



# Welcome **BACK TO SCHOOL**

The first day of school is **Thursday, Aug. 15.**

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



# Welcome back, SBISD families!

Spring Branch ISD is ready for an amazing school year with our students, staff and community. In this guide, you'll discover everything you need to kick off the 2024-2025 academic year with confidence. Our dedicated team in SBISD has been busy preparing our schools and facilities to welcome over 32,000 students back for another fantastic year of learning. Whether it's academics, arts, or sports, our teachers and staff can't wait to greet your child on the first day of school!



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# Dear SBISD Community,

The 2024-25 school year is almost here! I hope your family is as excited to get back to school as we are!

Our educators are busy learning, planning and preparing our schools and classrooms for a fabulous year ahead! From continued professional development focused on the Science of Reading, to the introduction of the new state science curriculum and new report cards for our earliest learners, great things are on the horizon in SBISD!

I'm #SBISDProud to announce something very exciting that has been on the wish lists for our secondary fine arts students for years! Thanks to the successful management of our 2017 Bond Program, interest earnings have enabled us to purchase four custom trailers and trucks for safely hauling instruments and equipment to football games and competitions! Be on the lookout for these trailers on the road! They are fabulous and will save us tens of thousands of general fund dollars annually for truck rentals and repair of damaged instruments!

Speaking of the 2017 Bond Program, the beautiful new Memorial Drive Elementary will open in August, and Woodview Elementary, also a spectacular new facility, will open in January! The Terrace Elementary Project Advisory Team will kick off this fall, and we will break ground in January for the new Sherwood Elementary.

Our 2022 Bond Program is also well underway, with groundbreakings last May for the new Guthrie Center and additions and renovations to our Agricultural Science Center. This August, Valley Oaks Elementary will welcome students back with a new two-story classroom addition that will ease overcrowding at the school.

We also are excited for the official launch of RISE, our new early college program at Northbrook High School, in partnership with Houston Community College.

For over a decade, our vision has remained T-2-4 success for Every Child. To this end, we continue to focus on our district priorities- Literacy, Numeracy, English Learners, Student Supports and the expansion of Career and Technical Education (CTE), while we ensure our students are developing the Core Characteristics of a T-2-4 Ready Graduate.

This year our theme, #SBISDProud, embodies our shared pride in the incredible accomplishments of our students, staff and the district at large. Our spring 2024 STAAR scores affirm how much we have to celebrate. Overall, district results exceeded those for the state and region in all four subjects tested at the Meets Grade Level or Above and the Masters Level by as many as 11 points. Look for more STAAR information in the weeks ahead!

Just recently we learned that SBISD, for the fourth consecutive year, has been named a Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction. Our communications team earned a bevy of national awards this summer, and our Lion Lane and Tiger Trail employee childcare centers earned NAEYC accreditation. So much to celebrate and school hasn't even started!

Last year, we made difficult decisions to address our district's budget gap. With those decisions behind us, we will do our best to provide the excellent service and experiences you expect and our students deserve despite reduced staff and resources. The cuts we made, though difficult, enable us to move forward at this time without further reductions for this school year.

That said, we are gearing up to engage our entire community when the 89th Legislative Session kicks off next January. Full and fair funding for public education will remain our focus.

I eagerly anticipate welcoming everyone back on the first day of class, August 15, —whether on the bus, in the classroom, or across our campuses—as we embark on another successful year in SBISD.

**Have an amazing school year!**



**Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools



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Academics**



**Award-winning  
Fine Arts**



**Exceptional  
Athletics**

Spring Branch ISD

# SAFETY & SECURITY

## Dear SBISD Families,

As we 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 are a critical part of our campus and district safety plans for the 2024-25 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



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## 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 2024-2025 volunteer application is now open. Beat the back-to-school rush and **apply today. All 2023-2024 volunteer applications expired on June 30, 2024. All volunteers, new and returning, must be registered and approved for the 2024-2025 school before beginning any volunteer activity.** It may take up to 10 business days for your application to be processed.

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](https://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](https://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](https://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=SB104322537629](https://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=SB104322537629)

## 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 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](https://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](https://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](https://www.springbranchisd.com/schools)

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

SBISD's 2024-2025 volunteer application is now open. You MUST register and be approved for the school year BEFORE beginning any volunteer activity. Register today!  
[bit.ly/sbisd-volunteer](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://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](https://bit.ly/sbisd-athletics)



Scan to view SBISD  
Back to School website

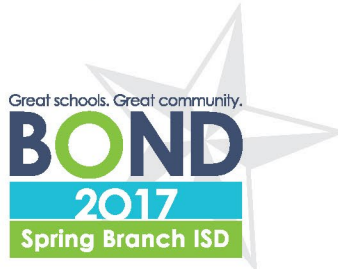
# Bond Program Updates

2024 - 25

*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.
- REPLACE the Guthrie Center
- RENOVATE and add to the Agricultural Science Center

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

*Bond Program*

**Under Construction:**

**Memorial Drive Elementary  
Grand Opening**  
August 2024\*

**Woodview Elementary  
Grand Opening**  
January 2025\*

**Sherwood Elementary  
Groundbreaking**  
Spring 2025\*

\* EVENT INFORMATION & DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED.



# 2024-2025 ACADEMIC CALENDER SPONSORED BY



## Campus Phone Numbers



## IMPORTANT DATES

August 15 - First Day of School  
 September 2 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 September 25 - PK, Elem, MS Early Dismissal  
 October 9 - High School Early Dismissal  
 October 11 - Student Holiday  
 October 14 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 October 24-25 - Elementary Early Dismissal  
 November 5 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 November 25-29 - Thanksgiving Break  
 December 18-20 - Secondary Early Dismissal  
 December 20 - Elementary Early Dismissal  
 Dec. 23- Jan. 3 - Christmas Break  
 January 6 - Student Holiday

January 7 - Back to School  
 January 20 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 February 6 - Middle School Early Dismissal  
 February 6-7 - Elementary Early Dismissal  
 February 17 - Student Holiday  
 March 10-14 - Spring Break  
 April 18 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 April 20 - Student/Staff Holiday (Make up day if needed)  
 May 26 - Student/Staff Holiday  
 May 27-29 - Secondary Early Dismissal  
 May 29 - Elementary Early Dismissal  
 May 30 - Teacher work day (Make up day if needed)

### Pre-K

Bear Blvd 713-251-7900  
 Lion Lane 713-251-6100  
 Tiger Trail 713-251-8100  
 Wildcat Way 713-251-8200

### 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  
 Hollibrook 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  
 Terrace 713-251-7200  
 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



**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.

## WHAT DO WE DO?

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.

## 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Friday, September 13, 2024**

2024 Style Show | The Post Oak Hotel

**Monday, November 4, 2024**

2024 Golf Tournament | Wildcat Golf Club

**Monday, February 3, 2025**

2025 Sporting Clay Tournament | Greater Houston Sports Club

**Friday, March 28, 2025**

2025 SBEF Gala | Omni Houston Hotel



## Small time investment, big-time IMPACT!

See all the ways you can support our students and schools by giving time, talent or treasure!

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! Your engagement this year qualifies you to be recognized in the 20th anniversary class of Good Neighbors!

# Get Engaged!

## Families

- Attend Parent U family learning opportunities.
- Engage with your campus PTA. Check out the Council of PTAs to find out if your school has one!
- Become a Volunteer! Apply now at [volunteer.springbranchisd.com](http://volunteer.springbranchisd.com).

## Community

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

## And SO much more!

Interested in connecting?

E-mail [partner@springbranchisd.com](mailto:partner@springbranchisd.com) to start today.



**Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) is gearing up for an exciting start to the 2024-2025 school year, set to begin on Thurs., Aug. 15. We are thrilled to welcome back our students and families after a busy summer of preparation by our dedicated teachers and staff.**

Here are some important updates and announcements as we get ready for the new school year:

## Updated Meal Prices

**Spring Branch ISD School Nutrition Services (SNS)** has announced revised meal prices for the upcoming academic year. Starting this fall, breakfast will cost \$1.25, elementary school lunches will be \$2.50, and secondary school lunches will be \$2.75.

These prices reflect a 50-cent increase for both breakfast and lunch, the first adjustment since 2016. Families can find more information on accessing meals and other related details online.

## New Campus Leadership

We are pleased to introduce new leadership at several campuses:

- **Claudia Salcedo** | Director at Bear Blvd. School
- **Hayley Davis** | Principal at Terrace Elementary
- **Aylin Martinez** | Principal at Pine Shadows Elementary
- **Brooke Monteith** | Principal at Valley Oaks Elementary

Please join us in welcoming these new leaders to our schools!

## Volunteer Applications

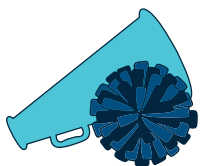
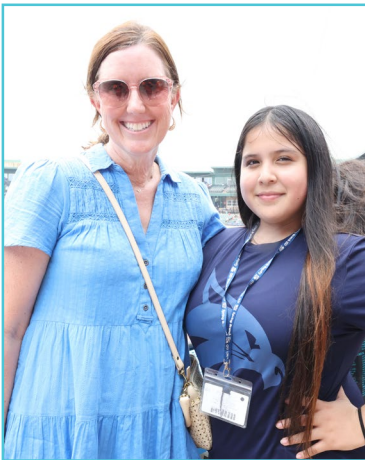
Volunteers make great things happen in SBISD!

The 2024-2025 volunteer application is now open. Apply now!

All applicants will undergo a background check and approval process. Apply early to ensure your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities.

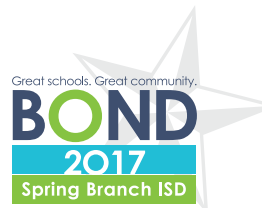
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## Middle School Spirit Squads

Exciting news for our 7th and 8th graders! Starting this school year, every middle school campus in SBISD will feature **Middle School Spirit Squads**. This initiative aims to boost school spirit and engagement among middle school students. For more information, contact Houston Hayes, Director of Fine Arts & Health Fitness, or Pamela Thompson, Assistant Director of Health Fitness. **Click here to read more.**



## Summer Bond Projects and Grand Openings

Significant progress was made this summer on both the 2017 and 2022 Bond Programs. Mark your calendars and plan on joining us for the grand opening celebration of Memorial Drive Elementary on Sept. 24, 2024. This event will be a great opportunity for the community to explore the new campus.



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interested in reaching  
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With a range of ad placement options in district communications  
coming for the 2024-25 school year, **contact us** to learn more  
about this exciting opportunity.

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