

SPRING TIMES

2023-24 BACK-TO-SCHOOL EDITION



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The Spring ISD Board of Trustees are, front row, from left, Secretary Kelly P. Hodges, Position 2; President Justine Durant, Position 3; and Vice President Winford Adams Jr., J.D., Position 4. Back row, from left, are Carmen Correa, Position 6; Assistant Secretary Rhonda Newhouse, M.Ed., Position 5; Superintendent Dr. Lupita Hinojosa; Dr. Deborah Jensen, Position 1; and Natasha McDaniel, M.Ed., Position 7.

An elected, seven-member Board of Trustees is empowered by the Texas Legislature to govern and manage Spring ISD schools. The Board fulfills its responsibility by establishing and setting objectives for achieving the district's strategic plan, adopting an annual budget based on the plan, establishing policies for the operation of the district and selecting a superintendent who serves as the district's chief executive officer.

The Board encourages all members of the Spring community to participate in the education process and welcomes their input. The public is invited to attend monthly board meetings, normally held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, except July, at the Gordon M. Anderson Leadership Center, 16717 Ella Blvd., Houston.

All board meetings and work sessions are open to the public, and agendas are posted at least 72 hours in advance at the south entrance of the Leadership Center and on the district website.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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| ANDERSON..... | 281-891-8360 |
| BAMMEL..... | 281-891-8150 |
| BENEKE..... | 281-891-8450 |
| BOOKER | 281-891-8750 |
| BURCHETT..... | 281-891-8630 |
| CLARK..... | 281-891-8540 |
| COOPER..... | 281-891-8660 |
| EICKENROHT..... | 281-891-8840 |
| HERITAGE | 281-891-8510 |
| HIRSCH | 281-891-8330 |
| HOYLAND | 281-891-8810 |
| JENKINS | 281-891-8300 |
| LEWIS | 281-891-8720 |
| LINK | 281-891-8390 |
| MAJOR | 281-891-8870 |
| MARSHALL..... | 281-891-4900 |
| MCNABB | 281-891-8690 |
| MEYER | 281-891-8270 |
| NORTHGATE CROSSING..... | 281-891-8780 |
| PONDEROSA | 281-891-8180 |
| REYNOLDS | 281-891-8240 |
| SALYERS | 281-891-8570 |
| SMITH | 281-891-8420 |
| THOMPSON | 281-891-8480 |
| WINSHIP | 281-891-8210 |

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

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| BAILEY | 281-891-8000 |
| CLAUGHTON | 281-891-7950 |
| DUEITT | 281-891-7800 |
| *ROBERSON..... | 281-891-7700 |
| *SPRING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY | 281-891-8050 |
| SPRINGWOODS VILLAGE..... | 281-891-8100 |
| TWIN CREEKS ... | 281-891-7850 |
| WELLS | 281-891-7750 |

Pre-K - 8

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| SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT BAMMEL | 281-891-7900 |
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NINTH-GRADE CENTERS

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| DEKANEY..... | 281-891-7432 |
| SPRING | 281-891-7391 |
| WESTFIELD | 281-891-7411 |

HIGH SCHOOLS

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|----------------------------|--------------|
| DEKANEY | 281-891-7260 |
| *MOMENTUM | 281-891-6223 |
| SPRING | 281-891-7000 |
| *SPRING EARLY COLLEGE..... | 281-891-6880 |
| WESTFIELD | 281-891-7130 |
| *CARL WUNSCH SR. | 281-891-7650 |

To identify the school to which your child is zoned, please visit www.springisd.org/transportation

* Schools of choice, not zoned attendance areas.

For more information, including meeting agendas and board policy, go to
www.springisd.org/board

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District of Innovation INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR



| July 2023 | August 2023 | September 2023 | October 2023 |
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| March 2024 | April 2024 | May 2024 | June 2024 |
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Key

- Holidays
- Make-up Day (if needed)
- Early Release Half Day
- Early Release Half Day - HS ONLY
- Professional Development Day for Teachers - no students
- Teacher Work/Prep Days - no students
- Parent - Teacher Conferences - no students
- Summer Teacher Institute
- Summer Leadership Institute
- New Teacher Institute
- STAAR/EOC Testing
- District Closed on Fridays in July

Holidays

Sept. 4 Labor Day
Oct. 9 - 13 Fall Break
Nov. 7 Election Day
Nov. 20 - 24 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 18 - Jan. 3 Winter Break
Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Feb. 15 - 19 Mid-Winter Break
March 11 - 15 Spring Break
March 29 Spring Holiday
May 27 Memorial Day
June 19 Juneteenth

| July 2024 | | | | | | |
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Significant Dates

June 6 - 30, 2023 Summer School
June 12 - 16 Summer Leadership Institute
June 26 - 29 Summer Teacher PD Institute
July 24 - 27 Summer Teacher PD Institute
July 31 - Aug. 2 New Teacher Institute
Aug. 3 Teachers report to work
 Aug. 10 First day of school
Dec. 15 Last day of first semester
 Jan. 4, 2024 First day of second semester
 May 31, 2024 Last day of school for students
June 3 Last day for teachers
June 4 - 28 Summer School
June 4 - 7 Summer Leadership Institute
June 24 - 27 Summer Teacher Institute
July 22 - 25 Summer Teacher Institute
July 30 - Aug. 1 New Teacher Institute

*Please note that Spring Early College Academy may experience calendar adjustments to accommodate Lone Star College class schedules.

Spring Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer. The Board of Trustees and its agents, officers and staff members shall not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, disabling condition, age, color, religion, national origin, military status, or any other legally protected status in making decisions regarding staff members or students.

Spring Independent School District main administrative offices: 16717 Ella Blvd. Houston, Texas, 77090



We base our decisions on what is **best for our students**.



We **strive for excellence** in all we do.



We **build trust** through integrity and lead by example.



We **communicate openly**.



We **value diversity** and treat everyone with dignity and respect.



We **win as a team**.

VISION



Spring Independent School District is a district of choice known for high-quality academics with innovative and specialized programs that meet the needs of all students in a positive learning environment.

MISSION



Spring Independent School District prepares students to be lifelong learners, critical thinkers and responsible citizens who display good character – ready to contribute, compete and lead in today's global society.

Senior Leadership Team

Lupita Hinojosa, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

Kregg Cuellar, Ed.D., Chief of Academics

Shane Strubhart, Chief of Communications

Terrell King, Ed.D., Chief of Human Resources

Ann Westbrook, CPA, RTSBA, Chief of Finance

Matt Pariseau, Ed.D., Chief of Innovation

Mark Miranda, Chief of Operations

WELCOME

Superintendent's Message

To all our Spring ISD families, a warm and joyful welcome to the 2023-24 school year! Summer has flown by, and all of us here at Spring ISD are excited to welcome students back for the start of the new school year.

From our neighborhood campuses – featuring a variety of specialty programs and career pathways – to our growing selection of award-winning schools of choice, Spring ISD brings you the best in public education offerings, ready to meet the needs of each and every scholar in our district.



Lupita Hinojosa, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

The theme we're focusing on this year is *The Power of You* – the power of each member of our community to accomplish great things and make a difference in the lives of others. That includes our incredible teachers, principals and campus staff, as well as those working across Spring ISD to support learning – from cafeteria staff and bus drivers, to police officers and maintenance workers, to curriculum specialists and student support services providers.

All of us, no matter our role, are here to ensure that every student has access to quality instruction, in a safe and secure school environment, each and every day.

In Spring ISD, we believe in every student's potential to be successful, to thrive in academics and extracurriculars, and to graduate from high school ready for whatever path they choose. This past year, our graduates earned over \$95 million in scholarships and will be attending 85 colleges and universities across the U.S., from West Point to Harvard, USC and the University of Texas, to name a few.

Here in Spring ISD, we know who we are and what our students are capable of. We know great things are happening every day in schools across the district, and we believe that even more amazing things are on the horizon, if we will only continue to believe in each other, believe in our community, and believe in our students.

As we say in Spanish, "Celebremos Spring!" We celebrate Spring, and we celebrate the potential of every student to achieve excellence. It's an exciting time in our district, and we're glad that you're a part of it. As the Super-Proud Superintendent of Spring ISD, I wish you and your family every success in the upcoming school year!

#WeAreSpring
#SomosSpring

Lupita Hinojosa, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

Safety is Spring ISD's top priority, so during times of crisis or emergency, it's important we communicate effectively. To do that, we use the **Standard Response Protocol**, which provides a common language that everyone understands and follows.

Essentially, there are five key terms to the Standard Response Protocol: Hold, Secure, Lockdown, Evacuate and Shelter.

For families, it's important to distinguish between **Secure** and **Lockdown**.

Secure is less serious than a **Lockdown** and means we secure the perimeter of a school when there is a threat outside the building, like a police chase in the neighborhood.

A **Lockdown** refers to a threat inside a school building, like an active shooter. During **Secure** or **Lockdown** status, campuses will not allow individuals to enter or leave the building until the all-clear is given.



ANONYMOUS TIP LINE

You can report tips anonymously to the Spring ISD Police Department online or by phone using the Spring ISD Tip Line.

Fill out the form at SpringISD.org/Tips, or if you would like to give your anonymous tip over the telephone, please call 281-891-TIPS (8477).



If you need emergency medical or police assistance, please contact the Spring ISD police dispatch center at **281-891-6911**.

Remember: If you see something, say something!

REMEMBER:

Secure is "Secure the Perimeter."
Lockdown is "Locks, Lights, Out of Sight."

- All schools use the **Standard Response Protocol**
- All secondary schools use **metal detectors routinely**
- **Clear or mesh backpacks required for all students**

RESTORATIVE DISCIPLINE AND STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS






Restorative practices are being implemented at all secondary campuses and some of our elementary schools to help ensure a positive learning environment for all. These practices focus on positive techniques such as effective statements and questions, restorative circles, and peer mediation to improve relationships and build empathy as a way to prevent and correct unacceptable behavior choices.

We also have a Student Bill of Rights, which is informed by our focus on equity, and includes student, staff, and community feedback to ensure our discipline policies and procedures achieve the goal of creating a learning environment that ensures equitable and excellent outcomes for all students.

SPRING ISD STANDARD RESPONSE PROTOCOL

Safety Terms and Procedures

In the event of an emergency at your child's school campus, here are some helpful definitions:

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| HOLD | LOCKOUT | LOCKDOWN | EVACUATE | SHELTER |
| Students Remain in Classroom. Doors are Locked. Instruction Continues. Hallways are Clear. | External Incident Where Students are Moved Indoors. Instruction Continues as Normal. | All Doors Lock Immediately. All Lights Turned Off. Students and Staff Hide. Everyone Remains Quiet. | Students and Staff are Required to Leave the School Building. | A Natural or Manmade Event Requires Students and Staff to Take Shelter Indoors. |
| <i>Example:</i> A medical emergency in the hallway. | <i>Example:</i> Police search for burglary suspect in the area. | <i>Example:</i> Active shooter on campus. | <i>Example:</i> Smoke alarm or gas leak. | <i>Example:</i> A chemical spill or a reported tornado in the area. |

REMEMBER:

In Case of a School Emergency



DO keep your phone nearby to receive notifications from the district.



DO tune in to local media for alerts, but depend on official communication from school or public safety officials.



DO pay close attention for official information on how to reunite with your child.



DO NOT call your child's school. In an emergency, staff and students are discouraged from using cell phone communications for safety reasons.



DO NOT rush to your child's school. Your presence could hinder emergency response and communication.

OUR MOBILE APP MAKES IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED



Spring ISD has had a mobile app available for parents and students for several years. But if you haven't downloaded it yet from Google Play or the App Store, you'll want to do it **TODAY!**

Download on the
App Store

ANDROID APP ON
Google play

Within the app, you can personalize your experience to easily use your phone for important student information, including:

>> **UPCOMING ASSIGNMENTS**

>> **CLASSES AND GRADES**

>> **ATTENDANCE**

>> **CAFETERIA BALANCE**

>> **LIBRARY DUES**

Parents, you will also be able to receive push notifications to alert you about important information regarding your student. Download the app for access to your student's assignments, grades, attendance and more at your fingertips.

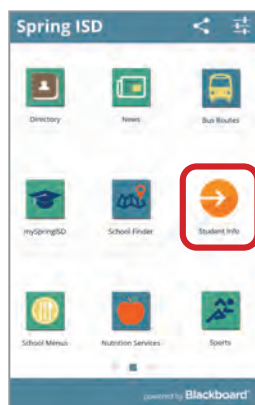
Ready to Get Started?

Here's a step-by-step guide:

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Download the app from either Google Play (for Android devices) or the App Store (for iPhone users).

Already have the app?
No need to download again.

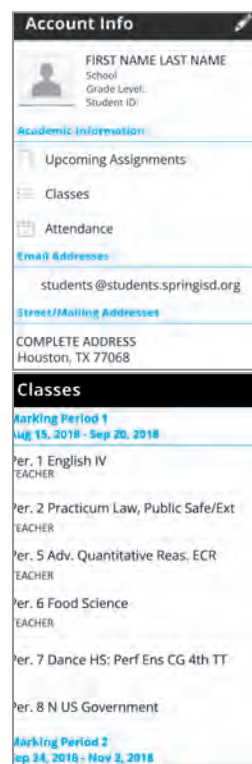
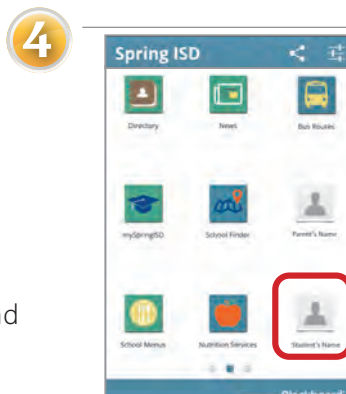


To get your student's information, **select** the Student Info icon from the app.

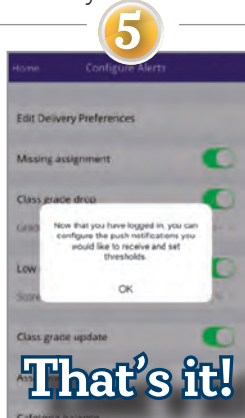
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For parents of returning students, it's the same username and password you have already been using to log into the **Home Access Center**. **New students will get this information from their school.**

Once you log in, you will see new icons with your name and the names of your children. **Select** your student's icons to see their grades, balances, assignments and other information.



Next, **set your alerts**. You can set your notification preferences immediately after logging in, or any time through the app settings. Turn on or off any push alerts including: missing assignments, class grade updates, assignment grades, cafeteria balances and library dues.



You're ready to use our mobile app to get personalized information about your student.

Have questions? Check out:

www.springisd.org/mobileapp

HOME ACCESS CENTER IS PARENTS' BEST RESOURCE

Every parent wants their student to be successful in school, and the easiest way to stay informed of your student's academic progress and attendance is to use the Home Access Center, or HAC.

HAC is where you'll find real-time information about your student's grades and where report cards are posted. Just as important, you'll also be able to keep tabs on your student's schedule and attendance. And you can also update your contact information, including emergency contacts.

So log into HAC TODAY and remember to keep logging in all year long. It's the best way to stay informed on your child's academics!

HOW TO LOG IN

1. **Go** to www.springisd.org, then click on the MySpringISD icon and enter the Portal and log in using your Username and Password.
2. **Use** the same Username and Password that you just used for the Portal to log into the Home Access Center (HAC).

MYSpring ISD



3. If you have **trouble logging in** or don't know your username and/or password, *please contact your child's campus.*



Students can't learn if they aren't in class, so being in attendance every day is critical to success. Spring ISD policy, in alignment with state attendance laws, requires students to be in attendance for at least 90 percent of the time a class is in session to receive credit. If your child misses a class or is absent an entire day, expect to hear from their campus.

Should an absence be necessary, let your campus know so they can determine whether it may be excused.

EVERYday
counts
attendance matters

**Students who miss school miss out,
so aim for 100 percent attendance!**

Here's what the research shows:

- Attendance matters right from the start. Studies show that children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade have trouble learning to read.
- A child with excessive absences as early as sixth grade is at an increased risk of dropping out.
- By ninth grade, good attendance can predict graduation rates even better than eighth grade test scores.

At the end of the day, good attendance is an important life skill that will help students graduate from high school and college, and prepare them to be successful in their career and every future endeavor!

RECEIVING DISTRICT AND CAMPUS MESSAGES



If you are new to the district, you will automatically begin receiving district and campus

messages. If you have opted out of receiving district messages in the past, you may opt back in by calling the *Blackboard Phone Hotline* at **855-502-7867** from the phone line that has been opted out. For text messages:

Reply **START** to "**60680**" from the phone line that has been opted out for non-emergency messages. Reply **START** to "**54968**" for emergency messages.

HEALTHY STUDENTS MAKE GREAT LEARNERS

In Spring ISD, we care about the whole child — and their physical, social and emotional well-being.

We have nurses on every campus to triage any emergency situations and to administer medicines. They also work with parents to ensure all of our students are up-to-date on their required vaccinations and have the information they need to make decisions about recommended vaccines, including those against flu and COVID-19.

Throughout the year, Spring ISD will let families know about different vaccination opportunities for their children, whether on campus or in partnership with community organizations.

INDIVIDUALIZED HEALTH CARE PLANS

If your child has a medical condition that may require special care or considerations, an Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP) may be required to identify the support each student needs and to provide clarity about what needs to be done, when and by whom while they are in school. IHPs are developed in partnership between the school, parents, the student and the healthcare professional.

Although IHPs are likely to be helpful in the majority of cases, it is possible that not all students will require one. The parents and school officials will need to make judgments about how your child's medical condition impacts on their ability to participate fully in school life, and the level of detail within plans will depend on the complexity of their condition and the degree of support needed. You can obtain a copy of an IHP from your student's nurse. If an IHP is necessary, please take it to your child's doctor to complete, sign and return to the school for your child's records.

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION

At each campus there are nurses and trained staff who can administer medications. In order to give medicines, the parent or guardian must fill out a consent form with instructions that match the prescription label. Faxed consent forms from a parent or doctor's office are acceptable. Medications cannot be brought in by elementary and middle school students. Any medication given at school must be provided by the parent/guardian.

Before administering medication, it must be:

- Sent in the original container/packaging with a prescription label. Over-the-counter medicine must be unopened/unused.
- Needed at least three times per day, unless specified by the doctor.
- Current and not expired.
- Consents from a parent/guardian AND the student's doctor are required for ANY medication that the student can carry or self administer. This includes prescription, emergency (Epi Pens, Rescue Inhalers, Diastat, etc.), and over-the-counter medications.

REMEMBER:

Texas law requires students to be immunized against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. Find out more, including a specific list of vaccines, under the "Immunization Requirements" tab at

www.springisd.org/immunization



CARING FOR THE WHOLE CHILD

In Spring ISD, we want all of our students to know they can always reach out to an adult for help — teachers, counselors and administrators. If you see changes in your child's behavior or lack of interest in school and/or activities, let your school know.

The district's Guidance & Counseling and Mental Health Department is continuing to offer free teletherapy services to students and families through a partnership with Baylor College of Medicine and its Texas Child Health Access Through Telemedicine program.

As we continue to integrate more Social Emotional Learning (SEL) into the school day, we want to help our students build resilience and the capacity

to manage challenging situations.

Elementary campuses use Quaver and secondary campuses use 7 Mindsets. Spring ISD also encourages mindfulness practice as we implement Mindfulness Mondays.



**** EPI-PENS and RESPIRATORY RESCUE INHALERS, or OTHER EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS****

If a student requires any rescue medication to be administered, an Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP) must be completed.

GOOD NUTRITION IS ESSENTIAL FOR LEARNING

Healthy food fuels better learning for students. For the 2023-24 school year, Spring ISD will offer free breakfast and free lunch to ALL students in every school, along with free supper to students involved in after-school programs at many of our campuses. Each campus will offer a la carte items for purchase at meal times. These items may be purchased with cash or the student's meal account. This year, students will have the option to scan the barcode on their ZPass card or enter their PIN.

In addition, students who pack a lunch from home can utilize our "Pick 3" program, which allows them to come through the cafeteria line and grab three items for free: a hot or cold fruit, vegetable and a milk. With Pick 3, we hope to take away some of the burden of packing lunches and provide ready-to-eat sides for students to "bulk up" their lunch with healthy options.

Our trained chef works with our dietitians on developing kid-friendly



School meals are safe

School meal preparation is conducted in strict adherence with federal, state and local food safety regulations.



and kid-tested menu items that our students actually enjoy and will eat.

Menus are available on the district website but also at www.SchoolCafe.com, which offers complete nutritional information and an easy way to add money to your child's meal account and manage the account balance. Sign up using your child's student identification number.

Have questions? Visit:
www.springisd.org/nutrition
or call 281-891-6445.

REMEMBER:



Download the Spring ISD mobile app, and you can receive account balance notifications on your phone.

BULLYING IS NOT TOLERATED

We don't tolerate bullying in Spring ISD and have several ways to report it, including an online reporting tool at:

www.springisd.org/stopbullying



Or, report directly from a button designed like a stop sign, located on campus websites and the district website. A special form guides users through a series of questions to gather important information about the incident, including whether it was in-person or cyberbullying. Those who report using the tool may decide to stay anonymous or use their names. In either case, district officials will investigate the claims with the goal of stopping any bullying.

STRONG ACADEMICS LEAD TO MORE OPPORTUNITIES



Spring ISD is committed to college and career readiness for every student, including access to opportunities that prepare our graduates for lasting success, in school and in life.

The district's **Career and Technical Education (CTE)** program offers career exploration at every grade level, from an engaging introduction to career ideas at the elementary level, to career exploration in middle school, to field experiences and postsecondary planning in high school. Whether headed to college or directly to a career, students can earn a range of industry-recognized certifications while still in high school.

Learn more about CTE, and explore Spring ISD's extensive Education Planning Guides, at:

www.springisd.org/cte

The district is also dedicated to providing students the tools they need to chart their course, including access to **Naviance**, a web-based platform that allows middle and high school students to discover their skills and interests, explore college and career options, and manage the college application process.



In Spring ISD, we believe all students deserve the opportunity to participate in coursework that challenges them academically and inspires them to rise to their full potential. Along with the **Gifted and Talented Program** for qualified students at every grade level, other examples include **Advanced Placement (AP)** and **Dual Credit** classes, which bridge the gap between high school and college. Students who do well on AP exams can earn college credit, while Dual Credit classes – currently offered tuition-free through Lone Star College – allow students to engage in college-level coursework while earning high school and college credit. Some Spring ISD students are even able to graduate with both their high school diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College.



Applying for college can be a complicated process, and Spring ISD is committed to removing as many barriers to access as possible for students. That's why Spring ISD offers **free, universal PSAT/SAT testing** to all students in grades 8-11. By providing testing free to all students during the school day, Spring ISD is helping expand opportunity.



The district also has an ongoing partnership with the **EMERGE Fellowship**, a Houston-based nonprofit that works with juniors and seniors from underserved communities, connecting high-performing Spring ISD students with opportunities to attend selective colleges and universities.



OPPORTUNITIES BOTH IN AND OUT OF CLASS

Spring ISD offers many opportunities for students to explore and grow through an impressive range of both academic and extracurricular opportunities. Students develop their interests by taking part in clubs, academic honor societies, athletics, theater or one of many other school activities, including campus-based service organizations that encourage students to see themselves as active members of their community.

The district's **athletics programs** develop sportsmanship, self-discipline and teamwork, while also bringing students, staff and community members together to cheer for their favorite teams. The middle school athletic program offers cross country, volleyball, football, basketball, and track and field. The high school athletic program offers all those sports and adds tennis, swimming and diving, soccer, softball, baseball and golf.

As a ten-time honoree in the national "Best Communities for Music Education" award program, as well as one of only 16 districts in the state to be named a four-time winner of the Texas Art Education Association's District of Distinction award in 2022, Spring ISD has a long history of **excellence in the arts** – including music, dance, visual art, theater and speech. The district has long recognized the connection between engagement in the arts and engagement in the classroom, and Spring ISD's Arts Integration initiative helps connect the dots between artistic excellence and academic achievement to better serve all students across all subject



areas and grade levels.

In addition to the **Leadership Officer Training Corps** program available to middle schoolers attending the district's Spring Leadership Academy, high school students can develop personal discipline and camaraderie through the **JROTC programs offered at Dekaney, Spring and Westfield high schools**. The programs include full-credit elective courses that provide classroom instruction combined with opportunities to serve the school and community, participate in extracurricular activities and competitions, and gain valuable leadership skills that will aid students no matter their post-graduation plans.



KEEP UP WITH ACADEMICS

IMPORTANT DATES

TO REMEMBER

Report cards for Pre-K through 12th grade students will be released on:
Oct. 27, Jan. 5, March 22 and June 14.

New this year, all Spring ISD grade levels will have four grading cycles with the same dates for report cards, which will make it easier for parents to keep tabs on academic progress, particularly if they have more than one student in the district.

Stay on top of what's happening in the classroom by using the district's Home Access Center online to monitor grades and attendance. For help with your username and password, contact your child's school.



SCHOOLS OF CHOICE AND

AN EXCITING ARRAY OF SCHOOL CHOICE AND SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

Spring ISD's vision is to be a district of choice for the families we serve, offering rigorous academics at every campus, along with innovative specialized programs.

Students can take part in a specialty program at their neighborhood campus or apply to one of the district's schools of choice.

No matter what school your child attends, our mission is always the same: Provide an excellent education that prepares students for lifelong success – in college, career and/or the military.



ROBERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL, a 2020 National Blue Ribbon School located at 12289 Veterans Memorial Drive, offers students in grades 6-8 a math, science, and fine arts academy that balances high academic expectations with real-world applications. Admitted students have a choice of specialty pathways, including Performing Arts, STEM Engineering, Law Enforcement, and Environmental/ Agriculture.



SPRING EARLY COLLEGE ACADEMY, located on the Lone Star-North Harris campus and named a Best High School by U.S. News and World Report annually since 2016, provides students with a strong college preparatory curriculum along with the opportunity to graduate from high school with a diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College – all at no cost to families.



SPRING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY, at 12625 River Laurel Dr., develops middle school students into future leaders who possess a wide range of critical skills, empowering them to compete globally by adapting quickly to evolving environments and emerging technology.

Interested in a Spring ISD School of Choice or a Specialty Program? Stay tuned this fall for information about the application and transfer process for the 2024-25 school year.



CARL WUNSCH SR. HIGH SCHOOL, at 900 Wunsche Loop, integrates core academics with career pathway exploration. Students can earn college Advanced Placement credit, dual credit, and industry-recognized certifications while gaining valuable, professional work experience during their high school years.



P-TECH AT DEKANAY HIGH SCHOOL, located at 22351 Imperial Valley Drive, offers areas of study in computer programming, coding, animation and gaming. Admitted students have the opportunity to graduate from high school with a diploma and an associate degree from Lone Star College – all at no cost to families.



SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

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SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AT Bammel

at 16711 Ella Blvd, is the district's first school to serve prekindergarten through eighth-grade. The school features a two-way dual language immersion program in Spanish at the elementary level with additional languages for students to explore once they reach middle school.



BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR PERFORMING & VISUAL ARTS

at 3377 James C. Leo Drive, offers an exciting array of fine arts courses, including traditional and jazz bands, photography, technical theater, creative writing, dance and digital filmmaking to zoned students attending Bailey Middle School. The school is also offering expanded advanced core academic offerings along with new advanced electives.



CLAUGHTON POLYTECHNIC MIDDLE SCHOOL, at 3000 Spears Road, features classes in communications, video game programming and animation, digital forensics and robotics, among other subjects. Students will have the opportunity to attend local, state and national technology-related events as well as participate in internships, apprenticeships, multimedia projects and community service.

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SPRINGWOODS VILLAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE (IB) PROGRAM

at 1120 Crossgate Blvd., is an official IB Middle Years Programme (MYP) designed to foster diversity, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning and growth.



BARBERING AT WESTFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

an innovative course of studies at Westfield High School, enables students to train and prepare to become licensed barbers through the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) while still in high school. Completion of the program will prepare graduates for success whether in postsecondary studies or as professional barbers.



MOMENTUM HIGH SCHOOL

at 14450 TC Jester Blvd., offers a path to graduation for students seeking an alternative to the traditional middle school or high school experience. With smaller classes, personalized learning plans, accelerated credit recovery and career training opportunities, Momentum will provide paths to graduation for students who may have become disconnected or disengaged in their traditional high school environment. Through a combination of flexible schedules and blended instruction, accepted students will be able to leverage the school's unique structure and resources to gain greater momentum in their own path toward earning their diploma, as well as valuable industry certifications and career training opportunities.

New for 2023-2024

NEW HOMES FOR SPRING LEADERSHIP ACADEMY AND MOMENTUM HIGH SCHOOL

This year, Spring ISD is celebrating the expansion of two of its specialty programs, Spring Leadership Academy and Momentum High School.

Preparations have been in the works to relocate both programs in order to better serve current students and increase the number of students each school can serve. Beginning this fall, Spring Leadership Academy is moving to the newly renovated former campus of Clark Primary, at 12625 River Laurel Drive. Momentum High School, meanwhile, will move to the newly renovated facility at 14450 TC Jester Blvd., which previously housed Spring Leadership Academy.

ADDITIONAL DAYS SCHOOL YEAR (ADSY) OPTION IS ENDING AT CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

For the last three years, Clark Elementary School participated in the Additional Days School Year (ADSY) calendar option, allowing the campus to operate on an extended academic calendar different from that in place at other Spring ISD campuses. Following a survey of the school community and an assessment of the program's impacts, the ADSY option has been phased out. Beginning with the start of the 2023-24 school year, Clark will rejoin all other elementary campuses on the district's traditional school year calendar.

UPDATED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOUNDARIES

To alleviate projected overcrowding on some elementary campuses and decrease travel time for others, the district updated its elementary boundaries for 2023-24 with changes affecting select families previously zoned to Burchett Elementary, Clark Elementary, Marshall Elementary, and The International School at Salyers. Spring ISD families are encouraged to visit the district's Attendance Boundaries page at springisd.org/attendanceboundaries, where they can view up-to-date attendance boundary maps and search for their zoned campuses by home address.



GETTING TO SCHOOL AND BACK SAFELY



Spring ISD currently provides bus transportation to all students who live beyond a 1-mile radius from their zoned campus, as measured by the nearest commonly traveled public roadway.

Spring ISD uses Transfinder as our bus routing software. Bus routes and stop locations may be accessed through the use of the Infofinder-I tool

Estimated bus stop times are available through the Infofinder-I tool, but for the first few days of school, it is recommended that students are ready at the bus stop approximately 15 minutes prior to the estimated stop time until regular route schedules are established.

Please visit:

www.springisd.org/transportation
for more information.

Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten MUST be registered for bus service before they can begin riding the bus home from school. Registration forms are available from the student's campus. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten must be received from the bus by an approved person at the bus stop. Parents/guardians will be issued a Personal Identification Number (PIN) once their student has been approved for bus service. Any person who is at the bus stop to receive the student must provide the driver with the PIN (either verbally or visually) in order to receive the student from the bus. If the person who is present to receive the student cannot provide the PIN or there is no person present to receive the student, the student will be returned to the school for the parent or guardian to pick up.

We know some students may walk or ride bikes to school. We encourage all parents to talk with their students about using sidewalks when available, crossing the street at designated crosswalks and obeying all traffic laws.

Parents, if you opt to drive your child to school, it's important for the safety of all students that you comply with each campus' designated traffic-flow plan. Your principal will make you aware of drop-off and pick-up procedures at the beginning of the school year. Be considerate, drive slowly in school zones, and remember that aggressive driving has no place on or near our campuses.



Want to figure out your student's bus route?
Use our Infofinder-I tool available on our website!



Are you a parent or guardian looking to earn
extra income?
Consider driving for Spring ISD.
Learn more at springisd.org/careers

FINDING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL



Wondering what campus your address is zoned to? That's easy! Just visit:

www.springisd.org/attendanceboundaries

And plug in your address in our Infofinder-I tool.

It's also important to note that if your child applies to and is accepted into one of our Schools of Choice - the School for International Studies at Bammel, Roberson Middle School, Spring Leadership Academy, Spring Early College Academy, Carl Wunsche Sr. High School, Dekaney P-Tech or Momentum High School - then they can live anywhere in the district.



EARLY RELEASE TIMES:

High Schools: 7:10 am - 12 pm

Elementary Schools: 8:05 am - 12:55 pm

Middle Schools: 9:05 am - 1:55 pm

HIGH SCHOOLS

7:10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Drop-off Time: 6:40 a.m.

- Andy Dekaney HS
- Spring Early College Academy
- Momentum HS
- Carl Wunsche Sr. HS
- Spring HS
- Westfield HS

Please note **Richey Academy** has different hours:

9:05 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. Drop-off time – 8:35 a.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

9:05 a.m. – 4:25 p.m. Drop-off Time: 8:35 a.m.

- Bailey
- Dueitt
- Springwoods Village
- Bammel*
- Roberson
- Twin Creeks
- Claughton
- Spring Leadership Academy
- Wells

* **Please note:** Elementary students attending the *School for International Studies at Bammel* will ride a separate bus using the same bell schedule as middle school:

9:05 a.m. to 4:25 p.m. Drop-off time – 8:35 a.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

8:05 a.m. – 3:25 p.m. Drop-off Time – 7:35 a.m.

All Spring ISD elementary schools will follow the same bell schedule.



STAAR TESTING

The state of Texas requires students in grades 3 through 12 to take assessments, known as STAAR, to ensure grade-level expectations are being met. High school students are required to pass five STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) exams to graduate: Algebra 1, English I and II, Biology and U.S. History. Your school will let you know about testing dates, but if you have any questions or concerns, reach out to your child's principal.

PRE-K OFFERS A STRONG START TO A BRIGHT FUTURE



NOT READY FOR PREKINDERGARTEN OR KINDERGARTEN

The district also offers a school readiness program called **Smart Start** that helps parents of toddlers in their own homes through weekly

visits. Instructors assist parents in learning how to be their child's first teacher and support healthy development. Smart Start is open to any family in the district that has children from 18 months to four years of age. For more information, call **281-891-6013**.

Spring ISD offers full-day Pre-K at 25 elementary campuses and at the School for International Studies at Bammel.

In addition, the district is expanding its Pre-K program to meet the needs of more students by offering a tuition-free option for 4-year-olds who don't meet state eligibility requirements. These seats will be awarded on a space-available basis.

Families interested in Pre-K should simply register at www.springisd.org/prek and fill out the application. The only eligibility requirement is that a student must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1.

If your child is at least 5 years of age by Sept. 1 of the current school year, you may enroll them in kindergarten.

Have questions? Call us at **281-891-6022** or visit:

www.springisd.org/prek

for more information and details.

We want all of our young learners in school as early as possible.

CHILD FIND

Spring ISD has a duty to make a referral for an initial evaluation for special education services any time it suspects that a child has a disability. This process is sometimes referred to as "Child Find."

These activities are designed to identify all individuals ages birth-21 who may or may not be in school and who have a disability as defined in the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- Provide public awareness to inform citizens of educational opportunities available to

individuals with disabilities in the form of brochures.

- Place posters at Spring ISD campuses and in private schools.
- Newspaper announcements.
- Spring ISD website.
- Early childhood screenings.

If you have any questions or need clarification regarding information related to Child Find, please contact our team at 281-891-8290 to schedule a screening appointment for children ages 3-4, or 281-891-6265 for students ages 5 and older. You may also email us at childfind@springisd.org



If your young child has special needs, Spring ISD offers **intervention services for children**, birth to age three, with disabilities or delays. Learn more about how to request a free screening at:

www.springisd.org/specialed

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IS KEY TO STUDENT SUCCESS



Statistics show that when parents are engaged in their child's education, they are more successful in school. Here's how you can become involved:

Attend parent meetings, open house and parent-teacher conferences

These events are a great way to meet and develop a relationship with your child's teachers and counselors. This is also a great opportunity to learn more about the school, including campus-wide programs and policies.

Volunteer at your child's school

Many parents are active in their child's elementary school, but as their kids get older, some parents become less involved. Parents who continue to volunteer and be part of the middle school and high school communities are more likely to be aware and engaged in their child's school life.

Schools welcome parents to volunteer and provide the following opportunities:

- Car rider duty
- Serve as a student reading partner
- Hall duty
- Cafeteria duty
- Mentor a student
- Tutor students
- Chaperone school trips
- Sign up to speak during career day or college night

Are you interested in supporting the well-being of our students? Consider joining the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) where you can have a direct impact on student health and learning. For more info, call 281-891-6736 or email: shac@springisd.org.



Join a parent leadership committee

Each campus has a parent organization, whether it is a PTA, PTO or booster club. Campuses also have a parent advisory council in which parents can participate. We encourage parents to join a committee and get involved.

Every campus has a **Family Empowerment Liaison** on staff to engage parents at the campus level in order to positively impact student academic performance. Call your campus and ask to speak to the family liaison to become involved.

READ

to your young child



encourage your older child to

READ

Literacy success starts at home. You can help reinforce literacy skills by reading with your child, talking about books, visiting the library together, and letting your child choose what he or she reads.

Visit www.springisd.org/literacy to learn more.



STAY CONNECTED

We offer multiple ways for parents to be in touch with the district and to stay on top of all of the news and happenings. By providing a reliable email address and phone number to your campus at the start of the year, you're taking the first step to not missing any important information, including updates about weather-related closures.

Here are eight easy ways to stay in touch:



Email, texts and calls – We use an automated messaging system in the case of an emergency or to share school-related information.



Websites – Bookmark SpringISD.org and your campus website for calendars and events. Subscribe to our news blog at springisd.org/subscribe



Facebook – “Like” us on [Facebook.com/SpringISD](https://www.facebook.com/SpringISD) to interact and share information with Spring ISD.



Twitter – Follow [Twitter.com/SpringISD](https://twitter.com/SpringISD) and your campus Twitter feed for fun and inspiring updates throughout the day. Want to share news with us? Tag us @SpringISD.



YouTube – Subscribe to our YouTube Channel at [SpringISDWeb](https://www.youtube.com/SpringISDWeb) to see what's happening on our campuses and across the district.



Instagram – Follow us on Instagram @Spring.ISD for engaging information at the campus and district level.



Download our **Mobile App** – Go to either the Apple App Store or Google Play and search for Spring ISD. Download the app with the district logo.



Sign up for the **MYSpring ISD** Parent Portal – Keep tabs on your child's attendance and grades by going to www.springisd.org and clicking on the **MYSpring ISD** tab. A link to the portal is also available from campus websites.

Save the Date

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FREE FOR ALL ELEMENTARY AND
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



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www.springisd.org
this fall for more details

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