

## Welcome back, SBISD families!

Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) is ready for an amazing school year for our students, staff and community. In this guide, you'll discover everything you need to kick off the 2025-2026 academic year with confidence. Our dedicated SBISD team 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 2025–2026 school year is almost here, and we are ready to welcome our students and families back with open arms.

This summer has brought a mix of emotions for our community. While often a time for rest and relaxation, this summer brought a sobering reminder of how fragile life can be. The tragic Fourth of July Hill Country floods forever impacted countless families — including some in our own SBISD community. As we prepare for a new school year, we do so with continued love and support for these families and for each other.

We've also seen the unity, compassion and deep care that is a hallmark of our community as so many individuals, faith congregations, and local businesses rallied to bring comfort, care and support in so many ways.

These same community attributes affirm why our work in public education matters so deeply. Every moment with our students and each other is precious. When we lead with empathy and show up for one another, even in the hardest of times, we demonstrate the values that make SBISD strong.

As we turn toward the new school year, we carry forward that same spirit of support. Our SBISD staff and educators have spent the summer hard at work—readying classrooms, deepening training, cleaning and prepping buildings, planning lessons, and making sure every detail is in place for a strong start. Their dedication speaks volumes.

This care and preparation reflect our commitment to our core values and our belief in **Every Child**. We pledge to focus on **Every Child**. **Every Day**. **Every Minute**. **Every Way**.

On August 13, we'll be ready to ensure your children have a great start to a great school year—on the buses, in the classrooms, on the fields and across every campus. Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your continued belief in what we can achieve together.

As we step into this new school year, let us carry forward the lessons this summer has taught us: that life is unpredictable, that support matters, and that what we build together—day by day, person by person—is more powerful than any single moment. When we live our values, especially in times of hardship, we model the very best of who we are for our students and for one another.

Here's to a year of purpose, resilience, and connection—for **Every Child.** 

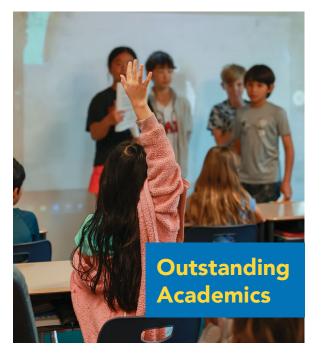
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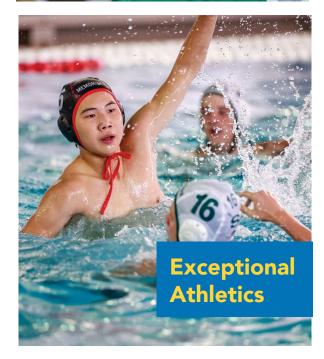
Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

















Scan here to view our Safety Guide

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Spring Branch ISD

# SAFETY & SECURITY

#### **Dear SBISD Families,**

As we prepare for the start of the 2025-26 school year, the safety and security of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We are committed to keeping every member of our school community safe—and that begins with strong communication, awareness, and preparation. Please take a few moments to review the following important safety and security information:

#### New for 2025-26: CrisisAlert® Safety System

This year, SBISD is introducing a new, districtwide safety technology—CrisisAlert® from CENTEGIX®. This system empowers every SBISD staff member to immediately notify responders in the event of an emergency.

#### What to Know:

- A Campus-wide Alert can be activated in the event of a significant threat. Strobe lights will flash and beep in classrooms and hallways. Color-coded indicators will align with our Standard Response Protocols (Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate, Shelter, or Hold).
- There will be a desktop take over.
- All students and staff will routinely practice safety drills using the new system so everyone knows how to respond in real-time.
- If you are ever on campus during a Campus-wide Alert, follow directions immediately to get to a safe location.

As always, SBISD will notify parents and guardians as soon as possible via our mass communication systems if any safety incident occurs, including those involving a Campus-wide Alert.

#### **Emergency Response Protocols**

Our updated Emergency Response Protocols are a critical part of SBISD's safety plans. Please review this information so you're familiar with key terms and what to expect during emergencies. School officials—together with SBISD Police—will determine whether to initiate a lockdown, secure, shelter, evacuate, hold, or a combination of these protocols.

Check your contact information in Skyward Family Access to ensure phone numbers, email addresses, and authorized pickup contacts are up-to-date.

#### **Threats & Prohibited Items**

Talk with your child about the serious consequences of making threats against schools or individuals. These actions are felony offenses under Texas law and will be fully prosecuted. A conviction for a third-degree felony could result in up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

No weapons of any kind—real or look-alike—are allowed on campus. This includes toy weapons, Airsofts, pellet guns, BB guns, and water guns etc. Any violation will be addressed according to SBISD's Student Code of Conduct.

#### **Bike Riders & Walkers**

Help your child stay safe during arrival and dismissal:

#### **Bus Riders:**

- Stand at least 6 feet from the curb until the bus stops completely.
- Cross only in front of the bus—never behind it—and ensure the driver can see you.
- Motorists must stop for red flashing lights and extended stop arms.

#### Bike Riders & Walkers:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks. If biking, walk the bike across.
- Never assume a vehicle will stop—stay alert and visible.
- Only accept rides from trusted individuals approved by your parent/guardian.
- Report anything that feels unsafe immediately.

#### **Bullying & Anonymous Reporting**

SBISD takes bullying and harassment seriously. If your student experiences or witnesses bullying, report it to a staff member or administrator. You may also use the Anonymous Reporting link available on every campus homepage.

Please reinforce the importance of our "See Something, Say Something" protocol. Safety concerns—whether related to threats, harassment, or mental health—can be submitted anonymously at any time.

#### **Volunteer Registration**

All SBISD volunteers must register and be approved each school year. The 2025-26 volunteer application is now open. Beat the back to school rush and apply today. All applications from last year expired on June 30, 2025, and the new application process may take up to 10 business days.

Together, we are committed to creating safe, welcoming, and secure learning environments for all students. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we begin a new school year.

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Sincerely,

Larry Baimbridge SBISD Chief of Police

#### REMEMBER!

#### **Anonymous Reporting**

Every campus homepage has a link to anonymously report any concerns about safety, threats, bullying, or troubling behavior. If there is an immediate emergency, call the SBISD 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	Do you want to be a volunteer or attend field trips with your child this school year?  SBISD's 2025-2026 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
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	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
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	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
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.sbisd.co/find-my-bus-route  Have you completed your student's school meal form?	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
In addition to receiving daily meals, completing a school meal form can also qualify you for additional benefits including Pandemic-EBT benefits, 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	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
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	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
Do you know what time school starts for your child? Visit your school website to find your school's hours. www.springbranchisd.com/schools	Scan to view SBISD Back to School website

## 2025-2026 **ACADEMIC CALENDAR**

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#### **AUGUST**

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#### CALENDAR KEY



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Back to School January 19\_\_\_\_\_ Student/Staff Holiday February 5\_\_\_\_\_ Middle School Early Dismissal February 5-6\_\_\_\_\_ PK & Elementary Early Dismissal February 16\_\_\_\_\_ Student Holiday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ High School Early Dismissal March 4\_ March 9-13 \_ \_ \_ \_ Spring Break Student/Staff Holiday May 20-22 \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . Secondary Early Dismissal May 22 \_ \_ \_ \_ Last Day of School Staff Holiday May 26 \_ \_ \_ \_ Teacher Work Day (Make up day if needed)

#### **Campus Phone Numbers**

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 Pine Shadows 713-251-6500 Ridgecrest 713-251-6600 Rummel Creek 713-251-6700

713-251-6400

713-251-6800 Shadow Oaks Sherwood 713-251-6900

**SBAI** 713-251-2219 Spring Branch 713-251-7000 713-251-7200 Terrace

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** 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.



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.



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 5, 2025

2025 Style Show | The Post Oak Hotel

Monday, November 3, 2025

2025 Golf Tournament | Wildcat Golf Club

Monday, February 2, 2026

2026 Sporting Clay Tournament | Greater Houston Sports Club

Friday, March 27, 2026

2026 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!

## **Get Engaged!**

#### **Families**

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

### **Community**

- Become a <u>Reading Buddy</u>, <u>Mentor</u> or <u>Volunteer!</u> Apply now at volunteer.spring branchisd.com.
- Sponsor district programs for students and staff or advertise with us!
- Give back to SBISD staff by joining the <u>XtraCredit Employee Perks Program!</u>

#### And SO much more!

Interested in connecting?

E-mail partner@springbranchisd.com to start today.

Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) is gearing up for the start of the 2025–26 school year on Wednesday, Aug. 13. We look forward to welcoming students and families back following a productive summer of preparation by dedicated staff and educators.

Below are updates for families and community members as the new school year begins:

## Parent U: Virtual Learning Series Returns



SBISD's Parent U series returns for the 2025–26 school year with a full calendar of free virtual events covering topics such as academic planning, college readiness, student wellness, and more.

Hosted live via Zoom, all sessions are also available for on-demand viewing through the Parent U website. View the full schedule and register **here**.

#### **Income Survey**



SBISD Income Survey now open!

Beginning July 1, families are encouraged to complete the SBISD Income Survey, a quick and confidential tool that helps secure state and federal funding for schools—regardless of whether a child eats school meals. **Complete the survey today to support your school: springbranchisd.com/sns** 

#### **Volunteer Applications**



Volunteers make great things happen in SBISD!

SBISD volunteers play a vital role in student success. **The 2025–26 volunteer application is now open.** All 2024–25 applications expired on June 30, 2025. New and returning volunteers must apply and be approved before participating in school activities.

Apply early—processing takes up to 10 business days.

Learn more about becoming a volunteer by visiting **springbranchisd.com/volunteer**.

## **Updated Meal Prices**& Family Support



SBISD School Nutrition Services (SNS) has released updated meal prices effective this fall:

Elementary lunch: \$3.00 & Secondary lunch: \$3.25

This adjustment reflects a 50-cent increase for lunch meals. Families can explore options for free or reduced-price meals on the SNS website. Beginning this fall, SNS will also launch a monthly video series with helpful tips and resources for families. **Check eligibility and access resources: springbranchisd.com/sns** 

## CAUGHT YOU READING! A Literacy & Community Campaign by SBISD and SBISD Police

Be on the lookout at your elementary school! This year, SBISD Police officers will be on campus with a special mission: catching students in the act of reading. As part of the Caught You Reading initiative, students who are spotted reading by an officer will earn a fun and motivating reward—the chance to read to one of our trained SBISD K-9 Reading Buddies!

The program is designed to encourage literacy and make reading an engaging, confidence-building experience. Also making an appearance is SBISD's cheerful pineapple mascot, spreading wellness tips and nutrition info with the School Nutrition Services (SNS) team.

#### **Leadership Announcements**

SBISD is pleased to introduce several new campus leaders for the 2025–26 school year:

- Carl Blaze | District Alternative Education Program
- Dr. Kedrick Lookadoo | Landrum Middle
- Allison Kohtz | Rummel Creek Elementary
- Asna Masood | Housman Elementary
- Kayman McIver | Spring Branch Academic Institute
- Roy Moore | Spring Forest Middle
- Lindy Robertson | Hunters Creek Elementary
- **Trish Thomas** | Sherwood Elementary (Interim)
- **Dr. Justin Wright** | Nottingham Elementary

We are **#SBISDProud!** SBISD is committed to its Every Child core value supporting **Every Child. Every Day. Every Minute. Every Way.** We look forward to celebrating **#SBISDProud** moments all year long—show casing the achievements of our students, staff, and families. Follow SBISD on social media and share your stories using **#SBISDProud!** Visit our News page for district updates and highlights