



EAGLE EXPRESS

CHALLENGER
ELEMENTARY
BACK TO SCHOOL
EDITION

Welcome to Challenger Elementary and the 2025-2026 school year! We are excited to have you and your child(ren) as a part of our Eagle family. By working together, we will ensure that every student has a safe and successful year at Challenger. We welcome you to visit our school, and we want you to contact us with any questions you may have.

CHALLENGER FRONT OFFICE STAFF

Principal: Becky Morris
Asst Principal: Meghan O'Neal
Counselor: Sissie Coe
Nurse: Jennifer Raffety
Secretary: Linda Gomez
Registrar: Rubycela Rodriguez
Receptionist: Michelle Trevino
Telephone: 281-485-7912
Fax: 281-412-1105
Mascot: Eagle
Colors: Purple and Teal

SCHOOL HOURS

Grades PK-4.....7:55 AM – 3:15 PM
Front Doors Open.....7:15 AM
Breakfast Served.....7:15 am – 7:50 AM
Students Enter Class.....7:45 AM
Class Begins.....7:55 AM

***Students must be inside the building by 7:55 AM. Students entering the building after this time will be tardy. If a student is tardy, parents are required to park and come into the lobby to sign them in.**

CONNECT
with us on social media!



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VISITORS & SAFETY



ALL visitors must check in with a current Driver's License and receive a Visitor Tag at the Front Office before going to any other areas of the building. The Visitor Tag must always be worn the entire time you are on campus.

Classroom visits will be permitted with the principal's and teacher's prior approval. Teacher conferences will need to be scheduled during the teacher's conference time.

We appreciate your time and understanding of being required to show identification. The process takes only a few seconds and is well worth the safety of all our children.

CHALLENGER STUDENT PLEDGE

I must work hard today,
get smarter in every way
Helped by my teachers, my
family, and my friends
If I make some mistakes, I
have what it takes to keep
trying
until I really succeed

ATTENDANCE

School attendance is critical for the quality of your child's education.

A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning opportunities. Should it be necessary for your child to miss a day of school, you must submit your child's absence online or send a written and signed note stating the reason for the child's absence **within 3 days of the absence** with the information listed below.

- **Student's first and last legal name**
- **Grade Level**
- **Student ID #**
- **Specific dates of the absence**
- **Specific reason for the absence**
- **Parent signature**

If a doctor's note is submitted, please make sure that it covers **ALL** days of the absence. If not, please send an accompanying parent note with the above-listed information. Emails will no longer be accepted.

Students are required to attend class 90% of the time it is offered to be able to receive credit and be promoted to the next grade level. All absences, regardless of excused or unexcused, including leaving early and coming in late, count towards the **90% rule**.

Please help make your child's education a top priority by building a habit of daily attendance

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL



Car Riders- Parents will receive 2 Challenger car tags on the first day of school. If your family needs more than 2, you can stop by the front office for additional tags at any time for \$2 each. Please ensure the car tag is hanging from your rear-view mirror every day for a quicker dismissal. Do not park or drop off from the street or parking lot. Parents must remain in their car at all times. Car traffic is heavy and unpredictable at dismissal time, making it very unsafe.

- **Car Rider Arrival-** Car riders can be dropped off in the **front driveway** beginning at **7:15 a.m.** because there will be no supervision for your child before this time. We have a lot of car riders at Challenger. **To avoid long lines, we recommend arriving prior to 7:40.** Please pay attention to the staff members on duty and pull all the way up to keep the line moving. Dropping off in the bus lane is not permitted.
- **Car Rider Dismissal-** Car rider dismissal will be in the front, just like arrival. A car rider tag must be shown to the staff member who is inputting the numbers. Cars that do not have the Challenger tag and do not know the child's specific dismissal number will need to park and report the front office with your ID. For safety reasons, walking up to the car rider line to get your child will never be allowed.
- **Walkers/Bike Riders-** Walkers and bike riders are to stay on the sidewalk at all times and should only cross the street where the cross guard is located at Hughes Ranch Rd and Bryan Ct. from 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 3:15-3:30 p.m.
- **Walker/Bike Riders-** Walkers and bike riders are to stay on the sidewalks at all times and should only cross the street where the crossing guard is located at Hughes Ranch Rd and Bryan Ct. from 7:15-7:55 a.m. and 3:15-3:30 p.m.
- **Walker/Biker Arrival-** Students eating breakfast should arrive between 7:15- 7:45 a.m. Bike riders are encouraged to lockup their bikes to the bike rack. Parents may walk your child across the crosswalk, but please say your good-byes here for safety and security purposes.
- **Walker/Biker Dismissal-** Parents who wish to meet their walker/bike rider will wait for them in the location designated on the Dismissal Map. All walkers and bike riders will be released whether parents are or are not meeting their children (except for PreK and Kindergarten students).

Bus Transportation- The opportunity to ride a Pearland ISD school bus is a privilege and certain expectations for appropriate conduct have been established to ensure the safety of all students. Parents will be notified of any student who does not follow the bus rules. Students are allowed to ride their regular bus only. They may not ride home with a friend. **Students in PreK and Kindergarten will only be released from the bus to an approved adult using their child's unique PIN# provided by the parents at the time of registration.**



Scan the QR Code to view
our Arrival & Dismissal
Maps!

CHANGE OF TRANSPORTATION

It is extremely important to our staff that all students are dismissed safely every day. Frequently changing modes of transportation can cause confusion for children. **Emergency** situations do arise which may require a change in how students go home. *If there is a change in how your child will go home, please notify the front office. Transportation changes must be called in **no later than 2:30 p.m***

Do not email or text transportation changes to the teacher. Teachers do not check email during instruction time, or they may be off campus.

EARLY PICK-UP

To ensure a smooth and organized dismissal, parents who need to pick up their child early for an after-school appointment should do so **no later than 2:30 p.m.** Thank you for your cooperation!

PICKING UP STUDENTS

If someone other than the parent will be picking up your child, the person's name must be listed in Skyward as family member or emergency contact. The person designated to pick up your child must be prepared to show a driver's license to school officials. .

THURSDAY FOLDERS

Thursday has been designated as the day that all student work, campus and district level information, and other important messages will be sent home. Please check and read over all material and sign and return all necessary items to school. Your prompt attention will be greatly appreciated.



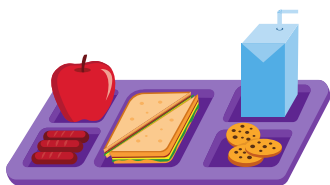


STUDENT BIRTHDAYS

Your child may bring in store bought birthday treats for the class to celebrate their birthday (**or 1/2 birthday**). Birthday treats can be shared with your child's class. Treats must be single servings (cupcakes, cookies, donuts ONLY.. Please check with your teacher regarding food allergies. Balloons, gifts, and treat bags are not permitted.

Half Birthdays: June/December, July/January, August/February

Birthday invitations may be sent home from school if every student in the class (or every boy/girl) is receiving an invitation.



CAFETERIA INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES

Breakfast \$1.45 (\$0.00 Reduced)

Lunch \$2.50 (\$0.40 Reduced)

Money can be easily added to your child's account for additional items they wish to purchase at www.schoolcafe.com. We welcome lunch visitors at Challenger beginning Tuesday, September 2nd. **(We are closed to lunch visitors the first few weeks of school. This time is used for teaching routines, procedures, and expectations for the cafeteria.)**

- All visitors will check in at the front reception desk with a photo ID.
- We suggest that you arrive early to ensure that you are ready at your child's lunch time.
- Visitors are welcome to bring in lunch for themselves and their Challenger Eagle, however students can still purchase a meal from the cafeteria when they have guests. If a cafeteria lunch is needed, the student will get their lunch from the cafeteria line and meet their lunch guest in the PTA room.
- Lunch visitors must refrain from taking additional students to the PTA room.
- Please say your goodbyes in the PTA room at the end of your child's lunch time. Visitors should not walk back to the classroom with the class but should report directly to the front office to check out.
- Closed Campus Days: There will be a limited number of days when we will be closed to lunch visitors due to testing, etc. These days will be communicated well in advance through the Eagle Express.
- If you are dropping off a lunch for your child, please make sure you have it here early so that we have time to get the lunch to your child.



Nurse Jenn is excited to begin her 5th year at Challenger! She wants to encourage you to visit the district Health Services information using the QR code below. If you have any questions for her, please email her at raffetyj@pearlandisd.org.



Students at Challenger are not allowed to carry any medications with them. All medications must be brought to the clinic with a note from the parent.

All student immunizations must be current.

If an updated immunization is needed you will be notified. Kindergarteners and Pre-Kindergarteners should be fully immunized before the start of school. Please send a copy of any updates to the clinic.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Fill out Pearland ISD Volunteer form (volunteering on campus, helping with events, attending field trips) ([CLICK HERE](#))

How is your child getting home? Please fill out this form ([CLICK HERE](#))



Challenger PTA Invites You To A

Boo Hoo/Yahoo Breakfast

Whether you're sad summer is over or cheering that school is back in session, please join us for a celebratory back-to-school breakfast!

8am

First day of school (8/13)

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10105 Broadway St,
Pearland, TX 77584

