



**Gulfton  
Secondary**

## **SY2025-2026 End of Year Family Packet**

### **Principal Opening Letter**

Gulfton Families,

What an incredible year it's been! As we wrap up the 2025-2026 school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the hard work, growth, and accomplishments of our students. Their dedication and resilience have truly made this year special.

As we head into summer, our team is already hard at work preparing for an even stronger start to next year. We're excited to welcome you back to campus on August 12th (6th and 9th) or August 13th (all other grades), and we hope the information in this packet helps you feel confident and ready for a successful return.

Wishing you a fun, restful, and safe summer. We look forward to seeing you in August!

-Cintia Arenas Diaz

Principal, YES Prep Gulfton

## **Summer 2025 Front Office Hours**

Visitors: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Staff: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

## **Retention / Promotion Decisions**

**Middle School:** If the Retention Placement Committee reviews a middle school student (formally Grade Placement Committee) who is at risk of being retained due to not meeting the YES Prep Middle School Promotion standards, guardians will be informed by Friday, June 6, 2025.

**High School:** High School Promotion, Placement, and Retention decisions will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. High school students who have failed one or more semesters of a core class may be required to enroll in Summer Credit Recovery and pass to be promoted or placed into the next grade level. In the event successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed in the next grade level the parent/guardian will be communicated with before the 2025 - 2026 School Year about final Retention and Placement decisions based on the successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery.

**High School Credit Recovery:** The YES Prep Credit Recovery Program is for students currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and is designed to help students regain credits, persist, stay on track to graduate, and go to college. All core classes, including English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses, will be offered, and world language courses will only be offered to Juniors and Seniors. YES Prep Summer Credit Recovery will be offered in person at your student's campus through the Edmentum Courseware Platform. A YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student in person during Summer Programming. Each semester course costs \$75, failure to pay for Summer Credit Recovery will result in your student not receiving credit until payment is made. Failure to finish or earn a passing grade will result in the student retaking the course next year and possible retention. More information will follow for students that are registered.

- Date: Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> (**No summer programming will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> and June 10<sup>th</sup>**)
- Time: Class times are provided by the Credit Recovery Program Admin and will be communicated at the start of the program

## **Summer Assignments**

Summer assignments are posted in the Gulfton Summer Assignments 2026 Schoology Course. Students who are expected to complete summer work were enrolled into the Schoology course before the end of the school year.

## **Summer School**

There are several exciting summer enrichment opportunities available for secondary students. Check out our dates below and mark your calendars! A confirmation will be sent to families before 6/7 regarding whether your child needs to attend a summer program.

- **Special population support** will be offered to secondary students in all grades and will start on Monday, June 3.
- **Credit and Attendance Recovery** for students in grades 9 - 12 who did not pass a high school credited class began on Monday, June 10.

- For most participating campuses, enrichment programming offered through **ASPIRE** for all secondary students begins on Monday, June 10.
- **Accelerated Learning** is required for identified students who failed an 8th grade reading and/or math, Algebra I, Biology, or US History STAAR EOC assessment and begins on Monday, June 10.
- **STAAR EOC testing** will take place June 25 and is **HIGHLY** recommended for all students in grades 9-12 who did not pass or missed their Spring STAAR exam as it is a graduation requirement.

All students in our summer programming will have access to our free summer meals. Please note that there will be **no summer programming on Monday, June 19**, 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](#).

## **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 [yesprep.org](http://yesprep.org).

## **School Year 2025-2026 Student Fees**

Legal guardians should expect to pay various student fees throughout the year depending on the student's participation in special programming. YES Prep has worked to standardize student fees across campuses and ensure fees being charged to students are aligned with compliance expectations and YES Prep philosophy.

These are some general parameters applied to student fees:

- Students will not be charged for materials that are required for class.
- Students will not be charged a fee for items that have no cost.
- Students will not be charged a fee for items or services that benefit staff members.
- Cost inflation should not be variable for items with a fixed cost. i.e. ID badges should cost the same at all locations
- Maximum cost formulas may never exceed base price + 2%.
- Student fees for specific activities may change from year to year because they are based on a percentage of cost. Campuses will communicate specific fee amounts based on the parameters above as cost for items and programs are finalized.

These are *some* fees families should plan to pay throughout the next school year. Exact amounts will be shared with campuses as they are finalized. This list is not exhaustive, and there may be fees not included below:

- Trip fees (may include day trips and/or overnight trips)
- Athletic fees (applicable to students who participate in athletic programming)
- High School Credit Recovery (applicable to students who must attend Fall, Spring, or Summer Credit Recovery to regain failed credits).

YES Prep will collect any payments you or your student might make through our online webstore (similar to uniform sales) <https://yesprep.revtrak.net/>. We do not accept cash, except for very few exceptions that are \$3 or less like replacing a mandatory student ID. Now families can purchase items available from their campus from their home, anywhere with internet access or in person at the front office where the Operations team can assist you with your credit card purchase online. Any specific student fees like field trips or athletic fees will be available to pay through Skyward Family Access <https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStuSTS/>.

## **YES Prep Atlas and Other Reading Materials**

The YES Prep Atlas is the scope of texts students will be assigned to read each year in English classes. The YES Prep Atlas can be found on the “For Parents” section of [yesprep.org](http://yesprep.org). All required reading materials will be provided by the campus for students. Required reading materials such as novels, textbooks, and/or SAT prep materials will be provided for students at no cost to the family. <https://www.yesprep.org/families/atlas>

# School Year 2025-2026 School Supply List



## SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

2024-2025 school year

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ALL GRADES
<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear Backpack
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blue and black pens
<input type="checkbox"/>	#2 Pencils
<input type="checkbox"/>	Erasers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pencil Sharpener
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pack of highlighters
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reem of loose notebook paper and graph paper
<input type="checkbox"/>	USB Drive (Of any kind)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Binders (Of any kind)
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 Sets of dividers
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 set of wired headphones (with a microphone)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 spiral notebook per course (college-ruled)
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 TI Nspire graphing calculator for all students in Geometry, Algebra II, PreCalculus, AP Calculus, and/or AP Statistics (may not purchase "CAS" version)
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[English and Spanish Version Found Here](#)

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 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. – college 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 Code Expectations

See more about the YES Prep Dress Code Philosophy and Policy in the [YES Prep Student Handbook](#). The following table breaks down how the campus expects students to follow the dress code policy. As a reminder, a student's most outer visible layer of top must be YES Prep branded.

Dress Item	Expectation
YES Prep Shirts	Students are required to wear a YES Prep Polo or YES Prep Spirit Shirt 5 days of the week to strengthen school pride, unify the community, and to promote a college-going culture. All YES Prep students should own at least 1 campus polo. <i>Students are not required to tuck in shirts.</i>
YES Prep Outerwear	Students are required to wear YES Prep-branded outerwear to continue to strengthen school pride, unify the community, and promote a college-going culture. Outerwear must be purchased from YES Prep or the campus Athletic Department.

	<p>Students may choose from the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep)</li> <li>• Campus athletics department outerwear (purchased through campus Athletics Department)</li> <li>• Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bottoms</b></p>	<p>Students may wear jeans or pants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Khakis (any color)</li> <li>• Navy</li> <li>• Jeans (any color)</li> </ul> <p>Students should wear bottoms that allow them to comfortably participate in PE. Students may not wear pajama pants or bottoms with holes.</p> <p><i>Shorts and skirts are not permitted for any student.</i></p> <p>Bottoms may not have holes/tears below the knee/with leggings underneath.</p>
<p><b>Shoes</b></p>	<p>Tennis shoes are recommended so students can safely participate in activities at recess and in PE.</p> <p>For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closed-toed</li> <li>• Must have backs (i.e. no slides)</li> <li>• Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers)</li> <li>• Any color is permitted</li> <li>• No shoes with heels over .5 inches</li> <li>• Crocs are allowed in sport mode only (straps behind the ankle)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Accessories &amp; Styling</b></p>	<p>Students may have visible piercings and tattoos if messaging and images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Accessory items that are spiked (bracelets, belts, collars) are not permitted due to safety reasons.</p> <p>Students may wear a variety of hairstyles and colors. Head shaving designs are permitted as long as images are school-appropriate.</p> <p>Hats and sunglasses are not permitted for safety purposes.</p> <p>Religious head coverings are permitted.</p>
<p><b>Free Dress Tops</b></p>	<p>Clothing should meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student.</li> <li>• No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student.</li> <li>• No open-toed shoes.</li> </ul>

## Uniform Daily Expectations

Students must follow the specific daily expectations for uniforms at their campus as outlined below. Please note that there may be some exceptions to these dress code expectations to accommodate cultural celebrations and traditions. Exceptions to uniform expectations will be communicated to students and families in advance.

## STAAR & TELPAS Testing Results

Login 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 6 - 12: April 28<sup>th</sup>
- Spring STAAR EOC: June 10<sup>th</sup>
- TELPAS Grades 6-12: June 12<sup>th</sup>
- STAAR Grades 6-8: June 17<sup>th</sup>
- STAAR Alt: June 24<sup>th</sup>
- Summer STAAR EOC: July 31<sup>st</sup>

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

## School Year 2025-2026 School Hours and Academic Calendar

Days	Campus Hours
Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 4:00 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students is August 12, 2025.
- The first day of school for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, 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](https://www.yesprep.org/backtoschool)

## ParentSquare: YES Prep's Main Communication Channel

Starting in the 2025-2026 school year, YES Prep will transition from SchoolMessenger to ParentSquare as our main platform for systemwide communication. You'll continue to receive important updates from the charter system via email, text, or phone call—no action is needed to begin receiving these messages.

As a reminder, all secondary schools already use ParentSquare for school-based communication. If you haven't done so yet, we encourage you to **download the free ParentSquare app** to stay fully connected, message school staff, and manage your notification settings.

Learn more at [yesprep.org/parentsquare](https://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.

	<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Instagram</b>
YES Prep Public Schools	<a href="https://Facebook.com/yesprep">Facebook.com/yesprep</a>	<a href="https://Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools">Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools</a>
YES Prep Gulfton Secondary	<a href="https://Facebook.com/yesprepgulfton">Facebook.com/yesprepgulfton</a>	<a href="https://instagram.com/yesprepgulfton/">instagram.com/yesprepgulfton/</a>