

Start of School Information for Academy of the Arts at Bransom Elementary

August 3, 2020

BURLESON

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

BISD First Week - Elementary School

- August 31st is the first week of school
- If you chose Virtual Learning, your whole week will be virtual learning
- If you chose On-Campus, you will have a mix of Virtual and On-campus days, with full On-Campus learning beginning September 8th
 - This allows us to bring small groups of students in and practice protocols and procedures
 - More information on the Virtual schedules during these days will be coming
 - More information on providing Chromebooks for those who don't have them will be coming
 - Normal start and end times will take place on the days of On-campus
 - Normal busses will take place on the days of On-campus
 - Note: This is a normal school day, and the new policies and procedures for visitors, etc. will be followed



Elementary Early Childhood Schedule for BISD First Week

- Knowing that these grades may need more support with protocols and procedures, they are being asked to attend in person more frequently the week of August 31st.
 - The schedule for On-Campus is as follows:
 - Pre-K and Kinder
 - On -campus - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - Virtual - Friday
 - 1st Grade
 - On- campus - Monday, Friday
 - Virtual - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
 - 2nd Grade
 - On campus - Tuesday, Friday
 - Virtual - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
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Elementary 3-5 Schedule for BISD First Week

- The schedule for On-Campus is as follows:
 - 3rd Grade
 - On - campus - Wednesday
 - Virtual - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
 - 4th Grade
 - On- campus - Thursday
 - Virtual - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday
 - 5th Grade
 - On campus - Thursday
 - Virtual - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday



Meet the Teacher

- Teachers will send out a pre-recorded welcome video introducing themselves.
- They will include sign-up document allowing families to choose a time if they would like to meet virtually with the teacher.
- Meet the Teacher conferences will be held virtually with teachers on 8/27/2020 during the times selected by each family.

Arrival (Grades 1, 2, & 3)

- In order to decrease the amount of time parents spend waiting in the drop-off and pick-up lines, we have made a couple of changes to the procedures.
- Drop-off for car riding students in grades 1, 2, and 3, will be at the east entrance (front of building) of the school and cars will exit onto South Hurst or Hidden Creek.
- Students will be able to enter the building at 7:15.
- Students eating breakfast will proceed to the cafeteria where they will be seated four to a table in order to meet social distancing guidelines.
- All other students will proceed directly to their classrooms.

Arrival (Grades Kindergarten, 4, & 5)

- In order to decrease the amount of time parents spend waiting in the drop-off and pick-up lines, we have made a couple of changes to the procedures.
- Drop-off for car riding students in grades Kindergarten, 4, and 5, will be at the north entrance (formerly bus entrance) and exit onto South Hurst.
- Students will be able to enter the building at 7:15.
- Students eating breakfast will proceed to the cafeteria where they will be seated four to a table in order to meet social distancing guidelines.
- Students arriving after 7:35 for breakfast will receive a “grab and go” breakfast to take to class.
- All other students will proceed directly to their classrooms.



Arrival (Continued)

- In order to expedite the morning drop off, we ask that parents please refrain from parking in the drop off lines or from exiting cars.
- In order to meet safety guidelines, we will not be able to allow parents to walk students to class the first day of school as we have in the past.
- For parents wishing to walk their students as far as the building entrance, they will park in the appropriate grade level parking lot and cross at the designated crosswalk.
- In order to decrease risk, everyone is asked to wear masks when exiting cars during drop off times.
- Bus rider drop off will be at the west entrance (rear of building).



Dismissal (Grades 1, 2, & 3)

- Students will be escorted and seated in the gym by teachers while observing appropriate social distancing guidelines.
- Pickup for car riding students in grades 1, 2, and 3, will be at the east entrance (front of building) of the school and cars will exit onto S Hurst or Hidden Creek.
- Cars will form two lanes on either side of the drive, leaving the center lane empty for students to be able to walk to their vehicle.
- Colored name cards will be provided to parents and should be displayed prominently in the window for staff to identify and call students to be released.
- A staff member will direct traffic using a stop sign and will signal when all students are safely in cars, allowing loaded cars to begin exiting.
- When last loaded car has exited, the staff member will stop traffic in order to begin loading the next group of students.



Dismissal (Grades Kindergarten, 4, & 5)

- Students will be escorted and seated in the cafeteria by teachers while observing appropriate social distancing guidelines.
- Pickup for car riding students in grades K, 4, and 5, will be at the north entrance (formerly bus pickup) of the school and cars will exit onto S Hurst.
- Cars will form two lanes on either side of the drive, leaving the center lane empty for students to be able to walk to their vehicle.
- Colored name cards will be provided to parents and should be displayed prominently in the window for staff to identify and call students to be released.
- A staff member will direct traffic using a stop sign and will signal when all students are safely in cars, allowing loaded cars to begin exiting.
- When last loaded car has exited, the staff member will stop traffic in order to begin loading the next group of students.



Dismissal (Buses)

- Bus riders will be released from the rear entrance of both D and E halls.
- They will be directed to their bus or daycare transportation.
- Busses will exit onto Hidden Creek.

Dismissal (Walkers)

- Students walking home will exit from the south entrance by the gym.
- Staff members will walk students down the hill and across the crosswalks on South Hurst and Hidden Creek.
- Due to safety guidelines, we are no longer able to have parent walk ups after school to pick up students.

Lunch

- Each grade level will have a designated lunch time specific to that grade.
 - In order to safely distance during lunch, students will be seated four to a table with one empty seat between each student.
 - Students purchasing their lunch will place orders with their classroom teacher to better allow cafeteria staff to serve students quickly as they proceed through the lines.
 - At this time, in order to meet safe distancing guidelines, parents will not be able to enter the building to eat lunch with the students.
 - A table will be provided at the main entrance for parents wishing to drop off lunch for their students. Grade levels will be clearly marked with paper and markers to label lunches with student names.
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Lunch Times

- 10:30-11:00 - Kindergarten
- 11:05-11:35 - First Grade
- 11:40-12:10 - Second Grade
- 12:15-12:45 - Third Grade
- 12:50-1:20 - Fifth Grade
- 1:25-1:55 - Fourth Grade

Recess

- In order to better observe social distancing guidelines and to limit the number of students on the playground at one time, each grade level will have a designated recess time specific to that grade.
- Five minutes before the end of recess, students will begin lining up to allow time for restroom breaks and hand washing.
- The five minutes transition time between lunch and recess will also allow for cleaning of playground equipment.

Recess Times

- 10:30-11:00 - 1st Grade
- 11:00-11:30 - Kindergarten
- 11:40-12:10 - 3rd Grade
- 12:10-12:40 - 2nd Grade
- 12:50-1:20 - 4th Grade
- 1:20-1:50 - 5th Grade

Walking around the building

- When moving about the building, staff will encourage and remind students of the importance of maintaining appropriate social distancing.
- School staff will ensure that when moving about the building, classes will be in orderly spaced lines and walking on the right side of the hallway to limit contact with other classes.
- All students age 10 and up will follow safety guidelines requiring masks to be worn in classes, and restrooms.

Restrooms

- During class restroom breaks, no more than 4 students will be allowed in a restroom at one time.
- No more than two students will be allowed at the handwash station at one time
- All students age 10 and up will follow safety guidelines requiring masks to be worn in restrooms.

School Supplies

- Requested school supplies will be reduced to standard items such as paper, pencils, crayons, scissors, and glue.
- School supplies should be able to fit into a student's folder and standard sized zipper bag or pencil box.
- The campus will provide any special school supply items, such as colored construction paper, to students as needed.
- Families that purchased school supplies through the Bransom PTO, will be invited to take all non-standard items home.
- The campus will provide extra supplies when needed to prevent students from sharing items.

Standardized Dress

- At this time, BISD has made the decision to waive the uniform policy for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Students will follow the BISD Student Dress Code.
 - [Policies & Procedures / Dress Code](#)



Clubs, etc.

- In observance of safety guidelines and to minimize risk, all clubs and after school activities will be placed on hold until further notice.

Please know that COVID - 19 is a fluid situation and guidelines and procedures may change as the guidelines and requirements are updated. Our campus will be following all CDC and TEA guidelines. Those guidelines are attached here:

[CDC Guidelines](#)

[TEA Public Health Guidelines](#)

