



Week of August 15 - 21, 2021

Principal's Update

Bailey Parents:

Welcome back for the '21-'22 School Year. The faculty has been busy this last week in Professional Development in preparation for receiving our students this coming Tuesday, August 17th. Here are some important points to review as the year gets started. We encourage you to go over this information with your child.

School Start & Dismissal times:

School doors open at 7:55 AM.

8:20AM - Schoolwide announcements and take attendance

8:25AM - First period classes begin

3:50PM - Dismissal bell for all students

We ask that all students be picked up promptly after school, by 4:05PM. We do not have outside supervision available after that.

A/B Calendar

This year our block schedule will be following a rolling ABABAB pattern. There is nothing special about Fridays anymore, we simply follow the AB pattern daily. Remember, A days cover 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th periods, and B days cover 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th periods. **The first day of school, Tuesday, August 17th, is an A day.**

Parent Drop-off & Pick-up Procedures

Parents will drop off and pick up car riders at the front of the school in the front driveway loop (where the Bailey Marquee sign is). **For student safety, drop-off and pick-up happen from the curbside lane ONLY.** The second lane is used by cars that are exiting or using the visitor parking lot. When parking, please use only the spaces marked for visitors. We must drive slowly at all times. The teacher parking lot is located to the right of the Drop-off/Pick-up lanes -- please allow teachers and staff to make a right turn into that parking lot from the passing lane.

Bus Loop - For Buses ONLY

The bus loop is located on the west side of the campus (far left side as you face the front of the school). No parent drop-off or pick up is allowed in the bus loop. This loop is designated for AM unloading and PM loading of buses only.

Entering the Building - Where do I go?

Students gather in the following areas once inside the school and wait until dismissed to classrooms for 1st period (approx. 8:15). Adult supervision is always present in these gathering areas.

8th graders - Large Gym

7th Graders - Small Gym

6th graders - Cafeteria and adjacent hallway

Students are not allowed to wander the halls or go to their first period classes until dismissed from their gathering areas.

What do I need to Bring?

Unlike elementary school, we do not typically share all our school supplies, so it is not necessary for students to bring all their supplies on the first day of school. They will have nowhere to store them since we are not using lockers this year. Students should come prepared with the following on the first day:

- Fully charged Chromebook
- 2 pens and pencils
- 2 pocket folders with a few sheets of loose leaf paper
- Spiral notebook

Teachers will guide students on what supplies they will need to carry in their backpacks as the week begins, but this list will get them started.

Water bottles

Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to school. Because of Covid precautions, our drinking fountains are still not in service. However, we do have three touchless water bottle refilling stations on campus. Students are encouraged to use their water bottles to stay hydrated throughout the day. Research tells us hydrated brains learn more!

Lunches

Students attend either A, B, or C lunch. For the most part those lunches coincide with class schedules for 6th (A), 7th (B), or 8th graders (C). In some cases, 7th or 8th grade students may have to follow an opposing lunch schedule based on their class schedule.

Students may bring their own lunch from home. We encourage families to supply nutritious lunches for their children. Chips and a soda, over the long run, doesn't encourage healthy eating habits.

Free breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria

For this school year, ALL Bailey students may receive a hot breakfast and/or lunch, every day, for the entire school year. Unused funds from last year have made it possible for AISD to make free meals available to ALL students again this year.

No Lunch Deliveries

Deliveries of lunches for your child are not allowed. Any food service deliveries to the school will be turned away. Do not waste your money. Students who forget their lunch are encouraged to eat the free cafeteria meal available to them.

Food Sharing is prohibited

Please do not bring to school or send your child with "food to share with friends" for special occasions like birthdays. Food sharing is not allowed. Pizza's, cupcakes, cakes and brownies, etc., cannot be delivered to school or shared with friends.

Cell Phones

The Bailey cell phone policy is as follows: ***When entering the building in the morning students should turn off their cell phones and store the cell phone and their earbuds in their backpacks or keep them in their pockets. Cell phones should remain off and stored out of sight for the entire school day.*** Students may again use their cell phones after dismissal.

If a student makes the choice to use their cell phone during the school day, they may have their phone taken up by a teacher or staff member and have it turned in to the main office where it will be held until they may collect it at the end of the day. If this happens more than once parents may be called to pick up the cell phone in the office and a fine may be assessed.

Parents are strongly encouraged not to call or send messages during the school day. This may bring unhelpful attention to your child. If you must get an urgent message to your child, please contact the main office and we can get the message to your child quickly. We want to keep their focus on their academics as much as possible.

Class schedules

Tentative class schedules are now available in the AISD Parent Portal. Please remember these are tentative class schedules as we may be making slight changes for some students through Monday. Students will receive their final schedules Tuesday morning at school.

On Tuesday morning as students arrive, they will be instructed as to how to use a system we call "Alpha Advisory". This is a simple grade level system where all students are separated alphabetically by last names to meet in different classrooms. Separation is alphabetical - like in the dictionary, by portions of last names. For example, A - Ben, then Bep - Dal, then Dam - Fre and so on. Your child must know how to figure out the section of our list where their last name falls. Again, as an example, if you are a 7th grader and your last name is Gonzalez, you might find our 7th grade Alpha list may show students with last names starting with the letters "Fre thru Hac" will go to room 309 (this is an example only). Gonzalez falls between last names starting with "Fre thru Hac", so Room 309 is where this child will pick up their schedule.

Please help your student understand they may not see their last name spelled out, but they must look at the alpha listings for where the beginning letters of their last name will fall. Don't worry, there will be plenty of people available to help them get to the right place. Once everyone has their class schedule we will release them to report to their first period class.

Parents, please allow your students to do this on their own. They can figure it out and we will have plenty of friendly faces to help them. As middle schoolers they are on their way to building independence and self-reliance. They can do it! This is a big first step to building their confidence to figure things out on their own!

lth and Safety protocols

AISD will be continuing to monitor all safety guideline updates coming from the CDC and Austin/Travis County Public Health officials, and will advise campuses and the community with ongoing updates.

Masks

Masks are now required to be worn at all times while on campus, even when outside and not involved in strenuous physical activity. This applies to Students, faculty and staff, parents and any visitors to campus. Masks are to be worn covering the entire nose and mouth area. Masks should be made of cloth or should be the commercially available disposable masks. Masks with filter vents or bandanas/neck gaiters are not allowed. Disposable masks will be available for anyone who needs one. Families and students are reminded that masks should be washed frequently.

Handwashing and sanitizing

We continue to encourage handwashing on a regular basis. 20 seconds with soap and water is still the CDC recommendation. Hand sanitizer will still be available in all classrooms and in the cafeteria.

Social Distancing

We will continue to practice social distancing whenever possible. With almost all students returning for in person instruction, we will do our best to keep students appropriately distanced whenever we can. We will utilize available desk shields and in the cafeteria we will be using new accordion shields for the tables.

New Air filters

Brand new air filters have been delivered and deployed in all of our classrooms at Bailey to help filter and circulate the air. AC filters continue to be changed on a regular basis.

Seating charts for contact tracing

In order to maintain safety and notify parents of potential exposure, AISD will continue to use seating charts in classrooms and the cafeteria. This way we can notify families as quickly as possible in case your child has been exposed to a confirm positive case of Covid 19.

At Home health screening recommended

AISD is recommending that families screen their children every morning before coming to school. Sick children should not be sent to school, especially if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 or the common flu. Please keep sick children at home. Have them tested if you suspect they may have been exposed to Covid 19. Please report any positive cases with your children or with anyone in your home to the school and follow all quarantine guidelines.

and finally... Chromebooks

Students should bring their AISD issued, fully charged Chromebook to school every day. We will not be using personal devices from home any longer. All students should be using AISD Chromebooks for all their schoolwork, both in school and at home whenever possible. If you do not have an AISD Chromebook, please make your teacher aware so we can get one issued to you as soon as possible. Damaged or non-working Chromebooks should be brought to the main office so we can determine next steps.

That's a lot of information, but we hope it helps answer some of your most pressing questions. We will go over much of this information in our ZOOM calls scheduled for later today. The Zoom link information is on the Bailey website at Baileybears.org Both sessions will cover most of the same material, so you only need to attend one.

John Rocha

Principal

August 15th Zoom "Welcome Back" Links

Topic: 6th Grade Welcome

Time: Aug 15, 2021 05:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/97405697180>

Meeting ID: 974 0569 7180

Passcode: 898608

Topic: 7th and 8th Grade Welcome

Time: Aug 15, 2021 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://austinisd-org.zoom.us/j/91058114205>

Meeting ID: 910 5811 4205

Passcode: 480381

Student Schedule Information

Students will get their final schedule on the first day of school during alpha advisory. You can view a tentative schedule now in the portal. But remember, schedules will not be finalized until the first day of school. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to find your schedule online.

Students will go to their Alpha Advisory on the first day of school to get their final schedule. After all students have their schedule, they will be released to go to their first period class. Students do not need to check in for Alpha Advisory after the first day of school, they will go to their 5th period class on Wednesday.

Look where your last name falls in the list below to find your Alpha Advisory classroom.

[6th Grade Alpha Advisory](#)

[7th Grade Alpha Advisory](#)

[Back to School Parent Toolkit.pdf](#)

Counselor's Information

We are so excited to welcome students back to campus for the 2021-2022 school year.

Please take a moment to look at these parent resources that may help with the transition back to school and the feelings that often accompany change, especially during these unprecedented times.

We look forward to supporting your student this year.

Please take care, and we will see you soon.

~Bailey Counselors

Katherine Dudek - 6th Grade

Anna Duke - 7th Grade

Coach Frels - 8th Grade

P.E. Uniforms/Locks

Just a reminder, all students enrolled in PE/Athletics/Dance (excluding start strutters) will be required to purchase a PE uniform for use during class. Students will also need a combination lock for their locker in the PE locker room. PE uniforms will be \$17 and exact change or checks are preferred.

Uniforms are going to be available the first day of school and can be purchased from any of the PE Teachers during class. Combination locks can be purchased at HEB, Walmart, Target, etc. and can be brought on the first day of school as well.

Immunization Information

Immunization records or appointment card with appointment date before 9/10/21 must be in the health room office by Friday 8/20/21. For students entering 7th grade for school year 2021-2022, they will need to have the Meningococcal (MCV4) vaccine and a booster T-dap vaccine.

Records can be emailed to teri.grossman@austinisd.org or faxed to 512-414-5434.

Bus Information

Where's the Bus

Austin ISD Transportation offers the WheresTheBus app to provide families with timely information about the location of each child's bus, including when it will arrive at their stop.

The app is free to AISD families whose children ride the bus. The app is available on any device with Internet access (smartphone, tablet, personal computer, iPod)—and takes less than five minutes to install.

At AISD, our award-winning transportation team is committed to providing families with the best service. For any questions about bus transportation, please call 512-414-0238.

To Sign Up

- 1. Go to my.austinisd.org. Log into your Parent Cloud account. If you don't have an account, select 'Click here to create your parent account'. You will not be able to access Where's the Bus without a Parent Cloud account.**

Note: For assistance setting up your account, please contact the Parent Technology Support Help Line at 512-414-9187.

2. Use the search icon in the top left corner, or just start typing to search for the WheresTheBus application. To launch, click on the bus icon.
3. A new tab will open showing the ETA, bus location, school location and home location.
4. You can access WheresTheBus through the Parent Cloud or through the app.

To Install the Where's the Bus App

1. Download the app from the [App Store \(iOS/Apple\)](#) or [Google Play \(Android\)](#). When you open the app, you will be asked if your child rides an Austin ISD bus. Select "Yes."
2. After logging in using your AISD Parent Cloud credentials, you will be able to access bus arrival information. You will not be able to access Where's the Bus without a Parent Cloud account.
3. Once your credentials are validated, you will receive real-time bus arrival information as soon as you open the app (no login required / one touch access). For technical issues, please call 512-414-8324 (HELP).

¿Dónde está el autobús?

El Austin ISD está ofreciendo la aplicación Wheres the Bus (Dónde está el autobús) para proporcionarles información oportuna de la ubicación del autobús de sus hijos, incluyendo cuándo llegará a su parada.

La aplicación es gratis para las familias del AISD cuyos hijos viajan en el autobús. La aplicación está disponible en cualquier dispositivo con acceso a Internet (teléfono inteligente, tableta, computadora personal, iPod). Se instala en menos de cinco minutos.

En el AISD, nuestro premiado equipo de transporte tiene el compromiso de ofrecerle el mejor servicio. Si tienen cualquier pregunta acerca del transporte de autobús, favor de llamar al 512-414-0238.

Para inscribirse

1. Vaya a my.austinisd.org. Entre a su cuenta Parent Cloud. Si no tiene una cuenta, seleccione 'Click here to create your parent account' (haga clic aquí para crear su cuenta de padre de familia). No puede usar la aplicación sin una cuenta Parent Cloud.
Nota: Si necesita ayuda para crear su cuenta, favor de comunicarse a la Línea de ayuda para apoyo tecnológico a padres al 512-414-9187.
2. Use el ícono de búsqueda en la esquina superior izquierda, o solamente empiece a teclear WheresTheBus para buscar la aplicación. Después de teclear las primeras letras, el logo WheresTheBus aparecerá. Para iniciar, haga clic en el ícono del autobús.
3. Una nueva pestaña se abrirá mostrando el ETA (tiempo estimado de llegada), la ubicación del autobús, de la escuela y de la casa.
4. Usted puede tener acceso a WheresTheBus a través de la Parent Cloud, o de la aplicación (siguiente página).

Para instalar la aplicación Wheres the Bus en su dispositivo iOS o androide

5. Vaya a la [App Store \(iOS\)](#) o [Google Play \(Androide\)](#). Cuando abra la aplicación, se le preguntará si su hijo usa el autobús del Austin ISD. Seleccione "Yes."

6. **Luego, escriba las credenciales de su cuenta Parent Cloud del Austin ISD para validar su cuenta y aplicación WheresTheBus. No puede usar la aplicación sin una cuenta Parent Cloud.**
7. **Después de entrar, verá la información del autobús Wheres the Bus. Ahora, ya está instalada la aplicación y usted puede acceder inmediatamente y en cualquier momento a la información de su autobús al hacer clic en el ícono de la aplicación Wheres the Bus.**

Campus Health and Safety

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our Health and Safety Protocols. It includes information about:

- Arrival and Dismissal Procedures
- Face Coverings
- Health Screenings
- Visitors on Campus
- Outdoor Learning Environments
- Protocols for Cleaning and Disinfecting
- Physical Environment and Safety Protocols
- Transitions

Need Device Tech Support?

- Family Support Line - Parents can call **512-414-9187** or send a text to **512-866-6434** Monday - Friday 7am-5pm.
- Students can report an issue via this form: <https://www.austinisd.org/technology/help/student-support>
- Student Support Line - call **512-414-4357**

Upcoming Events

August

- **17 - First Day of School "A" Day**
- **18 - "B" Day**
- **19 - "A" Day**
- **20 - "B" Day**

Helpful Links

[2021-2022 AISD School Calendar](#)

[Staff Directory](#)

[Bailey Counseling Website](#)

[School Lunch Menus/Cafe Info](#)

[Bailey Athletics Website](#)

[AISD Athletics Info \(Physical Forms\)](#)

[Bailey PTA Facebook Page](#)

[Bailey PTA Website](#)

[School Bus Route Information](#)

[Bailey Athletic Booster Club Facebook Page](#)

[Bailey Middle School Yearbook](#)

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