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BACK TO SCHOOL RESOURCES GUIDE

EL PASO ISD WELCOMES FAMILIES BACK WITH RESOURCES TO START A SUCCESSFUL SCHOOL YEAR

As students and families prepare for the 2026–27 school year, El Paso ISD is providing important information and resources to help families start the year prepared, informed, and connected.

Stay Connected with the Family Help Desk

Families can receive assistance with district services, enrollment questions, and other resources through the El Paso ISD Family Help Desk.

We're committed to making enrollment simple and helping every family get connected to the resources they need.

Contact us:
Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.– 5 p.m.
Call: 915–230–2581
familyhelpdesk@episd.org

Download the Official El Paso ISD App

Stay connected with your child's school through the district mobile app, which provides:

- District announcements
- School information
- Translation tools
- Parent-teacher communication

Scan below to download:

Access Translation and Interpretation Services

El Paso ISD is committed to ensuring families have access to important information in their preferred language.

The Communications Department provides translation and interpretation services.

Families can also use the El Paso ISD mobile app, which includes translation features and the Rooms messaging system that allows parents to communicate with teachers in their preferred language.

COMPLETE REGISTRATION

Don't wait—check this off first!

Families can complete student registration for the 2026–27 school year online and access information about:

- Returning student registration
- New student enrollment

Families should have required documents ready before completing registration, including:

- Immunization records
- Birth certificate
- Social Security card
- Previous school records
- Proof of residence
- Driver's license or state-issued identification

More information: **episd.org/register**

KNOW THE CALENDAR & BELL SCHEDULES

A few minutes now can prevent late mornings later.

Families should review campus bell schedules and the 2026–27 academic calendar to plan ahead.

Bell Schedules:
Elementary Schools: 8 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.
Middle Schools and PK-8 Campuses: 7:35 a.m. – 3 p.m.
High Schools: 8:35 a.m. – 4:10 p.m.
TMECHS: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:25 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday: 8:05 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Advanced Career Education (ACE): 7:35 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Young Women's Academy: 8:20 a.m. – 4 p.m.

More information: episd.org/calendars

REVIEW THE 90% ATTENDANCE RULE

Every school day counts!

Regular attendance is essential to success. Beginning in the 2026–27 school year, students must attend at least 90% of class days to receive credit or a final grade, as required by Texas law.

Students who fall below the attendance requirement may be required to complete plans to make up lost instructional time.

More information: **episd.org/attendance**

TRANSPORTATION & BUS TRACKING

Stay connected and know exactly when the bus arrives.

New for 2026–27—Stopfinder App: El Paso ISD is excited to launch Stopfinder, a free, secure mobile app that allows parents and guardians to track their child's school bus in real time.

Share the Access: Easily and securely share your child's schedule and bus location with trusted caregivers or family members.

How to Access: Look out for an email invitation from the district to activate your secure Stopfinder account.

More information: **episd.org/busroutes**

PREPARE STUDENT SCHOOL SUPPLIES

A little preparation goes a long way.

Lists by Grade Level: Specialized lists are available for Elementary (Pre-K through 5th grade) and Middle School (6th through 8th grade) students.

High School Students: HS supplies vary by course schedule; students will typically receive specific supply requirements from their teachers during the first week of school.

Tax-Free Weekend: Keep these lists handy to take advantage of Texas' Annual Sales Tax Holiday to save on your shopping!

More information: **episd.org/supplies**

KNOW THE DRESS CODE & GUIDELINES

Avoid first-day surprises.

Before you start back-to-school clothes shopping, it is important to know your specific campus requirements:

Uniform vs. Non-Uniform: Dress code policies vary by campus. All PK-8 campuses and select elementary schools require a formal uniform dress code, while other campuses follow a standard, non-uniform dress code.

General Standards: Across all campuses, clothing and grooming must be safe, neat, and must not cause a disruption to normal school operations.

Specialty Campus Exceptions: The Young Women's STEAM Academy, Center for Career & Technology Education (CCTE), and Silva Magnet High School have program-specific dress codes that will be provided directly by those campuses.

More information: **episd.org/dresscode**

UNDERSTAND CELL PHONE EXPECTATIONS

Power down and focus up.

El Paso ISD enforces a strict digital device policy in compliance with Texas state regulations.

Power Down All Day: Students are not permitted to use cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, or other digital communication devices during school hours (from the first bell to the last bell).

Storage: Students may bring devices to school, but they must be turned completely off and stored away in backpacks or designated classroom areas.

Exceptions: Device use is only permitted for documented medical needs (approved by administration), specialized education/504 plans, or during official school emergencies.

Enforcement: Failure to follow guidelines will result in device confiscation, progressive warnings, and required parent conferences to retrieve the device.

More information: **episd.org/power-down**

Scan for more information!