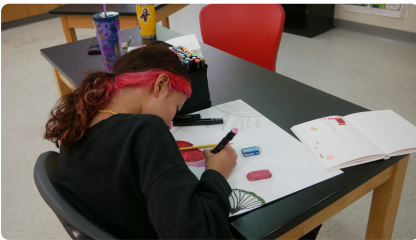


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MESSAGE FROM SUPERINTENDENT

Big Red Community,

Summer is a busy time in Belton ISD. While you've been enjoying your summer vacation, our district's focus has been centered on



continuous improvement, professional learning and safety and security. Here are some of the highlights of our work providing campus safety:

Thanks to the [2022 Bond](#) approval, this summer every BISD campus is benefiting from important safety enhancements. Projects include the installation of shatter-resistant film, secure vestibules, campus building and door identification upgrades, keyless access, improved video systems and exterior lighting improvements.

These safety enhancements will begin this summer and will take several months to complete. Installation is expected to extend into the new school year. The scope of safety projects planned for each campus varies by need and will address new Texas Education Agency requirements for school security.

You may have seen the safety and accessibility upgrades at elementary and pre-school playgrounds which began during the final week of May. Additions include curbed fall protection at each campus playground along with increased sidewalk access to playscapes and swings. Additional playground equipment will be installed at the Belton Early Childhood School. We anticipate playgrounds to be complete before the start of the school year.

You can read more about these projects on the BISD Bond website. Safety is an important topic for the Big Red Community. We will continue to keep you updated in the weeks to come.

With appreciation,

Matt Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent

BELL SCHEDULE UPDATE

All Belton ISD Elementary campuses will begin 5 minutes earlier beginning the 2023-2024 school year. The start time is changing from 7:40 am to 7:35 am at elementary campuses only.

Schools will continue to open their doors at 7:10 am to minimize impact on staff and families. Staff start times will remain the same. We expect the earlier start time to have a minimal impact on daily operations. [Learn more here.](#)



TOP STORIES

Belton High Principal Wins Statewide Recognition



"Congratulations to Ben Smith on being awarded Principal of the Year! This well-deserved recognition is a testament to his exceptional leadership, unwavering dedication, and remarkable impact on our school community." -**President Manuel Alcozer, Board of Trustees**

Belton Selected for Prestigious Holdsworth Center Collaborative Program

[Dr. Matt Smith announces Belton ISD as one of 17 districts selected for prestigious Holdsworth Center Collaborative Program.](#)



"Being accepted into the Holdsworth Center Collaborative Program signifies that Belton ISD is at the forefront of educational innovation, poised to make significant advancements in student outcomes by strengthening our principal pipeline. This opportunity will not only enhance the educational experiences of students but also empower educators to further excel in their craft.

Through the Holdsworth Center, BISD will have access to cutting-edge resources, expert guidance, and collaborative networks that will propel the district to new heights of achievement."

-President Manuel Alcozer, Board of Trustees

TRENDING TOPICS



[Two New Principals join the Big Red Community](#) BISD welcomes Claudia Knox and James Larremore III

[BISD Welcomes Director of Special Education and New Principals](#) Sheri Ogden, Steele Hantgin, Debi Younger, and Felicia Gibson join the district's administrative team

[Belton High School Alumni Inducted into the Wall of Honor](#) 2023 Inductees - Logan Hall and Ayanna Jones

[New Compensation Plan Provides \\$1,200 Increase for Teachers](#) BISD Board of Trustees Approves 2023-2024 Compensation Plan

[Gifted and Talented Summer Camp hosted at Belton New Tech @Waskow](#) Middle-school students are encouraged to create, innovate and design

[City of Temple and Belton ISD join forces](#) The City of Temple and BISD came together to execute a crucial active shooter tabletop exercise

GET INVOLVED

Belton ISD believes the learning experiences of our students are enhanced through the engagement of our community. That's why we welcome your partnership! Whether you are a parent, guardian, community member or business leader, we are excited to have you join us.



Please stay tuned for future [Parents as Partners](#) opportunities!



UPCOMING EVENTS



July 17: [Board Meeting](#)

August 16: [First Day of School](#)

August 21: [Board Meeting](#)

September 4: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

September 18: [Board Meeting](#)

October 9: [Student / Teacher Holiday](#)

October 16: [Board Meeting](#)

October 30: [Professional Learning / Student Holiday](#)

October 31: [Parent Conferences / Student Holiday](#)

2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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