

# BISD Family Connects

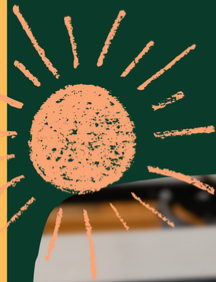
August 2021

The BISD Family Connects newsletter provides parents and families with helpful information about school and community resources and services.

**This Issue is packed with Important News & Information!**

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# MEET THE TEACHER



ELEMENTARY

August 12  
5 - 6:30 PM

INTERMEDIATE

August 12  
6 - 7:30 PM



COVID Vaccinations Available this Monday

## FREE COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

Scan QR code with your cell phone camera to register online.



or

Register in person at the event

WHEN:

August 9, 2021  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE:

Bastrop Middle School  
725 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop, TX 78602

## Vacunas sin costo contra el COVID-19

Escanee el código QR con la cámara de su celular para inscribirse en línea



o bien

Insícrbase en persona al ir a vacunarse

CUÁNDO:

9 de agosto de 2021  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

DÓNDE:

Bastrop Middle School  
725 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop, TX 78602



FREE EVENT



FAST



NO INSURANCE  
REQUIRED



VACUNACIÓN  
GRATUITA



RÁPIDO



NO ES NECESARIO UN  
SEGURO MÉDICO



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# MON, AUG 9

## School Supply Lists

Click on the links below for school supply lists for elementary and intermediate schools. Students in middle and high school will receive supply lists from teachers on the first day.

- [Bluebonnet Elementary School](#)
- [Cedar Creek Elementary](#)
- [Emile Elementary](#)
- [Lost Pines Elementary](#)
- [Mina Elementary School](#)
- [Red Rock Elementary](#)
- [Bastrop Intermediate School](#)
- [Cedar Creek Intermediate](#)



## Deadline to Verify Returning Student Information is Monday, August 9

To verify your child's information, log into your [Skyward Family Access](#) account. If you don't remember your login credentials, click "Forgot your login/password?" at the login screen or call the IT Help Desk at 512-772-7199. Be sure to update each section before hitting the SUBMIT button.

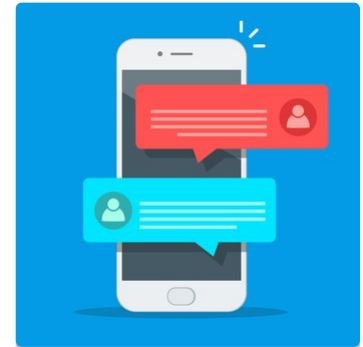
Simply verify and update your child's information, sign all releases/authorizations, and upload your proof of residency (required by board policy FL(LOCAL)). This can be a current utility bill (electric, water, gas only), lease agreement, or current rent receipt. **The online verification process and proof of residency are required before your child can receive a schedule or a homeroom teacher assignment for next school year.**

## An Easier Way to Connect With Us

Our educators use SchoolStatus to connect with parents, and we want to connect with YOU!

### DO I NEED TO DOWNLOAD AN APP?

Nope! Calls and texts may come from a number you don't recognize, but that is YOUR direct line to the educator contacting you.



### IF I RESPOND TO A TEXT, WHO GETS THE MESSAGE?

The educator who contacted you! You're not responding to an entire group, It's 1:1 message.

### IF I MISS A CALL, CAN I CALL THE NUMBER BACK?

Yes! You may leave a message for the educator who called, or speak directly to the educator if calling during his or her office hours. Or, better yet, send a text to the same number and you'll reach the educator who called you.

TOGETHER, WE CAN MOVE STUDENTS FORWARD!

## Social Emotional Learning Update

### Self-Care Tip

As we prepare to begin a new school year, positive affirmations are an excellent way to care for ourselves and express self-compassion. They can serve as a short, simple, and effective tool to help us shift our mindset when faced with challenging situations. Affirmations, also known as positive self-talk, can be said out loud or silently. They are great way to start the day, but you can also utilize them in moments of stress or if you notice that your self-talk is negative or overly critical. Here are a few examples, but you can also make up your own:

- I can do hard things
- I accept myself just as I am
- Today I will learn and grow
- I am calm and confident



### What are Students Learning?

When students return to school this month, scheduled SEL time on campuses will be devoted to building relationships and learning expectations that will help them be successful all year long. Research indicates that positive teacher-student relationships increases student engagement, which can lead to improved outcomes academically and behaviorally. Taking the time to establish relationships early on in the school year has also been shown to improve student attendance. Bastrop

ISD teachers are excited to meet their new students and they look forward to building and maintaining those positive relationships for the 2021-2022 school year.

## After School Programs & P-EBT Information

**STARS After School Program**  
Bastrop Independent School District  
Register now at: [www.bisdtx.eleyo.com](http://www.bisdtx.eleyo.com)

Location are at:  
Lind Fries  
Blair  
Ester  
Blossman  
Cedar Creek  
Hart Field  
Elementary Schools

Monday-Friday  
From school dismissal  
to 6:00 pm

BISD Students  
Ages 4-13

Registration Fee	\$25.00 first child \$40.00 family
Full Time (5 school/draft development days per week)	\$225.00 per month
Part Time (3 school/draft development days per week)	\$140.00 per month
All Day Out (Thanksgiving, Winter, and Spring Breaks)	\$20.00/day for full or part time contracts \$25.00/day for non-STARS participants

STARS provides age appropriate activities and care in a safe, licensed environment.  
STARS provides homework help, physical activity, exploration of student interests, and opportunities for kids to spend time with friends.

### STARS After School Program

Available at all elementary campuses. For more information, visit <https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/1100>.

**Texas ACE**  
Texas Afterschool Centers on Education

The Texas Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) program is one of the largest statewide afterschool programs in the country. The ACE program is administered by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and is funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers initiative of the U.S. Department of Education. Texas ACE programs aim to improve student attendance, behavior, and academics while providing safe supplemental learning space for students and families who otherwise would not have such opportunities.

Bastrop ISD will have the Texas ACE program at every elementary, intermediate and middle school for the 2021-2022 school year. Transportation is provided.

Enrollment can be completed online at [bisdtx.ce.eleyo.com](http://bisdtx.ce.eleyo.com) for:  
Bastrop & Cedar Creek Intermediate Schools  
Bastrop & Cedar Creek Middle Schools  
after school until 6:30 pm

For more information, contact your campus ACE Site Coordinator or call 932-772-7190.

### Texas ACE After School Program

Available at all elementary, intermediate and middle school campuses. For more information, visit <https://www.bisdtx.org/Page/6670>

**Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)**

P-EBT is a food benefit for families with children who temporarily lost access to free or reduced price meals at school during the COVID-19 pandemic.

P-EBT is for families with children who meet one of the following criteria:

- Up to 21 years old and certified for free or reduced price meals through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) at an address in Texas during the 2020-2021 school year.
- Up to 21 years old and attend a Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) or Provision 2 (P2) school that offers free meals to all students.
- Born after Aug. 1, 2014, in families who received SNAP benefits for at least one month between October 2020 and June 2021.

What can families buy with P-EBT funds?  
Household food items such as fruits, meats, poultry, fish, dairy and breads. P-EBT benefits can be used whenever SNAP food benefits are accepted.

Who needs to complete an online application?  
Eligible students born on or before Aug. 1, 2014, in families who received SNAP benefits for the first time during the 2020-2021 school year in May or June 2021.

The following items are required on the P-EBT application:  
1. Parent/legal guardian name, date of birth and sex  
2. Physical address  
3. Child's name, date of birth, sex, school district county, school district and campus name  
4. Public school students must provide either their Social Security number or state assigned number (S-number)

How will eligible families get P-EBT benefits?  
Families who get SNAP benefits during the 2020-2021 school year will have P-EBT benefits loaded on their current Lone Star Card.  
Families who did not get SNAP benefits during the 2020-2021 school year will have a P-EBT Card with funds mailed to them.

If a family believes a child was incorrectly denied P-EBT benefits, who do they contact?  
Call the P-EBT Call Center at 833-642-1225 or visit [yourtexasbenefits.com/learn/pebt](http://yourtexasbenefits.com/learn/pebt) June 21 through

### Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT)

Apply today! Last day to apply August 13, 2021. <https://yourtexasbenefits.com/Learn/PEBT>

## Bilingual/ESL Program



### Summer Reading

Great job to all Pk-6th grade students who participated in the Summer Reading Program!



### Thank You

Thank you to Dunkin' Donuts and Chick-fil-A for treating our Summer Reading program participants!



### Report Cards

Check your mailbox for summer school report cards for bilingual pre-k and kindergarten students.



Free nurse home visit for all families with newborns.



Sin costo visita de enfermera a domicilio para todas las familias con recién nacidos.



Health check-up for birth mom and baby

Feeding, soothing support & more

Connections to community resources



Chequeo de salud para mamá y bebé

Alimentación, apoyo calmante y más

Conexiones para recursos comunitarios

Texas Family Connects is available at no cost for all families living in Bastrop County. Talk to your doctor for more information and learn more:

[www.texasfamilyconnects.org](http://www.texasfamilyconnects.org)

Texas Family Connects está disponible sin costo para todas las familias que viven en el condado de Bastrop. Para más información:

[www.texasfamilyconnects.org](http://www.texasfamilyconnects.org)

**CALL TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT TODAY!**

Family Connects Bastrop County  
Phone: 512-308-3913  
Telehealth visits available.

**LLAME PARA HACER SU CITA HOY!**

Family Connects Bastrop County  
Teléfono: 512-308-3913  
Videollamadas disponibles.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### CCMS Orientation

August 5 - 9:00-11:00 am

### BHS Orientation

August 6 - 9:00-11:00 am

### BIS Orientation

August 7 - 9:00-10:30 (5th grade); 11:00-12:30 (6th grade)

August 17

### First Day of School

August 17

### BISD Board Meeting

5:30

Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts

### Back to School/Open House (Middle School)

September 1 - 5:30-7:30 pm

### Back to School/Open House (High School)


September 1 - 6:30 - 8:00 pm




## Connect With Us!


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