Southside Elementary

SY24-25 End of Year Family Packet

Principal Opening Letter

Greetings Sparks Families –

As we wrap up an incredible school year, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership, support, and trust. This year has been filled with growth, learning, and meaningful connections—and none of it would have been possible without you.

We encourage you to review this packet carefully and keep it in a safe place over the summer. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to our front office team during summer hours.

We hope your family enjoys a safe, restful, and fun summer break. We are already looking forward to welcoming our students back and kicking off another amazing year together.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community!

With gratitude,

Andrea Citchen | Founding Principal

Summer 2025 Front Office Hours

Effective June 2nd:

Days	Campus Hours
Monday-Friday	7:30am-2:30pm

Closed on June 19th and June 20th, 2025.

There are several exciting opportunities available for elementary students for YES Prep's Summer Student Programming 2025. Check out our dates below and mark your calendars! A confirmation will be sent to families before 6/2 regarding whether your child is recommended to attend a summer program.

- **Specialized Elementary programs** begin on **Monday, June 2** including PK and Kindergarten Camp Chispas and Special Populations Support.

- Additional **Elementary programs** begin on **Monday, June 9th** including Accelerated Learning & G4-G5 Bilingual Bridge Camp.

Families with students who are invited to attend these summer programming opportunities were identified in April and will receive additional communications in May. Registration via Skyward is due by May 26th. However, families can still register after that date by contacting their campus. All students in our summer programming will have access to our free summer meals. Please note that there will be no summer programming on Thursday, June 19th or Friday, June 20th, 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 or by contacting your child's campus directly.

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 2025 administration:

- TELPAS Alt Grades 2-5: April 28th
- TELPAS Grades K-5: June 12th
- STAAR Grades 3 -5: June 17th
- STAAR Alt Grades 3-5: June 24th

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

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 southsidees.yesprep.org before the first day of school.

School Year 2025-2026 School Supply List

PRE-K

- 10 Glue Sticks
- 2 Yellow Pocket Folders with brads
- 3 Boxes of Crayons
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Blanket (NO PILLOWS)
- 1 Big Crayons
- 2 Change of clothes (Please label them)
- 1 Manila paper
- 1 Construction paper (Assorted please)
- 2 Pair of blunt scissors
- 1 Pencil box
- 2 Primary lined writing journal
- 1 Pair of headphones for computer (No Bluetooth/buds)
- 3 Rolls of paper towels

Headphones



Pocket Folder



Jumbo Crayons



Blunt Scissors



Primary Notebook



KINDER

- 5 Glue sticks
- 2 Red Pocket folder
- 5 Box of Crayons
- 3 Boxes of Markers
- 1 Zip lock bags (1 gallon)
- 1 Zip lock bags (1 quart)
- 3 Box of Tissue (Kleenex)
- 3 Disinfectant Wipes
- 2 Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Blunt scissors
- 2 Big Pink erasers
- 2 Box of #2 pencils
- 1 Pencil Storage box
- 2 Roll of paper towel
- 2 Primary lined writing journal
- 1 Pair of Computer Headphones (with microphone)
- 1 Play dough
- 1 Hand sharpener
- 1 Box of Chalk

Headphones



Pocket Folder



Pencil Box



Blunt Scissors



Primary Notebook



1ST GRADE

- 5 Elmer's Small Glue Stick Washable Purple .21oz
- 4 Expo Low Odor Dry Erase Marker Chisel Tip Black
- 2 Elmer's Washable School Glue White 4oz
- 2-Pocket Folder Paper w/ Clasp- Red
- 1 Crayola Full-Length Colored Pencils 24ct
- 2 Crayola Crayons 24ct
- 1 Glad Sealable Storage Bags Gallon
- 1 Glad Sealable Storage Bags Quart
- 2 Kleenex Facial Tissue Medium Box
- 2 Disinfecting Wipes Medium (Use for surfaces)
- 1 Hand Sanitizer 8oz
- 1 Scissors Stainless Steel Blunt 5'
- 2 PaperMate Pink Pearl Latex-Free Eraser
- 2 #2 Sharpened Pencils 12ct
- 1 Paper Towel Roll
- 1 Pencil Box
- 2 Grade K-2 Primary Composition Book Story Journal Top Half Blank 100ct
- 2 Crayola Washable Markers Broad Tip Assorted 12ct
- 1 Headphones Midsize with In-Line Microphone

Pocket Folder



Pencil Box



Blunt Scissors



Primary Notebook



2ND GRADE

- 5 Glue sticks
- 2 Red Pocket Folders with brad
- 1 Box of Colored pencils
- 2 Boxes of Crayons (24 count)
- 2 Boxes of Ziploc storage bags (1 gallon)
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags (1 quart)
- 4 Boxes of Tissue (Kleenex)
- 1 Bottle of Disinfecting wipes
- 1 Bottle of Hand sanitizer 8oz
- 1 Pair of Blunt tip scissors (Any color)
- 4 Big Pink erasers
- 4 Boxes of #2 pencils
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 2 Composition Notebooks- Wide rule marble
- 2 Pair of Headphones for computer (no Bluetooth)
- 4 Packs of Dry erase markers

Pocket Folder



Blunt Scissors



Headphones



Composition Notebook



3RD GRADE

- 5 Glue Sticks
- 3 Red Pocket Folders with brads (plastic)
- 3 Yellow Pocket Folders with brads (plastic)
- 2 Boxes of Crayons
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 1 Crayola Markers
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags (1 gallon)
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags (1 quart)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Bottles of Disinfecting Wipes
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer 8oz
- 1 Pair of Blunt tip scissors
- 2 Big Pink erasers
- 2 Boxes of #2 pencils
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 4 Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Black Composition Notebook
- 1 Sharpie Stick Highlighters (12 count)
- 2 Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Pair of Headphones for computer (No Bluetooth)
- 2 Sticky notes
- 1 Loose Leaf Notebook paper
- 1 White Binder with pockets
- 1 Pencil Box or Pencil pouch

Headphones



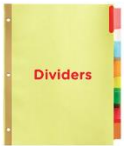
4TH GRADE

- 5 Glue Sticks
- 2 Elmer's Washable White Glue 4oz
- 5 Pocket folders with brads
- 1 Box of colored pencils
- 4 Highlighters
- 4 Black Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Box of Crayola Washable Markers
- 2 Boxes of Crayons
- 1 Box of Ziploc Storage Bags (1 Gallon)
- 1 Box of Ziploc Storage Bags (quart)
- 1 Box of Ziploc Storage Bags (Sandwich size)
- 2 Boxes of Tissues (Kleenex)
- 2 Bottles of Disinfecting Wipes
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Pair of Scissors
- 2 Big Pink Erasers
- 2 Boxes of #2 Pencils
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 1 Pencil box
- 7 Composition Notebooks (Marble)
- 1 Pair of headphones (NO Bluetooth)

Headphones





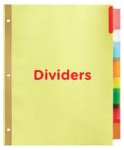


















5TH GRADE

- 5 Glue Sticks
- 8 plastic folders with prongs (2 blue, 2 green, 2 yellow, 2 red)
- 2 Boxes of Crayons
- 1 Box of Colored Pencils
- 1 Crayola Markers
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags (1 gallon)
- 1 Box of Ziploc storage bags (1 quart)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Bottles of Disinfecting Wipes
- 2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer 8oz
- 1 Pair of Blunt tip scissors
- 2 Big Pink erasers
- 2 Boxes of #2 pencils
- 2 Rolls of paper towels
- 4 Spiral Notebooks
- 8 Black Composition Notebook
- 1 Sharpie Stick Highlighters (12 count)
- 4 Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 1 Pair of Headphones for computer (No Bluetooth)
- 2 Sticky notes
- 2 Loose Leaf Notebook paper
- 3 1-inch White Binder with pockets
- 3 packages of 5 tab dividers
- 1 Pencil pouch
- 2 Spiral Index cards

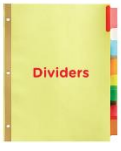
Headphones



Spiral Index Cards













School Year 2025-2026 Annual Student Enrollment Forms

All returning and new students to YES Prep will need to complete Annual Student Enrollment forms. This applies to any student regardless of their start date at YES Prep.

Annual Student Enrollment forms ensure important student information, such as guardians, emergency contacts and medical information, is updated and allows 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 on Monday, June 16, 2025 through **Skyward Family Access** by selecting the tile named Annual Student Enrollment Forms. We encourage families to complete their students' Annual Student Enrollment forms as soon as possible but no later than Friday, August 1st.

School Year 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 school year, students are required to wear a YES Prep-branded uniform top five days a week, with flexibility on designated days (i.e. – spirit t-shirt day). Uniform tops from any previous school year are acceptable as long as it fits uniform policy. The student's outermost visible layer must be a YES Prep-branded top.

Additional Guidance:

- All YES Prep students should own at least 1 campus polo.
- Uniforms from previous years are acceptable if they meet the school's uniform guidelines.

Uniform Sale Price

Shirts	Elementary	Secondary
T-shirts	$4	$5
Polos	$7	$8

The YES Prep polos and spirit shirts will be available for purchase online beginning June 5, 2025. 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.

Dress Items	Expectation
Yes Prep Shirts	Students are required to wear the blue YES Prep Polo Monday-Thursday. Fridays they can wear black Spirit shirt.
Free Dress Tops	Clothing should meet the following criteria: • T-shirts are acceptable; however, all clothing and accessories must be school appropriate: YES Prep prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on T-shirts that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance, show gang affiliation, or depict violence in any way. • No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student. • No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student. • No open-toed shoes.
Bottoms	Students may choose between pants, shorts, skirts, or skorts of the following: • Khaki and Navy Blue On Fridays, students may wear the black spirit shirt with school appropriate jeans (no rips or tears) or the Monday-Thursday uniform. Students should wear bottoms that allow them to comfortably participate in recess and PE. Students may not wear pajama pants, athletic bottoms or bottoms with holes or rips. *Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than mid-thigh.* Students are not required to wear belts.
Shoes	Tennis shoes are recommended so students can safely participate in activities at recess and in PE. For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria: • Closed-toed • Must have backs (i.e. no slides) • Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers) • Any color is permitted • No shoes with heels over .5 inches • Crocs/slides are not allowed
Accessories/ Styling	Students may have visible piercings and tattoos if messaging and images are school appropriate. Spiked accessory items (bracelets, belts, collars) are not allowed for safety reasons. Students may wear a variety of hairstyles and colors. Head shaving designs are permitted if images are school-appropriate. Hats and sunglasses are not permitted for safety purposes.

	Religious head-coverings are permitted.
Outerwear	• Students' most visible layer must be YES Prep branded. Non-YES Prep outerwear will not be allowed. Students will be asked to remove their non-YES Prep outerwear when they enter the building. YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep) • YES Prep cardigan (purchased through YES Prep) • Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable) Students may wear hoodies but may not wear hoods that cover their heads/faces on campus.

School Year 2025-2026 School Hours and Academic Calendar

Days	Campus Hours
Monday – Friday	7:25 am – 3:00 pm
Early Dismissal Day	7:25 am – 12:00 pm

The YES Prep SY2526 Academic Calendar can be found at:
http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar

Key dates:

- The first day of school for Pre-K and Kindergarten students is August 12, 2025.
- The first day of school for 1st-5th grade students is August 13, 2025.
- The last day of school for all students is May 28, 2026.

2025-2026 Back to School website

YES Prep Public Schools' Back to School webpage with information for the 2025-2026 school year will go live on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. 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

ParentSquare: YES Prep's New Main Communication Channel

Starting in the 2025–2026 school year, YES Prep will use **ParentSquare as the main way to communicate with families**, replacing School Messenger. This is a new tool for elementary schools. You'll receive messages from your child's school and from our charter system through ParentSquare via email, text, or phone call—**no sign-up or app download is required**.

While **ClassDojo will continue to be used for behavior updates**, all other school communication will now come through ParentSquare. We encourage you to download the free ParentSquare app to message teachers, update your preferences, and stay informed.

Learn more at yesprep.org/parentsquare

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.

	Facebook	Instagram
YES Prep Public Schools	Facebook.com/yesprep	Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools
YES Prep Southside Elementary	Facebook.com/yessouthsidees/	Instagram.com/yessouthsidees