

### Summer 2020 Front Office Hours

The Southwest front office will be open to phone calls Monday-Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. We will be closed on Fridays this summer.

### Retention / Promotion Decisions

#### Middle School:

If a middle school student is being reviewed by the Retention Placement Committee (formally Grade Placement Committee) and is at risk for being retained due to not meeting the YES Prep Middle School Promotion standards guardians will be informed by Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

#### High School:

High School Promotion, Placement and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. A high school student who has failed 1 or more semesters of a core class may be required to enroll in Summer Credit Recovery to be promoted or placed into the next grade level. If successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed, a second parent/guardian meeting will be held at the start of the 2020-2021 School Year to communicate final Retention and Placement decisions based on successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery.

#### High School Credit Recovery:

The YES Prep Credit Recovery Program is for students currently enrolled in 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade and is designed to help students regain credits, persist, stay on-track to graduate and go to college. Most core English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses will be offered. Foreign language courses will not be offered. YES Prep Summer Credit Recovery will be offered virtually through the Edmentum PLATO Platform with a YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student virtual through Teams. Due to the implications of COVID-19, this summer we will waive all Summer Credit Recovery fees and it will be offered free of charged to students. Students must successfully complete the program by the last day, July 1, to receive credit for the course. Failure to finish or earn a passing grade will result in the student retaking the course next year and possible retention. Students that attend Summer Credit Recovery will be required to attend a live online training during the week of June 1 with a parent or guardian. More information will follow for students that are registered.

Date: Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, July 1

Time: Office Hours provided by Credit Recovery Teachers will be communicated at the start of the Program

Guardians can find out additional information and register their student at [YES Prep Credit Recovery](#).

### Summer Assignments

AP courses are the only courses with mandatory assignments. Coursework for AP classes has been communicated with those students directly.

### 2020-21 School Hours

#### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Hours

- Elementary: 7:30am – 3:15pm
- Secondary: 8:30am – 4:15pm

#### Wednesday (Early Dismissal)

- Elementary: 7:30am – 2:00pm
- Secondary: 8:30am – 3:00pm

The YES Prep 2020-21 Academic Calendar can be found at:

<http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar>

Key dates: Subject to change due to COVID-19, families will be informed if dates are impacted

- All new students will attend orientation August 12-14, 2020 8am-12pm.
- The first day of school for all students is August 17, 2020.

### YES Prep Student Handbook

Access the most updated YES Prep Student Handbook on the YES Prep Website. Changes may be made to the handbook over the summer and throughout the school year; the most updated version will always be posted to the website.

<http://www.yesprep.org/student-handbook>

The YES Prep Student Handbook includes all policies and information for students and families that is consistent from campus to campus across YES Prep. It's crucial that all YES Prep students and guardians are familiar with the Handbook and the information contained within it.

**Individual Campus Supplements** – Each campus will create their own Individual Campus Supplement to the YES Prep Student Handbook. This supplement contains specific information to the campus your student attends. These supplements will be available on your campus's website at Yesprep.org.

### 2020-21 Student Fees

Legal guardians should expect to pay various student fees throughout the year depending on the student's participation in special programming. YES Prep has worked to standardize student fees across campuses and ensure fees being charged to students are aligned with compliance expectations and YES Prep philosophy.

These are some general parameters applied to student fees:

- Students should not be charged a fee for items that have no cost.
- Students should not be charged a fee for items or services that benefits staff members.
- Cost inflation should not be variable for items with a fixed cost. i.e. ID badges should cost the same at all locations
- Maximum cost formulas may never exceed base price + 2%.
- Student fees for specific activities may change from year to year because they are based on a percentage of cost. Campuses will communicate specific fee amounts based on the parameters above as cost for items and programs are finalized.

These are **some** fees families should plan to pay throughout the next school year. Exact amounts will be shared with campuses as they are finalized. This list is not exhaustive, and there may be fees not included below:

- Advanced Placement test fees (for 8-12 grade students taking an AP exam)
- Trip fees (may include day trips and/or overnight trips)
- Athletic fees (applicable to students who participate in athletic programming)

### YES Prep Atlas and Other Reading Materials

The YES Prep Atlas is the scope of books, novels, short stories, and other readings students will be assigned to read each year in English classes. The YES Prep Atlas can be found on the “For Parents” section of Yesprep.org. All required reading materials will be provided by the campus for students. Required reading materials such as novels, Spanish anthologies, or SAT prep materials will be provided for students at no cost to the family.

<https://www.yesprep.org/parents/atlas>

## 2020-21 School Supply List

School supply lists will be shared over the summer pending our approach to reopening Southwest,

**All 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are required to have a TI-Nspire graphing calculator for math class. (Do not purchase a “CAS” version as it is not allowable on assessments.)**

## 2020-21 Re-Enrollment Forms

Re-enrollment will take place in July 2020 through Skyward (the new YES Prep Student Information System). Families will receive more details closer to July for re-enrollment requirements.

## Uniforms

YES Prep Public Schools believes in the power of community and school pride while also deeply valuing a student's right to express their individuality without the fear of unnecessary discipline, body shaming, or the confines of gender norms. Students have the right to be treated equitably and dress code enforcement at YES Prep Public Schools will not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, nor will it be unfairly enforced more strictly against a student because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size or type, or body maturity.

YES Prep Public Schools uniform policy is centered around values of equity and school pride. A school uniform allows for community building and options within the uniform selection allows for student and family choice. Uniforms should be worn each school day and should meet the expectations of district and campus guidelines. Similar to all YES Prep policies, if a student's uniform, dress, or accessory choice poses a concern for student physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the uniform item.

A uniform shirt is defined as either a campus polo, sold by YES Prep Public Schools, containing the current school logo, and is the correct color for the student's campus or additional shirts distributed by the student's school for specified days.

YES Prep Public Schools also has winter jackets, sweatshirts, and cardigans for sale to provide multiple options for outerwear. A student's outerwear may only be YES Prep and may also include outerwear sold by the athletics department on campus.

We will share more on our uniform options, purchase processes, and daily policy expectations in July, 2020. Please know that given the unknown nature of COVID and potential financial implications, we are committed to being flexible with the uniform policy in order to be responsive to family needs during this time.

## 2020-21 Transportation

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, student safety is our top priority. The YES Prep Transportation Department is following updated cleaning and capacity guidelines that are being shared by local and state officials. With these new guidelines in mind, it is important that we know which students want to use bus transportation when we reopen. In order to do so, we have created this [survey](#), which will allow you to sign up

for transportation. We will use the information from this [survey](#) to assign bus routes to students that meet the guidelines listed on the YES Prep [website](#) to ensure that all safety measures are being taken.

### Student Portal Access

2020 TELPAS results will be the only results available on Student Portal for spring administration. See schedule below for availability. You can access your student's TELPAS results online using the code assigned to your child.

- TELPAS: 7/18
- TELPAS Alt: 7/7

On how to access Student Portal, please view on of the following links:

- [Student Portal Overview](#) (English)
- [Resumen Del Portal Del Estudiante](#) (Spanish)

If you need assistance accessing your student's STAAR scores, please contact the front office.