



**Southside  
Secondary**



## **SY2025-2026 Family Year-End Package**

### **Opening letter from the director**

Dear Families,

As we conclude another successful school year, thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are proud of all that our students have accomplished and grateful for the dedication of our staff and their families.

Please review the attached Family End of Year Packet for important information and reminders for the summer and next school year.

We wish you and your family a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer!

With gratitude,

Director  
Lauren Lightfoot

### **Summer Main Office Hours 2026**

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### **Retention/promotion decisions**

**Secondary:** If the Retention Placement Committee reviews a high school student (formerly the Grade Placement Committee) who is at risk of being retained for not meeting YES Prep Middle School's Promotion standards, guardians will be informed by Monday, June 1, 2026.

**Secondary:** Decisions about promotion, placement, and retention at the institute will be made by the campus and communicated to parents or guardians by Monday, June 1, 2026. High school students who have failed one or more semesters of a core subject may be required to enroll in Summer Credit Recovery and pass to be promoted or placed in the next course. In the event that successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed in the next course, the parent or guardian will be contacted prior to the 2026-2027 school

year about final Retention and Placement decisions based on successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery.

**High School Credit Recovery:** The YES Prep Credit Recovery Program is geared toward students who are currently enrolled in grades 9-12 and is designed to help students recover credits, persist, stay on track to graduate, and go to college. All core subjects will be offered, including English, Maths, Science and Social Studies, and evokable language subjects will only be taught to junior and fourth year students. 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 fail the grade will result in the student repeating the subject the following year and may be retained. More information for enrolled students will be provided below.

- Date: Tuesday, June 2 – Friday, June 26 (**There will be no summer programming on June 19, as all campuses will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.**)
- Time: Class schedules are provided by the campus Summer Program Manager and will be communicated at the start of the program

## Summer Assignments

- Some AP courses have summer assignments. Ms. Griffin will submit additional details through Parent Square. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Griffin via email at [carletta.griffin@yesprep.org](mailto:carletta.griffin@yesprep.org).

## Summer School

There are several exciting summer enrichment opportunities available for high school students. Check out our dates below and mark your calendar! A confirmation will be sent to families by May 26 about whether their child needs to attend a summer program.

- **Special support** will be offered to the population to secondary school students of all grades and will begin on Tuesday, June 2.
- **Attendance Recovery:** For students in grades 6-12 whose attendance is below the requirements set forth by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). State law requires students to attend at least 90% of their classes to earn credit in a subject.
  - For high school students, this requirement applies throughout the 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 an accredited subject at the institute began on Tuesday, June 2.
- **ASPIRE Club:** For most participating campuses, enrichment programming offered by ASPIRE for all high school students begins Tuesday, June 2.
- **Accelerated Learning** is required for identified students who have failed an EOC assessment of 8th grade Reading and/or Math, Algebra I, Biology, or U.S. STAAR History, and begins Tuesday, June 2.
- **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 have not passed or passed their spring STAAR test, as it is a requirement for graduation.

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

In addition, 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 up-to-date YES Prep Student Handbook on the YES Prep website. Changes can be made to the handbook during the summer and throughout the school year; The most up-to-date version will always be published on 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 throughout YES Prep. It is critical that all YES Prep students and tutors are familiar with the Handbook and the information it contains.

**Individual Campus Supplements:** Each campus will create its own individual campus supplement to the YES Prep Student Handbook. This supplement contains specific information about the campus your student attends. These supplements will be available on your campus website in [yesprep.org](http://yesprep.org).

## **Student fees for the 2026-2027 school year**

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

Here are some general parameters applied to student fees:

- Students will not be charged for required materials for the class.
- Students will not be charged a fee for items that are free of charge.
- Students will not be charged any fees for items or services that benefit staff.
- Student fees for specific activities can vary from year to year because they are based on a percentage of the cost. Campuses will communicate specific fee amounts based on the above parameters as item and program costs are finalized.
- Device fees for damaged, lost, or stolen laptops.

Here are *some* fees that families should plan to pay during the upcoming school year. The exact amounts will be shared with campuses as they are finalized. This list is not exhaustive and may not include fees below:

- Travel fees (may include day trips and/or overnight excursions)
- Sports fees (applicable to students participating in sports programs)
- High School Credit Recovery (applicable to students who must attend Fall, Spring, or Summer Credit Recovery to recover failed credits).

YES Prep will collect any payments you or your student may make through our online store (similar to selling uniforms) <https://yesprep.revtrak.net/>. We do not accept cash, except in very few exceptions that cost \$3 or less. Families can now purchase items available on campus, from home, anywhere with internet access, or in person at the main office, where the Operations team can help

you with your credit card or online payment purchase. Any specific student fees will be available to pay through Skyward Family [Access https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStuSTS/](https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStuSTS/) .

## **YES Prep Atlas and other reading materials**

The YES Prep Atlas is the set of texts that students will be required to read each year in English classes. The YES Preparation Atlas can be found in the "For Parents" section of [yesprep.org](https://www.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 to students at no cost to the family.

<https://www.yesprep.org/families/atlas>

## **List of School Supplies for the 2026-2027 School Year**

All lists of school supplies should contain at least the following elements:

- Blue and black pens
- #2 Pencils
- Erasers
- 1 pair of wired headphones (with microphone)
- 4 composition notebooks (with school rule)
- 1 pocket folder
- 1 folder
- 1 packet of loose paper
- For courses with more specific needs, guidance for the content team is available here [Content Supply List](#)

## **Annual Student Registration Forms for the 2026-2027 School Year**

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

Annual student enrollment forms ensure that important student information, such as guardians, emergency contacts, and medical information, is updated and allows the district to respond appropriately in the event of an emergency. It is also necessary to keep student information up to date in order to comply with the TEA (Texas Education Agency).

Annual registration forms for returning and new students will be posted in mid-June through [Skyward Family](#) Access by selecting the box labeled Annual Student Registration Forms. We encourage families to complete their students' Annual Student Registration forms as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, August 7.

## **Dress code for the 2026-2027 school year**

YES Prep Public Schools believes in the power of community and school pride, while deeply valuing the student's right to express their individuality without fear of unnecessary discipline, bodily humiliation, or the limitations of gender norms. Students have the right to be treated equally and the application of the dress code in YES Prep public schools will not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, or be more unfairly enforced against a student based on

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 t-shirt five days a week, with flexibility on designated days (i.e., college t-shirt day). Uniform t-shirts from any previous school year are acceptable as long as they conform to the uniform policy. The student's most visible layer should be a YES Prep-branded t-shirt.

Additional guidance:

- All YES Prep students should have at least 1 pole on campus.
- Uniforms from previous grades are acceptable if they meet the school's uniform guidelines.

YES Prep Polo Shirts and Spirit T-shirts will be available for purchase online from June 4, 2026. All information regarding student uniforms, links to campus web stores, and distribution guide can be found on the [YES Prep Student Dress Code webpage](#).

## **STAAR and TELPAS Test Results**

Log in to the Texas Family Assessment Portal to view your child's test results: [ASD Family Portal](#) or use SkyWard Family Access; [Click here for](#) instructions.

The following assessments will be available on the Student Portal following the Spring 2026 administration:

- TELPAS Alt courses 6 - 12: April 27
- Spring STAAR EOC: June 10
- TELPAS Courses 6-12: June 11
- STAAR Grades 6-8: June 16
- STAAR Alt: June 24
- EOC del Summer STAAR: July 31

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

## **School Timetable and Academic Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Days	Campus Schedules
Monday to Friday	8:30 am - 4:00 pm

The YES Prep SY2526 academic calendar can be consulted at:

<http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar>

Key dates:

- The first day of school for 6th and 9th graders is August 12, 2026.
- The first day of school for students in grades 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 is August 13, 2026.
- The last day of school for all students is May 27, 2027.

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

The YES Prep Public Schools back-to-school webpage, with information for the 2026-2027 school year, will be published on Monday, July 6, 2026. Here you will find the latest information to prepare

for the first day of school. Until 6 July, you will also find this end-of-year (EOY) school package on this website. To visit the Back to School website, click here: [yesprep.org/backtoschool](https://yesprep.org/backtoschool)

## **ParentSquare: YES Prep's main communication channel**

YES Prep families should continue to refer to ParentSquare as our primary platform for system-level and school-level communication. Through ParentSquare, you'll continue to receive important updates to 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 they never miss an important update. More information at [yesprep.org/parentsquare](https://yesprep.org/parentsquare).

## **Volunteer opportunities in family associations**

**Stay connected and VOLUNTEER at your child's school through the Family Association!**

As students grow, family involvement continues to play an important role in their success. The middle 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 involved, volunteer, and make a meaningful impact on campus. Family Partnerships bring together families, faculty, 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 hosting school events and volunteer opportunities throughout the year, fostering a positive school culture for students in grades 6-12.

Whether you're short on time or want to take on a leadership role, there's a space for every family to get involved and support their college community.

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

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

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

### **Interested in joining or volunteering?**

Visit the webpage below to become part of your child's Family Partnership and learn more about the FAR leadership opportunity on your campus:

## **Stay connected**

Be sure to stay connected over the summer by following YES Prep’s main social media accounts, as well as those of your university.

On YES Prep’s main accounts, you’ll learn about the latest news and events happening across the district.

In your school accounts , you will keep up to date with school events and activities.

Over the summer, both accounts will share information you’ll need for a successful first day of school.

	Facebook	Instagram
YES Public Preparatory Schools	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/yesprep">Facebook.com/yesprep</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/yespreppublicschools">Instagram.com/yespreppublicschools</a>
Southside Secondary	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/yesprepsouthside/">https://www.facebook.com/yesprepsouthside/</a>	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/ypsouthsidegiant">https://www.instagram.com/ypsouthsidegiant</a>