Day Holiday
October 14	Columbus Day Holiday
October 15	Staff Development Day
November 4	Staff Development Day
November 5	Parent Teacher Conferences
November 25 - 29	Thanksgiving Break
December 20	Early Release for Students
December 23 - January 3	Winter Break
January 6	PLC/Teacher Work Day
January 7	First Day of Second Semester
January 20	MLK Jr. Holiday
February 10-14	February Break
February 17	Staff Development Day
March 17 - 21	March Break
March 24	Staff Development Day
April 18 - 21	District Holiday
April 8 - May 2	State Testing Days
May 22	Early Release for Students/Last Day of School
May 23	PLC/Teacher Work Day
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday

CATEGORY OF EVENTS		
1ST SEMESTER		
1st Nine Weeks		08/13/2024 - 10/11/2024
2nd Nine Weeks		10/16/2024 - 12/20/2024
2ND SEMESTER		
1st Nine Weeks		01/07/2025 - 03/14/2025
2nd Nine Weeks		03/25/2025 - 05/22/2025

- NEW HIRE STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- FIRST DAY OF SEMESTER
- DISTRICT HOLIDAY
- EARLY RELEASE FOR STUDENTS
- PLC/TEACHER WORK DAY (NO STUDENTS)
- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO STUDENTS)
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAY (NO STUDENTS)
- STATE TESTING DAYS
- FLEX DAYS
- BAD WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS | 04/18/25 & 04/21/25

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KISD 2024–2025 STUDENT DRESS CODE

Before purchasing school clothes, we recommend that all parents and students read the KISD Dress Code Policy. Please remember that athletic wear, sweats, pajamas, and revealing clothing are not allowed.



KISD STUDENT DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress in a way that promotes respect and a safe learning environment, while honoring the diversity of the learning community. While it is inevitable that there will be differences of opinion regarding the appropriateness of student attire, the final decision lies with the building administrator.

PANTS | CAPRIS | DRESSES | SKIRTS | SHORTS | SKORTS

- Jeans, pants, capris, dresses, skirts, shorts, skorts are acceptable.
- Skirt/short/skort length will be measured from the top of the slit and must be no shorter than the longest fingertip with hands fully extended down the side of the leg.
- Pants, shorts, skorts, and skirts must fit at the waistline - no sagging is allowed.
- Dresses with a minimum strap width of two inches are acceptable.
- **PK – 5TH grade only:** shorts/leggings may be worn under skirts/dresses.
- **NO** jeggings, leggings, athletic shorts, sweatpants, wind pants, pajamas, bathrobes, blankets or sleepwear.
- **NO** leather, suede, vinyl, Spandex, nylon or form-fitting materials.
- **NO** holes, frays or tears above the knee.

SHIRTS | TURTLENECKS | SWEATERS | SWEATSHIRTS | JACKETS

- T-shirts, collared shirts, quarter-zip pullovers, sweaters, sweatshirts & turtlenecks are acceptable.
- Shirts must touch the waist of pants/skirts, as measured when the student is standing.
- Hoodies are acceptable; hoods must not cover the head in the building.
- KISD spirit shirt may be worn any day.
- Shirts must have a minimum strap width of 2 inches - no midriff, halter, spaghetti straps or exposed cleavage.
- Kennedale youth sports league tops may be worn on spirit days.
- **NO** revealing, low-cut, form-fitting or transparent shirts.
- **NO** leather, suede or vinyl shirts.
- Appropriately sized outerwear is permitted, but item may need to be stored in student's locker

SHOES

- Shoes shall be worn at all times and if designed to be tied, shall be properly tied.
- Open-toed shoes must have a back strap.
- **NO** slides, flip-flops, cleats, house shoes, slippers or shoes with wheels.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- **NO** visible underwear, undergarments, muscle shirts or clothing similar to undergarments.
- **NO** spandex or lycra. All garments must be appropriately sized.
- **NO** clothing with pictures or language that is provocative, offensive, violent, profane, sexual, drug/tobacco/ gang related or promotes death and/or hate messages.
- **NO** icons/markings on body that are distracting, cause a disturbance, or identifies a student as part of an unauthorized group, gang or society.

ACCESSORIES

- Male students are permitted to wear stud earrings.
- **NO** spiked jewelry, chains, wallets with chains, body-piercing jewelry or gauges.
- **NO** hats, caps, scarves, bandanas, sunglasses or other head coverings (unless for medical or religious reasons) are permitted to be worn inside the school building.

GROOMING

- Hair must be neat, clean, well-groomed, of a natural color and worn in a non-distracting style.
- Mustaches, beards, and goatees must be neatly groomed.
- **NO** spikes or mohawks over three inches tall.
- **NO** visible tattoos.

Clarification regarding apparel and grooming should be obtained from administration prior to wearing it to school. Considerations other than those specifically discussed in this dress code will be determined by school administrators. School administration should have the right to consider any current fashion to its acceptability for school wear.