



## Southwest Secondary

# SY2025-2026 End of Year Family Packet

### Principal Opening Letter

Dear Families,

As we prepare for the 2026–2027 school year, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school community. Together, we have built a strong foundation for our students, and I am excited about the opportunities ahead for the coming year.

This year, our focus will center on continued growth in three key areas: student performance, expanded elective opportunities, and deeper community involvement. We remain committed to ensuring that every student is challenged academically, supported socially and emotionally, and provided with opportunities to discover their passions and talents.

In the area of academic performance, we will continue strengthening instruction, maintaining high expectations, and providing students with the support they need to achieve at high levels. Our goal is not only academic success, but also helping students develop confidence, resilience, and the skills needed for their future.

We are also excited to continue growing our elective offerings so students can explore interests beyond the core classroom. Whether through fine arts, technology, leadership opportunities, or other enrichment experiences, we want students to feel connected, engaged, and inspired during their time at school.

Finally, we are committed to strengthening our sense of community. We believe schools are strongest when families, students, and staff work together. Throughout the year, we will continue creating opportunities for family engagement, student celebrations, and meaningful partnerships that make our school a place where everyone feels valued and connected.

Thank you for being an important part of our school community. We are excited for what lies ahead and look forward to partnering with you to make the 2026–2027 school year our strongest yet.

With gratitude,  
Erin Sadler

## Summer 2026 Front Office Hours

8:00 – 2:00pm

## 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 Monday, June 1, 2026.

**High School:** High School Promotion, Placement, and Retention decisions will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by Monday, June 1, 2026. 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 2026 - 2027 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. 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:** Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> (**No summer programming will be held on June 19 as all campuses will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.**)
- **Time:** Class times are provided by the campus Summer Program Manager and will be communicated at the start of the program

## 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 May 26<sup>th</sup> 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 Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **Attendance Recovery:** for students in 6-12 whose attendance falls below the requirements set by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). State law requires students to be in attendance for at least 90% of their classes in order to receive credit for a course.
  - For middle school students, this requirement applies to the full academic year
  - For high school students, this requirement applies to each individual semester, as credits are awarded per semester
- **Credit Recovery** for students in grades 9 - 12 who did not pass a high school credited class began on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **ASPIRE Club:** For most participating campuses, enrichment programming offered through ASPIRE for all secondary students begins on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- **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 Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **STAAR EOC testing** will take place the last week of summer programming June 22-26 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.

Families with students eligible and identified to attend these summer programming opportunities will receive information by May 26. All students in our summer programming will have access to our free summer meals. Please note that transportation is not provided to students, therefore families will have to arrange for daily transportation, unless predetermined by the ARD committee.

Additionally, there will be no summer programming on Friday, June 19, as campuses will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

## **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.

## **School Year 2026-2027 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.
- 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. 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 or touch to pay purchase online. Any specific student 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 2026-2027 School Supply List**

All secondary school supply lists should at minimum have the following items:

- Blue and black pens
- #2 pencils
- Erasers
- 1 set of wired headphones (with a microphone)
- 4 composition notebooks (college-ruled)
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 binder
- 1 pack of loose-leaf paper
- For courses with more specific needs, content team guidance is [available here](#).

## **School Year 2026-2027 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 in mid-June 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 7<sup>st</sup>.

## **School Year 2026-2027 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 2026-2027 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.

The YES Prep polos and spirit shirts will be available for purchase online beginning June 4, 2026. 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](#).

## **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 2026 administration:

- TELPAS Alt Grades 6 - 12: April 27<sup>th</sup>
- Spring STAAR EOC: June 10<sup>th</sup>
- TELPAS Grades 6-12: June 11<sup>th</sup>
- STAAR Grades 6-8: June 16<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 2026-2027 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, 2026.
- 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, 2026.
- The last day of school for all students is May 27, 2027.

## **2026-2027 Back to School website**

YES Prep Public Schools' Back to School webpage with information for the 2026-2027 school year will go live on Monday, July 6, 2026. Here you will find the latest information to get ready for the first day of school. Leading up to July 6, 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://yesprep.org/backtoschool)

## **ParentSquare: YES Prep's Main Communication Channel**

YES Prep families should continue referring to ParentSquare as our main platform for systemwide and school-based communication. Through ParentSquare, you'll continue to receive important updates from the charter system and your campus via email, text, or phone call based on your notification preferences.

We encourage all families to download the free ParentSquare app to stay fully connected, message school staff, and manage notification settings to ensure you never miss an important update. Learn more at [yesprep.org/parentsquare](https://yesprep.org/parentsquare).

## **Family Association Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Stay Connected and VOLUNTEER at Your Child's School Through the Family Association!**

As students grow older, family involvement continues to play a powerful role in their success. Middle school and high school years are important times for students to feel supported, encouraged, and connected both at home and at school.

The YES Prep Family Association is a great opportunity for parents and family members to stay engaged, volunteer, and make a meaningful impact on campus. Family Associations bring together families, teachers, staff, and administrators to strengthen the school community and support the student experience.

Family Association members help create opportunities for families to become more involved on campus by organizing school events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, helping foster a positive school culture for students in grades 6-12.

Whether you have little time or want to take on a leadership role, there is a place for every family to get involved and support their campus community.

### **What is a Family Association Representative (FAR)?**

Family Associations are led by parent volunteers called Family Association Representatives (FARs). FARs help organize volunteer opportunities, communicate with families, support campus events and initiatives, coordinate Family Association meetings, and help strengthen the connection between families and the school community.

This is a great opportunity for parents and family members to make a meaningful impact at their child's school by helping lead the campus Family Association and supporting students, staff, and families throughout the school year. Family Association Representatives (FARs) also receive an annual stipend in recognition of the time, leadership, and dedication they invest in supporting their campus community and strengthening family engagement throughout the school year.

## Interested in Joining or Volunteering?

Visit the website below to become part of your child's Family Association and learn more about the FAR leadership opportunity at your campus:

<https://www.yesprep.org/departments/familyengagement/family-association>

## **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	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/yesprep">Facebook.com/yesprep</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/yespreppublicschools">Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools</a>
Southwest Secondary	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/YESouthwest/">https://www.facebook.com/YESouthwest/</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/yesprepsouthwest">https://www.instagram.com/yesprepsouthwest</a>