Knight Camp

"Building a foundation for GROWTH. Maintaining a legacy of EXCELLENCE!"

Tuesday, July 25, 2023
6 p.m.
Campus Profile

Who are we?
What makes us the Mighty Knights?

"Excellence in all things is the standard. Getting 1% better each day is the goal."

Dr. Kevin Banks, Principal

Mission
Spring Leadership Academy, a trailblazing institute, empowers each scholar to reach their maximum potential by fostering academic growth through transformative relationships, civic responsibility, and positive attitudes.

Vision
Spring Leadership Academy will be a school of excellence that specializes in leadership, academic achievement, and personal growth. SLA is small, but mighty, which allows us to provide individualized attention for the purpose of developing the whole student by focusing on character development and rigorous academics.
I am a Mighty Knight.
I am bold, courageous, and resilient

I will carry myself as a leader who shows grit, self reliance and integrity.

I will serve others when opportunities arise, and have a positive attitude in all I do.

My heart is open to receive
My mind is clear to achieve
I am prepared to lead
Spring Leadership Academy
Motto

Service
We believe in taking action to make our community a better place to live in.

Leadership
We believe in taking action to make our leadership ability for maximum impact.

Attitude
We believe in the power of maintaining a positive attitude
Dr. Banks has been with Spring ISD since 2013, first serving as assistant principal and as the associate principal at Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School. His years of experience at the specialty middle school, as well as his doctoral research on social justice and the racial discipline gap, have helped him lay a strong foundation at Spring Leadership Academy.

He has a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Houston, a Master’s degree in Educational Leadership from the University of St. Thomas and his doctorate in K-12 Professional Leadership from the University of Houston.
Ms. Gilliam is excited to bring her experience as an educator to serve the students of Spring Leadership Academy. Previously, she was an assistant principal at Dr. Edward Roberson Middle School.

Ms. Gilliam is going on her 20th year in education. Of those 20 years, she had been with Spring ISD for 19 years. She has served in various capacities including teacher, teacher developer, parent engagement liaison, campus testing coordinator, assistant principal, and now associate principal.

She received her Bachelor of Science in Community Health at Sam Houston State University, and her Master of Arts in Teaching at the University of Houston-Downtown.
Instructional Leadership Team

Ms. Jacqueline Avalos
Counselor

Mrs. Meagan Scott
Academic Specialist

Mrs. Christina Newsome
Campus Administrative Assistant

Ms. LaKisha Ward
Student Support Specialist

Mrs. Brandi Crochett
Instructional Specialist

Mr. Roy Simpson
Instructional Specialist

Ms. Amber Melton
Campus Testing Coordinator

Ms. Alissa Tschappat
MCL ELA

Mr. Chad Hardy
MCL Social Studies

Mrs. Nia Harris French
MCL Science

Ms. Carolyn Martinez
MCL Math

Ms. Sara Johnson
ESL Coach
AGENDA

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Crimson  Gold

School Hours
9:05 a.m.-4:25 p.m.
Adult supervision for SLA students begin at 8:35 a.m.

Mascot
Knights
Spring Leadership Academy

"Building a foundation for growth. Maintaining a legacy of EXCELLENCE!"

Dress Code

Tops
- 6th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 8th Grade

Bottoms
- All grade levels

Lanyard
- All grade levels
# School Supplies

Spring Leadership Academy Middle School  
2023-2024 School Supply List

## General Supplies to bring the first week of school:
- 1-3” binder with clear view front & pockets
- 1-pack of 8-tab dividers
- 1-zipper pencil pouch for binder
- 1-pack clear sheet protectors
- 1-pair of earbuds/headphones
- 2-packs of glue sticks
- 1-bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1-Ruler
- 4-packs of notebook paper
- 2-packs of pencils & 2 packs pens
- 1-package of tissues
- 1-pack of dry erase markers
- 1-pack of highlighters
- 1-pack of colored pencils
- 1-pack of markers

## Math Class (All Grade Levels)
- 1-pack of graph paper
- 2-composition notebooks
- 1-binder ring (for vocabulary words)
- 1-pack of 3 ½ x 5” lined index cards
- 4-plastic folders
- 1-Protractor (8th Grade Only)
- 1-TI-84+ calculator (8th Grade and Algebra 1)

## Science Class (All Grade Levels)
- 1-pack of 3 ½ x 5” lined index cards
- 1-50 ct. box of sandwich bags
- 1-pack of expo markers (Neon)
- 2-composition notebooks

## English Language Arts (All Grade Levels)
- 1-pack of 3 ½ x 5” lined index cards
- 2-composition notebooks

## Social Studies (All Grade Levels)
- 1-pack of 3 ½ x 5” lined index cards
- 2-composition notebooks
- 1-3” binder

## Electives (All Grade Levels)
- Some elective courses may have course fees and a separate supply list.
- Students will receive course fees and supply list information from their elective teachers during the first week of school if the course requires it.
- PE uniforms (shirt and shorts) sold at the campus for $15.  
  **All students are required to wear SISD PE uniforms ONLY!**
- LOTC requirements:
  - Uniform Inspection Days - black shirt, black boots, and black pants **(No Jeans)**. Purchased by the parent.
  - Physical Training Days - PE uniform is required. Sold at the campus for $15.

Supplies that students keep in their backpacks and use daily such as paper, pens, pencils should be refilled throughout the year.

**Dress Code: Collared Polo Shirts:** 6th- Black, 7th-Red, 8th-Gold, no logos  
**Bottoms:** Pants, Shorts, Dresses or Skirts: Navy Blue, Khaki, Black or Jeans (no rips, holes, bleach, etc.)
Thrive in a smaller learning environment
Motivated
Problem solvers
Eager for academic success
Natural born leaders
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- art, piano, choir
Benefits of Spring Leadership Academy

High School Credit Courses:
- Algebra I
- Spanish I & II
- CTE Courses

Community Service Projects
(Students required to complete 1 per school year)
Teacher Profile for Spring Leadership Academy

- Has high expectations for students
- Builds authentic and appropriate relationships
- Has a growth mindset
- Professional
- Chooses restorative over punitive
- Implements SpringWay Systems and Routines
6th Grade Core Content

Teachers

Luis Salgado
ELA Teacher

Marc Hinton
Math Teacher

Katheryn Bobga
Science

Anthony Langston
Social Studies
7th Grade Core Content Teachers

Saniah Davis
ELA Teacher

Melissa Lugo
Math Teacher

Janae Strickland
Science

Isa Simmons
Social Studies
8th Grade Core Content Teachers

Florine Moncrief
ELA Teacher

Rachelle McCoy
Math Teacher

Oscar Munoz
Science

Akai Monroe
Social Studies
Elective Teachers

Estefhania Pineda
Art

Bryant Rubalcava
Art

Cindy Reiss-Riley
Choir

Vanessa Hernandez
CTE - 6th Grade

Robert London
CTE - 7th Grade

Demeria Roberts
CTE - 8th Grade

Dr. Roosevelt Wilson
LOTC - 7th Grade

Dante Ricardo
LOTC - 6th Grade
We do not offer traditional UIL Sports
We DO have many different clubs and activities for students to participate in
Scholars can try out for UIL Sports at Claughton Middle School
Spring Leadership Academy
Student Clubs and Activities

Basketball Club
Big Brother/Big Sister Club
Board and Table Games Club
Book Club
Braiding and Crochet Club
Cheer and Dance Club
Community Service Club
Dominoes and Card Games Club
Dungeons and Dragons
Gardening Club
Life Skills Club
Makerspace Arts & Crafts Club
Spanish Club
Video Game Club
Volleyball Club
Sports @ Claughton Middle School
• There are no tryouts
• Have to have a physical completed and on file

• Practice
  ○ Dates/Days/Time
    ▪ August 14-September 1, 2023
      • Monday-Friday
        ◦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.
    ▪ Saturday
      ◦ 8-11 a.m.
    ▪ September 4-October 25, 2023
      • Monday-Thursday
        ◦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.

• Equipment Pickup
  ○ August 1, 2023
    ▪ 2-7:30 p.m.
  ○ Location: Claughton Middle School
Fall Sports: Volleyball

- Have to have a physical on file
- Tryouts
  - August 14-16, 2023
    - 6:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
    - Uniform: shirt, shorts, and athletic shoes
- Practice
  - Begins: August 17th
  - Days: Monday-Thursday
  - Time: 6:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
  - Location: Claughton Middle School

SLA parents will need to provide morning transportation to Claughton Middle School for practice, and from Claughton Middle School to SLA after practice for their child to participate in volleyball.
Fall Sports: Cross Country

- No tryouts
- Have to have a physical performed by a doctor
- Practice Schedule
  - Monday-Thursday
    - 4:30-6:00 p.m.
    - Claughton M.S.
- Practice Start Date: TBD
Spring Leadership Academy Knights at Work!
Leadership Officer Training Corps (LOTC)
SLA Cadets are taught professional courtesy, respect, discipline and basic leadership traits in preparation for high school.
Instructors

Ssgt. Simpson

Sgt. Ricardo

MGySgt. Wilson
More information will be available on SLA LOTE Website
TRAINING, TEAM BUILDING, LEADING
Mandatory Dress Code

Uniform Inspection Days

- **Tops**
- **Bottoms**
  - Black Pants, no jeans

Physical Training Days

- **Tops**
- **Bottoms**
  - all black sweatpants
  - all black gym shoes
  - white socks

*SISD PE UNIFORM*
*can be purchased on campus for $15*
School attendance and arriving to school on time is extremely important.

Making regular school attendance and punctuality a high priority helps our scholars learn to accept responsibility.

Our daily attendance goal is 97%.

**Student incentives:** Free Dress Code Pass, EOY Celebration

Upon a student's absence, it is their responsibility to obtain and complete missing assignments.
Within two days of returning to school, a student absent for more than five consecutive days because of a personal illness must bring a doctor or health clinic statement verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s extended absence from school. Otherwise, the student’s absence may be considered unexcused and, if so, would be deemed to be in violation of compulsory attendance laws. Should the student develop a questionable pattern of absences, the principal or attendance committee may require a statement from a doctor or health clinic verifying the illness or condition that caused the student’s absence from school to determine whether the absence or absences will occur be excused or unexcused. [See policy FEC (LOCAL).]
In order for an absence to be marked excused, you MUST send a written excuse and/or a doctor's note.

Contact the attendance clerk, Ms. Jackson, at:

Phone: 281.891.8060
Email: GJACKS1@springisd.org
Fax: 281.891.8051
TARDIES

Students are tardy if the bell rings and the student is not inside the classroom. If a student is tardy, they must report to the nearest tardy station.

Consequences include warnings, parent contact, detention, ISS, Discipline Referral.
SLA Campus Expectations in Common Areas
**S(service) L(eadership) A(ttitude)**

We embed service, leadership, and attitude in EVERYTHING that we do including our expectations. Each of our common areas have a set of expectations that everyone is expected to follow.
Cafeteria

Stay seated

Leave no trash behind. Tidy up

Act appropriately. Display proper etiquette at all times.
Cafeteria
The SLA Way

1. Students will be walked to the cafeteria by teachers
2. Students will sit at tables by teacher, in order
3. Noise level will be at 0 until after all students have received their food
4. Students will be called up by tables to get their food...follow the direction of staff
5. Noise level will need to be at a 1
6. Students will remain seated
7. At the direction of a staff member, students will dispose of trash in a clockwise motion around the table and then sit back down.
8. Students will be picked up by teacher and walked to class
**Stay** on the right. All will **walk** on the right side of the hallway.

**Leading and on time.** Students will get to class before the tardy bell.

**Act** appropriately. Conversational tone, respecting boundaries.
Hallway
The SLA Way

1. Students will walk on the right
2. Conversation level is 1
3. Keep hands and feet to yourself
4. Be in the correct area/pod
5. Arrive to the classroom door on time and wait for Strong Start
6. No profanity
7. Do not touch or write on the walls
Restroom

Sanitary

Leave no trash behind. Flush & tidy up

Act appropriately. Display proper etiquette at all times.
Restrooms
The SLA Way

1. Students will go into the appropriate restroom
2. Cell phones are not allowed in the restroom
3. Conversation level is 0-1
4. Keep hands and feet to yourself
5. Be in the correct stall
6. Be sure to clean yourself, flush, and wash your hands
7. All paper products go in the trash; do not put anything other than toilet paper in the toilet
8. Wash your hands with soap!
Safety and Security
Metal detectors and backpack checks will run **EVERY MORNING**

- Backpacks **MUST BE** CLEAR or MESH
- Students **MUST WEAR** their ID badges w/ a Gold lanyard
- If a student doesn't have their ID badge, they may purchase a temporary sticker ID for $1 (each day)
- A replacement ID is $5 and lanyard is $2
- A pattern of not meeting student ID expectations may result in administrative consequences
Safety & Security

- There's ZERO Tolerance for FIGHTING and BULLYING
- Positive behavior will be rewarded. Students can earn PBIS Points to use at our school store.
- **Parental Support:** Parent support is encouraged to ensure that students are well adjusted and successful here at SLA.
Safety & Security

• **Parent Visitors**: You have to register with the receptionist and provide a photo ID. You must:
  ○ sign in/out
  ○ be dressed appropriately
  ○ follow all rules and policies established by staff and students
  ○ lunch time visits
    ■ can only bring food for your student
Safety & Security

- Students are required to walk at all times while in the building
- Earbuds are not allowed during transition time
- Portable speakers are not allowed
- Students are not allowed in unauthorized areas

Officer PALMER
281.891.8065
Cell phones and other electronic devices must be silenced and not used in the instructional setting without authorization. Cell phone usage is strictly prohibited during testing. The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in the hallway or restroom areas while at school or a school-related sponsored event. If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device may be confiscated.
Cell Phone Policy

If a student’s cell phone/paging device is confiscated, the following consequences will occur:

• **1st Incident**: Your phone will be turned in to the front office, and you will get it back at the end of the day.

• **2nd Incident**: Your phone will be turned in to the front office, and your parent will have to pick up the phone and pay a fee of $15.

• Unclaimed devices will be discarded ten days after the last day of school. [See policy FNCE.] Students who violate the cell phone policy, including refusing to comply with an administrator’s request to turn over the device, shall be subject to disciplinary action. Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.
1. Visit the Spring ISD website www.springisd.org
2. Select PARENTS at the top.
3. Click on the bus icon.
4. Select bus routes and school zones locator.
5. Enter your address in the space as indicated.
Arrival & Dismissal
Arrival

- Drop off time is 8:35 a.m. Students should not be dropped off prior to that time.
- Students may enter the building at 8:35 a.m.
- Car riders, walkers, and bike riders will enter through the front entrance
  - Go through metal detectors and bag check
  - Go to cafe' for breakfast then holding area or go directly to holding area
- Bus riders will enter through the cafe'
  - Go through metal detectors and bag check
  - Sit and eat breakfast then go to holding area or go directly to holding area
**Dismissal**

- The cut off time for early release is 3 p.m. Parents are **not allowed** to pick up students early after 3 p.m.
- All transportation changes need to be sent to slatransportation@springisd.org, no later than 3 p.m., to be honored.
- Dismissal begins at 4:25 p.m. Students will be directed to report to their designated holding areas.
- Car riders/walkers/bike riders will be dismissed first through the front of the building.
  - To ensure safety, parents and students will need to follow the direction of the staff.
- Bus riders will be called in waves based upon the arrival of their bus route.
Immunizations & Medications
# Immunizations

Please adhere to the State of Texas Immunization Requirements

## 2023 - 2024 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §997.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

### Immunization Requirements

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

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<td>Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)</td>
<td>Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis vaccine dose must have been received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. *Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.</td>
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<td>Polio</td>
<td>4 doses or 3 doses</td>
<td>For K - 12th grade: 4 doses of polio; 1 dose must be received on or after the 4th birthday. However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.</td>
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<td>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)</td>
<td>2 doses</td>
<td>For K - 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday. Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and 1 dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.</td>
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<td>Hepatitis B</td>
<td>3 doses</td>
<td>For students aged 11 - 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg / 1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.</td>
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<td>Varicella</td>
<td>2 doses</td>
<td>For K - 12th grade: 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday.</td>
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<td>Meningococcal (MCV4)</td>
<td>1 dose</td>
<td>For K - 12th grade: 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student’s 11th birthday. NOTE: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.</td>
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<td>Hepatitis A</td>
<td>2 doses</td>
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*Note: Shaded row indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.*
Medications

If a student is required to take medication, parents have to bring the medication to the school with a letter authorizing administration from the prescribing doctor. Students **MUST NOT** enter into any class with medication. Students are **NOT** allowed to take medication or have it on their person. It must be administered by the campus nurse.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Nurse Gonzalez at dgonza6@springisd.org
Schedules and Course Request Information
Schedules

- Can be accessed through Home Access Center (HAC) via your mySpring ISD portal
Course Request Change

- No schedule changes until August 28th
- Request submitted though a link that will be provided to students
- Not all requests will be granted

If you have any questions, please email Counselor Avalos at javalos@springisd.org
For HAC directions or if you cannot remember your password, please visit the link below for more detail on how to log in or reset your password.

HAC Log In Information
We appreciate the efforts of parent and grandparent volunteers who are willing to serve our district and students. If you are interested in volunteering, please register online at the following link:

https://www.springisd.org/volunteer
Volunteer Opportunities

PTO

CAC & LPAC Parent Representative
2023-2024 School Theme & New Campus!!
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SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BACK TO SCHOOL EXPO

200% FREE

Saturday, July 29, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Dekaney High School
22351 Imperial Valley, Houston, Texas 77073

Open to All Families

• School Supplies
• Language Testing
• Assistance with registration
• Haircuts for students
• Hearing and Vision Screenings

Community resources and other services will be available
Translation services available

For more information contact Saria Zeida, Family Engagement Specialist at 281-891-0363 or szeida@springisd.org

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Open House

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
The annual update process for returning Spring ISD students for the 2023-24 school year is now open. All parents and guardians should verify and update their child’s information before the first day of school on Aug. 10.
How?

- Log into the Spring ISD website at springisd.org and then click on the MySpringISD icon which will take you into the portal.
- Go to the Home Access Center (HAC) to access the annual update.
- Find the Registration Icon and select the ‘Update Enrollment’ tab. Under ‘Available Forms’,
- Select ‘Start’ to complete the 2023-24 Returning Student Registration Form.

Parents with more than one student in the district will need to complete a separate registration for each child, returning to HAC and repeating the steps for each student.

Need help?

- Back to School Expo on Saturday, July 29 from 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Dekaney High School.
- Spring ISD Community Engagement Center, located at 17125 Ella Blvd., Houston, TX 77090:

  - Monday, July 31: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Wednesday, August 2: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
  - Friday, August 4: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

  - Tuesday, August 1: 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.
  - Thursday, August 3: 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Please complete the Google Form that has been dropped in the chat if you have additional questions.