



ACADEMY ISD

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



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Happy Independence Day, America!

America is celebrating it's Semiquincentennial as a nation! We wish our incredible community a safe and joyful holiday as we celebrate a historic milestone!



AISD Mobile App - Coming Soon!

Following ParentSquare's acquisition of Remind, we are launching a district mobile app to streamline our school-home communication.

Teacher + Parent Communication

This new app will replace Remind and give parents and teachers a reliable, direct way to stay in touch with "Chats".

Easier Access To Information

Purchase tickets, check grades, and view campus events from the mobile app.

Stay Tuned!

More information will be shared with our families in the coming weeks!

2026-2027 School Supply Lists



EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
Kindergarten, PreK, ECSE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1st and 2nd Grades

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
3rd - 5th Grades

MIDDLE SCHOOL
6th - 8th Grades

HIGH SCHOOL
9th - 12th Grades



www.facebook.com/AcademyISD



www.academyisd.net

It takes a village. *Welcome to ours!*

At Academy ISD, our schools thrive when our families are involved. Whether you have an hour a week, a few hours a month, or a specific passion you want to share, there is a place for you here!

Explore the incredible opportunities below and find the perfect fit for your family!



Click the links below
to learn more!

Academy Athletics Booster Club:

Help us fuel our athletes, manage concession stands, and pump up the school spirit for all Bumblebee sports teams.

Bee Bands Booster Club:

From marching season to concert competition, help our musicians hit all the right notes by assisting with equipment, travel logistics, and concession stands.

Academy FFA Booster Club:

Support the next generation of agricultural leaders. Our FFA boosters help with livestock shows, leadership contests, and fundraising.

Theatre Booster Club:

Help the drama department shine! Get involved with set and costumes, competitions, and cheering on our talented performers.



Academy ISD

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BOOSTER CLUB

2026-2027 BOOSTER CLUB BOARD

	PRESIDENT	Beth Ashby
	VICE PRESIDENT	Anna Morse
	VICE PRESIDENT	Crystal Beierman
	SECRETARY	Kayla Laws
	TREASURER	Lisa Liden

2026 ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

BOARD

 

-  **CO-PRESIDENT: RICO CONDE**
-  **CO-PRESIDENT: WADE GOLDEN**
-  **VICE PRESIDENT: HELEN ROBINSON**
-  **TREASURER: TAYLOR EVANS**
-  **SECRETARY: LISA MARSHALL**

VOTING BOARD MEMBERS

• JENNIFER HAMMONDS	• MITCH CONINE
• BRANDON STEWART	• KELLI KELEMAN
• JODI WILLIAMS	• JT EVANS
• JENNY DORSEY	• KATIE GOLDEN
• SCOTT PILAND	

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monday, July 6

- Online enrollment verification resumes

July 13 & July 14

- Softball Camp for incoming 3rd-9th graders

July 20-21

- New AHS Band Members Camp

July 20-23

- Football Camp for incoming 7th-9th graders

Tuesday, July 21

- In-Person Enrollment for New and Returning Students, 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 4:00-6:00 p.m. at AMS
- Academy Education Foundation meeting, 3:00-4:00 p.m. @ AISD Admin - Sherry Moore Board Room

Wednesday, July 22

- In-Person Enrollment for New and Returning Students, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at AMS
- School Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ AISD Admin - Sherry Moore Board Room

July 22-23

- Volleyball Camp for incoming 7th-9th graders

July 22-31

- Summer Band, weekdays only, 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 28

- 7th-12th Volleyball Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., AHS Gym

Thursday, July 30

- 7th-12 Football Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m., AHS PAC

Monday, August 3

- Meet the Bees - AISD's Open House Event
 - ECC, AES, AIS at 3:00-5:00 p.m.
 - please bring school supplies
 - AMS & AHS at 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Bee-ing a Leader, 6:00 p.m. @ AHS PAC
 - Sideline Leadership by Col. Craig Flowers
 - For parents of 6th-12th graders involved in extracurricular activities

Wednesday, August 5

- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Friday, August 21

- No School, No Bee Camp*

*Temple Parks and Recreation Department will begin Bee Camp for 2026-2027 on Friday, September 18.



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Click on the calendar image above to view Academy ISD's 2026-2027 district calendar!

NOW HIRING

TEMPLE PARKS AND RECREATION

Bee Camp

The Temple Parks and Recreation Department is hiring for Youth Leader and Senior Youth Leader positions for Bee Camp!

- Flexible schedule - work some or all Bee Camp dates
- Lead and supervise Academy ISD K-5th graders
- Enjoy the perks of being a City of Temple employee

High school juniors and seniors to adults are invited to click below to learn more about the requirements of this wonderful opportunity!

Youth Leader - Bee Camp

Senior Youth Leader - Bee Camp

Bee-ing a Leader

Monday, August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.
PAC at Academy High School

Attention 6th–12th Grade Parents and Students in AISD Extracurricular Activities:

Want to give your student an edge in sports, activities, and life? Make plans to attend an inspiring evening with Colonel (ret) J. Craig Flowers, founder of Sideline Leadership CO. and #1 bestselling co-author of *A Colonel* and *A Cowboy*.

With over 25 years of military experience, including serving as Director of Cadet Activities and Assistant Baseball Coach at West Point, Colonel Flowers trains NCAA teams (like Texas A&M, UT, and Notre Dame), high school coaches, and corporate CEOs on character and elite performance.

His Keynote Message: “How the Most Elite Teams in the World Behave to Win”

Join us as we hear how the principles used by the nation's most elite military and athletic teams can help your student build strong character, culture, and leadership skills. Colonel Flowers blends his deep expertise with humor, sharing relatable anecdotes from the Army, the outdoors, and his 30+ years of marriage and raising daughters.

Don't miss this opportunity to invest in your child's success!



CHROMEBOOK COVERAGE *for middle & high school students*

Coverage Fee

Coverage fee of \$20 is due annually before the start of the new school year.

Fee covers accidental damage, fire/flood, vandalism, theft, natural disasters, and mechanical failure.

Chargers

Chargers are not covered by the fee and cost \$15 to replace.

Additional Info

[AHS: Click here to view the AHS Chromebook webpage](#)

[AMS: Click here to view the AMS Chromebook webpage](#)

Scan the QR code and complete
before the back-to-school rush!



7th Grade REMINDER

Texas state law requires incoming 7th grade students to receive a dose of the meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine and a dose of the tetanus diphtheria-acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine.

Without proper documentation of required vaccinations or a valid medical or conscientious exemption, students will not be allowed to attend school.

For questions, please contact Nurse Drake at tonya.drake@academyisd.net.

Current **BUMBLEBEES** **ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION**

FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Reopens July 6, 2026

- Online enrollment process works best on a laptop or computer
- Proof of residency required each year. (Utility bill, mortgage, renter's agreement from last 30 days with your physical address)

VISIT
www.academyisd.net/enrollment
TO COMPLETE TODAY!

Enrollment Verification

Enrollment verification for current students will reopen Monday, July 6, 2026.

Completing the annual current student enrollment verification will help you:

- Keep your contact details, emergency contacts, and health history up-to-date for accurate records.
- Avoid delays in schedules/homeroom teacher assignments to ensure a smooth first day of school.

If your child is returning to Academy ISD for the 2026-2027 school year, please complete the following for each child you have in AISD:

1. Sign in to Parent Portal (link: <https://portals12.ascendertx.com/ParentPortal/login?distid=014901>).
2. Once you are in Parent Portal, a pop-up window opens from the main page.
 - Select "Resume Registration" from the top of the page. (When you have completed the required documents, the pop-up window will no longer appear.)
 - Choose "Start Registration" to begin completing the required documents.
 - Verify that the following information is correct:
 - Parent/guardian contact information
 - Emergency contacts
 - Health information
 - AISD required forms and documents

Need enrollment assistance?

If you are unable to complete the enrollment process online or need assistance, Academy ISD offers an in-person enrollment opportunity for new and returning students.

Please visit www.academyisd.net/enrollment for all required documents to bring with you!

Tuesday, July 21st

9:00-11:00 a.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22nd

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Academy Middle School

604 E. Main Street

All Grades **IN-PERSON ENROLLMENT**


2026-2027
SCHOOL YEAR

New and Returning Students

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00-11:00 A.M.

4:00-6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

4:00-6:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

**ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL
604 E. MAIN STREET**

VISIT

**academyisd.net/enrollment
FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

MONDAY

AUG. 3, 2026

MEET THE BEEES

Academy ISD's Open House Event



Come and Go Events

ECC, AES, and AIS

3:00-5:00 p.m.

*Families are kindly asked to
bring school supplies

AMS and AHS

4:00-6:00 p.m.

Class schedules &
Chromebook pickup

The campuses across Academy ISD are
excited to welcome our families to the
back-to-school open house event we call,

MEET THE BEEES!

MONDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Come and Go Events

3:00-5:00 P.M.

Academy Early Childhood Center (ECC)
Kindergarten, PreK, & ECSE

Academy Elementary School (AES)
1st and 2nd Grades

Academy Intermediate School (AIS)
3rd-5th Grades

ECC, AES, & AIS families are asked to
bring their child's school supplies.

4:00-6:00 P.M.

Academy Middle School (AMS)
6th-8th Grades

Academy High School (AHS)
9th-12th Grades

Students will receive their class schedules
and 6th-9th graders may pay their
Chromebook fee & pick up their device.

ACADEMY ISD START & END TIMES

7:40 A.M. - 3:50 P.M.

ACADEMY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER ECSE, PreK, Kinder

ACADEMY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Grades 1 & 2

ACADEMY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL Grades 3-5

7:45 A.M. - 3:55 P.M.

ACADEMY MIDDLE SCHOOL Grades 6-8

ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL Grades 9-12

2026-2027



**FIRST
DAY OF
SCHOOL**

A
Wednesday
August
5

AECC, AES, & AIS: 7:40 start time

AMS & AHS: 7:45 start time

Protect the



Texas law now requires school districts to share information with parents about safe gun storage. Keeping our students, families, and community safe is a top priority. Click the link below to learn about your storage options and get tips on how to talk to your child and others about firearms safety.

[Website Link: Safe Firearm Storage](#)

**MAKE SAFE
GUN STORAGE
A PRIORITY
THIS SUMMER**



Missing District or Campus Emails?



We know how important it is to stay connected with everything happening in our schools. If you are receiving district text messages but notice that our emails aren't hitting your inbox, it is usually tied to one of a few common technical hiccups.

Here are the quickest ways to troubleshoot and ensure you never miss an update:

1

Verify Your Info in Parent Portal:

Log into your Parent Portal account and review your contact details. Make sure your email address is spelled correctly and that all parent/guardian phone numbers and emails are fully up to date. If something looks incorrect, please update it right away.

2

Check Your Spam or Junk Folders:

Sometimes, email providers aggressively filter automated district messages. Check your Spam, Junk, or Promotions folders. If you find a district email there, mark it as "Not Spam" or "Safe Sender" so future emails land directly in your main inbox.

3

Add Us to Your Safe Senders List:

To prevent your email provider from blocking our messages in the future, add messages@academyisd.net & noreply@academyisd.net to your email contacts or "Safe Senders" list. This tells your email provider that you explicitly want to receive our communications.

Need Additional Assistance?

Please reach out to aisdcommunications@academyisd.net with your first and last name, your student's first and last name, grade, and the issue you are experiencing.

*You must already be on your student's contact list.

MEET THE CAMPUS ADMIN TEAMS

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Early Childhood



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Academy
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Candice Eixman
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Academy
Middle School



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PRINCIPAL

Kasey Pruett
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Academy
High School



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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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850 State Highway 95, Little River Academy
254-982-4201

Bell County
Alternative School



Jana Warren
DIRECTOR

311 N. Bumblebee Drive, Little River Academy
254-982-4621



**ACADEMY
HIGH SCHOOL**

#21

Tied - 19th place
TOP 10% 3A HIGH SCHOOL

Academics Arts Athletics + more



Academy High School Earns Top 10% Placement in the Lone Star Cup for 2026!

The final numbers are in! Out of 230 Class 3A schools across the entire state of Texas, your Academy Bumblebees finished tied for 19th place overall! The Lone Star Cup isn't about one team or one season. It honors the best overall high schools in Texas based on a combined score of Academics, Athletics, and Fine Arts. Great job, Bumblebees!

2026 AISD PEP RALLY THEMES

ONE HIVE. ALL HEART. ALL SEASON.

8/13 SCRIMMAGE
LAGO VISTA
@ HOME

8/20 SCRIMMAGE
MAYPEARL
@ AWAY

8/28 ROGERS EAGLES
@ HOME

**STING FORCE ONE-
THE HIVE STRIKES AGAIN!** (SPACE THEME)

9/4 MARBLE FALLS
MUSTANGS
@ AWAY

**RIDING THE WAVE
TO VICTORY** (BEACH THEME)

9/11 AUSTIN EASTSIDE
PANTHERS
@ HOME

**LIGHTS, CAMERA,
STING!** (HOLLYWOOD THEME)

9/18

BYE WEEK

9/25 FRANKLIN LIONS
@ AWAY

**The ROYAL STINGBLE
@ THE ULTIMATE STINGDOWN** (WRESTLE MANIA THEME)

10/2 ROCKDALE TIGERS
@ HOME

**HIVE PRIDE-
THE GREEN & GOLD STING!!** **HOMECOMING!**

**BUZZING INTO HOMECOMING W/
HIVE HYPE SPIRIT WEEK**
ACTIVATE THE HIVE
DISTRICT WIDE

MON 9/28
SUPER HIVE DAY
(SUPERHERO MODE)
POW!

TUES 9/29
UNDERCOVER
STING
(CAMO/STEALTH
MODE)

WED 9/30
STARS AND STING-
RED/WHITE/BUZZ
(PATRIOTIC MODE)

THURS 10/1
OUR HOUSE,
OUR HIVE
(GREEN & GOLD OUT)
26

10/9 TROY TROJANS
@ AWAY

**CONQUER THE TROJANS!
ALL HAIL THE HIVE!** (MEDIEVAL/
ANCIENT WORLD
THEME)

10/16 CALDWELL HORNETS
@ AWAY

**BUZZING UNDER THE BIG TOP-
HORNETS BEWARE:
MAGIC HAPPENS HERE!** (MAGIC/
CIRCUS
THEME)

10/17 **MINI BEES
CHEER CAMP**
@ HS GYM
9:00AM-2:00PM
(MORE INFO TO COME!)



**PINK, PROUD & BUZZING LOUD-
SPARKLE, SHINE, & STING!** (PINK OUT THEME)

10/23 CAMERON YOEMEN
@ HOME

**BUZZERS, BOARDS, & BUMBLEBEES-
NO WHAMMIES, JUST WINS!
THE HIVE IS ALWAYS RIGHT!**

26 **20** (GAME TIME
THEME)

10/30 LORENA LEOPARDS
@ AWAY

**LIGHTS OUT & NEON SCREAMS -
ENTER IF YOU DARE!** (BLACKOUT/
NEON THEME)

11/6 McGREGOR
BULLDOGS
@ HOME

**TIME TO STING &
AGE OUT THE BULLDOGS!
ONE HIVE-ALL AGES-**

(DRESS ANY
AGE/DECADES
THEME)

BEE LOUD. BEE PROUD. BEE THE DIFFERENCE.