



BACK TO SCHOOL PLANNING GUIDE

SCHOOL STARTS THURSDAY, AUG. 15

A MESSAGE FROM DR. BLAINE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



Dear SBISD Families,

On June 24, SBISD's Board of Trustees afforded me an incredible opportunity to lead our fantastic family of students, parents, educators, staff and community members. I love our community for so many reasons, but most importantly, for how my own family was embraced and made to feel so welcome from Day One.

Since that day many years ago, I've been surrounded by SBISD educators, community members, friends and neighbors who believe in the power of education to transform and shape lives. I am so grateful, and I promise to sustain and support this strong and unique Spring Branch community belief on behalf of Every Child we serve.

Being named Superintendent of Schools is beyond exciting, but I am equally excited about being a mom in SBISD. Our son, too, will be heading back to class this fall to continue his journey. I share the same anticipation and the same anxieties of the unknown that often come with a new school year – as I am sure you feel, too.

What reassures me is my family's decision to entrust our child to SBISD educators and staff who share my commitment to meeting the unique academic and social/emotional needs of my child (and Every Child!) in an environment where safety and security also are priorities. As a parent, I could not be any more thankful. As a leader, I could not be any more proud.

I promise to lead with passion and keep your children at the forefront of every decision. I will continue to focus our school system on doing the right and very best work for all of our kids as we help them grow, learn and achieve T-2-4 goals (completion of Technical, 2- or 4-year degrees after graduation).





See you in August!

Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
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Connect with me on Instagram @sbranchisd.

NEWS & ALERTS

Our FIRST PRIORITY is student safety and security. We regularly review and update our emergency policies and procedures. In the event of a school emergency, please monitor the district website or district social media for official information and instructions.

STAY INFORMED

- 1. Keep your contact information up-to-date.**
Make changes to email and/or phone number/s in Family Access (Skyward) (or communicate changes directly to the school). SBISD uses your email and phone numbers on file in Family Access for emergency communications. New families will receive a login from the ADA/registrar upon registration.
springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/family-accessskyward
- 2. Access your child's academic year. 📱 APP AVAILABLE**
Log into the Family Access (Skyward) portal from your school's or the district website. Family Access provides parents and students access to the full academic year:
 - Grades
 - Schedules
 - Attendance
 - Calendar dates
 - School remindersspringbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/family-accessskyward
- 3. Set contact preferences. 📱 APP AVAILABLE**
School Messenger is SBISD's tool to connect parents and families via phone, text and email. Log in to School Messenger to set how you would like to receive messages in the Preferences section. Note: Don't totally opt out, or you won't receive call-outs, emails or texts in emergencies!
go.schoolmessenger.com/#/account/signup
- 4. Subscribe to news**
Stay informed about SBISD news, events, bad weather cancellations and emergency crisis situations. Subscribe to our popular news feed and award-winning Top 10 e-newsletter.
springbranchisd.com/news/subscribe
- 5. Follow us on social media**
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 -  spring branch independent school district
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SCHOOL DAY ESSENTIALS

Connect to learning. 📱 APP AVAILABLE

SBISD students, teachers and staff share an online learning platform called **itslearning**. This site helps to personalize learning and create opportunities accessible in class, at home or elsewhere. With **itslearning**, teachers may create lessons, provide student instruction or offer new learning options. springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/itslearning

Eat well, think better. 📱 APP AVAILABLE

Research shows healthy nutrition may improve wellness and student grades. Some schools qualify for school meals free-of-charge for all students. Download the MealViewer App to view menus and cafeteria accounts and apply for free or reduced-price student meal benefits, if eligible. springbranchisd.com/about/departments/finance/child-nutrition-services

Catch a bus.

View your school bus route and learn about field trips, safety tips, and rules and regulations. Provide street address, Zip Code, and grade level or school location, and Transfinder will find your bus stop. springbranchisd.com/about/departments/talent-operations/transportation

REGISTRATION

New & Current Students

For new SBISD students, registration details can be found on the Back to School site: springbranchisd.com/studentsfamilies/back-to-school. Families of returning students can update most information online through Family Access (Skyward).

New Student Registration

Families either new to SBISD or having moved within SBISD to a different school are all encouraged to register before Thursday, Aug. 15, the first day of school.

Registration forms can be completed online with an Internet-ready browser, email address and phone number. After registering online, appointments can be scheduled at the student's attendance-zone school to submit the following:

- Immunization record certified by a doctor or public health official
- Transcript or Report Card from the last school attended
- Birth certificate or other document suitable as proof of child's identity
- Proof of SBISD residency as needed (Examples: lease agreement or mortgage payment book; district tax bill; utility bill with correct name and address)

In addition, registration will be held at the child's attendance-zone school during the following dates/times:

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| • July 31 - Aug. 1 | Wed. - Thurs. | 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3:30 p.m. |
| • Aug. 5 - 8 | Mon. - Thurs. | 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3:30 p.m. |
| • Aug. 12 - 13 | Mon. - Tues. | 8 a.m. - Noon and 1-3:30 p.m. |
| • Aug. 15 | Thurs. | First day of school after 1 p.m.* |

* Elementary and middle schools only. Contact high schools for their schedules.

IMMUNIZATIONS & HEALTH FAIR

Immunization Requirements

Please consult your family doctor or review the Texas Dept. of State Health Services at dshs.texas.gov/immunize, including immunization updates required for students of all ages.

Back to School Health Fair

Receive immunizations, school supplies and dental sealants, all free-of-charge. Bring student shot records or the school nurse request. Spring Branch Family Development Center, 8575 Pitner Rd., Saturday, Aug. 10, 8 a.m. - Noon. sbfcd.org

VOLUNTEER & MENTOR

SBISD thanks volunteers who make a difference in young lives: PTA members, mentors, tutors, chaperones and classroom volunteers. Come join us! All volunteers must complete an online application each year. springbranchisd.com/engage/partnerships-volunteers

Join our SpringBoard Mentor program and help students in grades 3-12 with support, guidance and encouragement. Hundreds of SBISD kids are on waiting lists to gain a caring mentor just like you. springbranchisd.com/engage/mentors

DISTRICT CALENDAR

Holidays

Sept. 2, 2019	Labor Day
Oct. 11, 2019	Student Holiday
Oct. 14, 2019	Student/Staff Holiday
Nov. 25 - 29, 2019	Thanksgiving
Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan. 3, 2020	Winter Break
Jan. 6, 2020	Student Holiday
Jan. 7, 2020	All Classes Resume
Jan. 20, 2020	Student/Staff Holiday
Feb. 17, 2020	Student Holiday
March 16 - 20, 2020	Spring Break
April 10, 2020	Student/Staff Holiday
April 13, 2020	Student/Staff Holiday
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day

Important dates

Aug. 15, 2019	First Day of School
Oct. 17 - 18, 2019	Elementary Early Dismissal
Dec. 18 - 20, 2019	Secondary Early Dismissal
Dec. 20, 2019	Elementary Early Dismissal
Feb. 13 - 14, 2020	Elementary Early Dismissal
April 13, 2020	Bad Weather Makeup Day (if needed)
May 22 - 23, 2020	SBISD Graduations
May 26 - 28, 2020	Secondary Early Dismissal
May 28, 2020	Elementary Early Dismissal
May 28, 2020	Last Day of School
May 29, 2020	Bad Weather Makeup Day (If needed)

Open House Dates/College Night

Aug. 15, 2019	PreK Parent Orientation
Aug. 22, 2019	KIPP Courage @ Landrum MS
Aug. 29, 2019	YES Prep @ Northbrook HS
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Sept. 3 - 5, 2019	All High Schools
Sept. 4, 2019	Night for Scouting
Sept. 16 - 19, 2019	All Elementary Schools
Sept. 23 - 26, 2019	All Middle Schools
Oct. 2, 2019, 6 - 8 p.m.	College Night @ Northbrook High
Oct. 3, 2019	PreK/Schools for Early Learning

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Sept. 28, 2019	Planning for the Future (Grades 6 -12)
Feb. 1, 2020	Supporting Success of Every Child (PreK -5)

CONTACT

PreK & Elementary

Bear Blvd.	713-251-7900
Bendwood	713-251-5200
Buffalo Creek	713-251-5300
Bunker Hill	713-251-5400
Cedar Brook	713-251-5500
Edgewood	713-251-5600
Frostwood	713-251-5700
Hollibrook	713-251-5800
Housman	713-251-5900
Hunters Creek	713-251-6000
Lion Lane	713-251-6100
Meadow Wood	713-251-6200
Memorial Drive	713-251-6300
Nottingham	713-251-6400
Panda Path	713-251-8000
Pine Shadows	713-251-6500
Ridgecrest	713-251-6600
Rummel Creek	713-251-6700
SBAI - All Levels	713-251-7500
Shadow Oaks	713-251-6800
Sherwood	713-251-6900
Spring Branch	713-251-7000
Spring Shadows	713-251-7100
Terrace	713-251-7200
Thornwood	713-251-7300
Tiger Trail	713-251-8100
Treasure Forest	713-251-7400
Valley Oaks	713-251-7500
Westwood	713-251-2100
Wilchester	713-251-7700
Wildcat Way	713-251-8200
Woodview	713-251-7800

Middle School

Cornerstone	713-251-1600
KIPP @ Landrum	713-251-3800
Landrum	713-251-3700
Memorial	713-251-3900
Northbrook	713-251-4100
Spring Branch	713-251-4400
Spring Forest	713-251-4600
Spring Oaks	713-251-4800
Spring Woods	713-251-5000
Westchester	713-251-1800
YES @ NB Middle	713-251-4200

High School

School of Choice	713-251-1500
Guthrie Center	713-251-1300
Memorial	713-251-2500
Northbrook	713-251-2800
Spring Woods	713-251-3100
Stratford	713-251-3400
Westchester	713-251-1800
Yes Prep @ NHS	713-251-4250

District

Main Number	713-464-1511
Communities	713-251-2467
Athletics	713-251-1200
Talent	713-464-1511
Partnerships	713-251-2468
SBISD Police	713-984-9805
Superintendent	713-464-1511
Volunteers	713-251-2468

HOURS

Campus hours are listed on school websites. Special early dismissal dates may vary by school. Check with your school or campus website. Beginning Aug. 6, SBISD Administration offices are open Mon. - Fri. from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Summer district office hours are Mon. - Thurs. from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.