



Celebrating 80 years of excellence

The first day of school is
Thursday, Aug. 13!



Welcome back, SBISD families!

For 80 years, Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) has been at the heart of our community, helping generations of students learn, grow and achieve their dreams.

As we begin a new school year, we're **#SBISDProud** to celebrate this milestone and continue a legacy of excellence, opportunity and student success. Welcome to an exciting year of learning, connection and celebration as we honor 80 years of SBISD.

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Learn more at
springbranchisd.com/backtoschool

Dear SBISD community,

As we begin a new school year in Spring Branch ISD, I want to welcome our students, families, staff and community for what promises to be another extraordinary year. The summer brought exciting news for our district. SBISD was once again recognized by Harvard University's Education Recovery Scorecard as a District on the Rise, one of only 108 school districts in the nation and the only district in Texas to earn this distinction. This recognition is certainly something to celebrate. It reflects the academic growth of our students and reinforces what we already know about the work happening in our classrooms each day. What makes me most proud is not the recognition itself. It's the people behind it; the student who refused to give up when learning was a challenge, the teacher who stayed after school to provide extra support, the family who partnered with us every step of the way and the staff member who made sure a child felt welcomed, safe and cared for. The results speak for themselves, and the recognition affirms the impact of the work happening in our schools every day. **As the only district in Texas recognized as a District on the Rise, SBISD stands alone.** Yet, our greatest strength is not found in the data. That spirit of partnership is what truly defines our community and fuels our success. At its core, education is not about a score, a ranking or a recognition. It's about people. It's about helping a child discover their strengths, build confidence, overcome obstacles and realize their potential. It's about the partnership between home and school. It is about a partnership built on trust, shared responsibility and a common belief that Every Child deserves opportunities to learn, grow and succeed. Every day, our students are supported by an entire network of people who encourage, challenge and help them navigate their journey. Those connections matter. In fact, they are often the difference-makers in a student's life.

This year is especially meaningful as we celebrate 80 years of Inspiring Minds. Shaping Lives. For eight decades, SBISD has been a cornerstone of this community. Generations of students have begun their journey in our classrooms and gone on to make meaningful contributions in Houston and beyond. That legacy was built by people who believed in the transformative power of public education and the role strong schools play in building strong communities. Today, we are proud to carry that legacy forward. As we look ahead, our focus remains clear. We will continue to create opportunities for every student, support exceptional educators, strengthening our partnerships with families and prepare Every Child for what comes next. We know we are making a difference, because we see it every day. We see it in our classrooms, on our stages, on our fields, in our labs and in the accomplishments of our students. The results reflect it. The recognition validates it. Most importantly, our students experience it. As we begin the new school year, I invite you to celebrate the possibilities that lie ahead and the role each of us plays in helping students achieve them. **Together, we will continue building on a legacy rooted in community, strengthened by relationships and focused on the success of Every Child.**

Welcome back, SBISD.
Let's make this an extraordinary year.



Jennifer Blaine

Jennifer Blaine, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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• Outstanding
Academics



Award-winning
Fine Arts



Exceptional
Athletics

Dear SBISD Families,

SAFETY & SECURITY

As we prepare for the start of the 2026-2027 school year, the safety and security of our students and staff remain our highest priority. We are committed to keeping every member of our school community safe and that begins with strong communication, awareness and preparation. Please take a few moments to review the following important safety and security information:

Emergency Response Protocols

Our updated Emergency Response Protocols is a critical part of SBISD's safety plans. Please review this information to familiarize yourself with key terms and what to expect during emergencies. School officials—together with SBISD Police—will determine whether to initiate a Lockdown, Secure, Shelter, Evacuate, Hold or a combination of these protocols.

Threats & Prohibited Items

Talk with your child about the serious consequences of making threats against schools or individuals. These actions are felony offenses under Texas law and will be fully prosecuted. A conviction for a third-degree felony could result in up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

No weapons of any kind—real or look-alike—are allowed on campus. This includes toy weapons, Airsofts, pellet guns, BB guns, water guns, etc. Any violation will be addressed according to SBISD's Student Code of Conduct.

Gun Safety Starts at Home

Creating a safe school year begins with safety at home. One of the most important ways families can help protect children is by ensuring firearms are unloaded, locked and stored securely away from children and teens.

Many firearms today can resemble toys, and some toys can resemble real firearms, making it difficult for children to recognize the difference. Talk with your children about never touching a gun and immediately telling a trusted adult if they see one.

By securely storing firearms and having ongoing conversations about gun safety, families play an important role in helping us ensure a safe and successful school year for every student.

Skyward Family Access

Check your contact information in Skyward Family Access to ensure phone numbers, email addresses and authorized pick-up contacts are up-to-date.

Scan here to view our Safety Guide.

English



Spanish



Volunteer Registration

All SBISD volunteers must register and be approved each school year. The 2026-2027 volunteer application is now open. Beat the back to school rush and apply today. All applications from last year expired on June 30, 2026, and the new application process may take up to 10 business days.

Bike Riders & Walkers

Help your child stay safe during arrival and dismissal:

Bus Riders:

- Stand at least six feet from the curb until the bus stops completely.
- Cross only in front of the bus—never behind it—and ensure the driver can see you.
- Motorists must stop for red flashing lights and extended stop arms.

Bike Riders & Walkers:

- Cross only at designated crosswalks. If biking, walk the bike across.
- Never assume a vehicle will stop. Stay alert and visible.
- Only accept rides from trusted individuals approved by your parent/guardian.
- Report anything that feels unsafe immediately.

Bullying & Anonymous Reporting

SBISD takes bullying and harassment seriously. If your student experiences or witnesses bullying, report it to a staff member or administrator. You may also use the Anonymous Reporting link available on every campus homepage.

Please reinforce the importance of our "See Something, Say Something" protocol. Safety concerns, whether related to threats, harassment or mental health, can be submitted anonymously at any time.

Together, we are committed to creating safe, welcoming and secure learning environments for all students. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we begin a new school year.

Sincerely,



Larry Baimbridge
SBISD Chief of Police

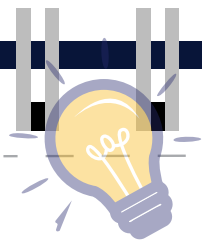


REMEMBER!

Anonymous Reporting

Every campus homepage has a link to anonymously report any concerns about safety, threats, bullying or troubling behavior. If there is an immediate emergency, call the SBISD Police Department at 713-984-9805.





Back to School

CHECKLIST



Have you contacted your child's pediatrician for a complete immunization and shot history?

Visit the Health Services section of the SBISD website for a complete listing of immunizations required for school and medical forms.

www.springbranchisd.com/health-services-nurses



Have you completed emergency contact and other forms for your child's school?

Complete all required registration forms in Skyward Family Access before the first day of school. It's also important to make sure your contact information in Skyward is correct. The information you have on file is the way your school and the district will outreach with important news and events.

www.springbranchisd.com/skyward



Have you downloaded a copy of the SBISD Emergency Guide?

Visit the SBISD Back to School website to download your copy now. You will receive a copy during the first week of school.

www.springbranchisd.com/emergency-guide



Have you confirmed your child's transportation arrangements?

Use the Bus Route Finder on the SBISD website to find your child's stop and route. The phone number for the Transportation Department is 713-251-1066.

www.springbranchisd.com/transportation



Have you completed your student's school meal form?

In addition to receiving daily meals, completing a school meal form can also qualify you for additional benefits including discounted internet services, reduced academic test fees, discounted college application fees and more. Complete the application online or call 713-251-1150.

www.schoolcafe.com/springbranchisd



Have you checked with your child's school about the supplies they will need? Does your child have a backpack?

Visit your school website to find important back to school information. Call your child's school if you need assistance.

www.springbranchisd.com/schools



Do you want to be a volunteer or attend field trips with your child this school year?

SBISD's 2026-2027 volunteer application is now open. You MUST register and be approved for the school year BEFORE beginning any volunteer activity. Register today!

www.springbranchisd.com/volunteer



Do you know if your child's school has a dress code?

Visit your school website to find dress code and other important information. School websites can be found on the SBISD website under SCHOOLS.

www.springbranchisd.com/schools



Do you know what time school starts for your child?

Visit your school website to find your school's hours.

www.springbranchisd.com/schools



Do you know where to go to view your child's course content, assignments, due dates and events?

Visit the SBISD Back to School website to learn more about Canvas. It's SBISD's anywhere, anytime student portal to digital coursework and instructional content.

www.springbranchisd.com/backtoschool



Do you know how to find your child's report card?

Visit and bookmark the Skyward Family Access website. Skyward Family Access is a password-protected site that provides both parents and students access to course grades, attendance and important student information.

www.springbranchisd.com/skyward



Have you downloaded the new Spring Branch ISD TX Family App and updated your communication preferences?

Stay connected to news, events, school updates and important messages, all in one place. Download the app and customize how you receive notifications.

www.springbranchisd.com/apptegy



Scan to view SBISD Back to School website.



One App. Everything SBISD.

Stay connected to your schools,
events and **everything** that matters.

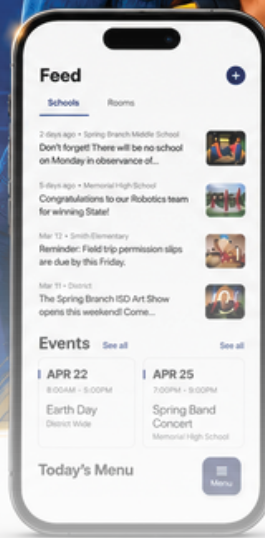
Download the Spring Branch ISD TX app.



Android



iOS



Beginning in early August, families will have access to Spring Branch ISD's new districtwide communications platform through the new Spring Branch ISD TX app, updated school websites and Rooms. Whether you're checking school news, reading classroom announcements, viewing events or communicating with your child's teacher, you'll have one connected experience.

STEP 1

Update your contact information in Skyward Family Access.

Your email address and mobile phone number in Skyward are used to connect your account to Rooms and the Spring Branch ISD TX app. If your contact information is incorrect, update it before **August 7**.

STEP 2

Download the Spring Branch ISD TX app.

Download the free Spring Branch ISD TX app from the Apple App Store or Google Play.

With the app, you'll be able to

- Receive important district and school announcements
- Read school news and classroom updates
- View calendars/events
- Find staff directories and important resources
- Receive emergency notifications
- Access Rooms for classroom communication

STEP 3

Rooms invitation

Beginning around August 7, families will begin receiving invitations to join Rooms by email or text message. The invitation will come from Spring Branch ISD. Be sure to ask your child's teacher and school how they'll use Rooms as part of their communication with families this school year.

STEP 4

Sign in and set your preferences

Once you've accepted your invitation, sign into Rooms and customize how you'd like to receive communications. These settings allow you to receive information the way that works best for your family.

IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST 6

Download the Spring Branch ISD TX app.

AROUND AUGUST 7

Watch for your Rooms invitation by email or text.

Sign in and personalize your notification settings.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 13

Be ready from day one to receive district, school and classroom communications. Ask your teacher how they'll use Rooms to keep your family connected all year long.

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2026-2027 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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CALENDAR KEY

[	Begin Grading Cycle	☐	New Teacher Orientation
]	End Grading Cycle	☒	Teacher Workday-Student Holiday
○	Early Dismissal	☐	Teacher/Staff Development-Student Holiday
■	Bad Weather Day	■	Holiday-Staff/Student

Campus Phone Numbers

Pre-K

Bear Blvd.	713-251-7900
Lion Lane	713-251-6100
Tiger Trail	713-251-8100
Wildcat Way	713-251-8200

Elementary

Bendwood	713-251-5200
Buffalo Creek	713-251-5300
Bunker Hill	713-251-5400
Cedar Brook	713-251-5500
Edgewood	713-251-5600
Frostwood	713-251-5700
Hollibrook	713-251-5800
Housman	713-251-5900
Hunters Creek	713-251-6000
Meadow Wood	713-251-6200
Memorial Drive	713-251-6300
Nottingham	713-251-6400
Pine Shadows	713-251-6500
Ridgecrest	713-251-6600
Rummel Creek	713-251-6700
Shadow Oaks	713-251-6800
Sherwood	713-251-6900
SBAI	713-251-2219
Spring Branch	713-251-7000
Terrace	713-251-7200
Thornwood	713-251-7300
Valley Oaks	713-251-7500
Westwood	713-251-2100
Wilchester	713-251-7700
Woodview	713-251-7800

Middle School

Cornerstone	713-251-1600
Landrum	713-251-3700
Memorial	713-251-3900
Spring Branch	713-251-4400
Spring Forest	713-251-4600
Spring Oaks	713-251-4800
Spring Woods	713-251-5000

High School

AOC	713-251-1500
Guthrie Center	713-251-1300
Memorial	713-251-2500
Northbrook	713-251-2800
Spring Woods	713-251-3100
Stratford	713-251-3400
WAIS	713-251-1800

IMPORTANT DATES

August 13	First Day of School
September 7	Student/Staff Holiday
September 23	PK, Elem, MS Early Dismissal
October 7	High School Early Dismissal
October 9	Student Holiday
October 12	Student/Staff Holiday
October 22-23	PK & Elementary Early Dismissal
November 3	Student/Staff Holiday
November 23-27	Thanksgiving Break
December 16-18	Secondary Early Dismissal
December 18	PK & Elementary Early Dismissal
Dec. 21- Jan. 1	Student/Staff Holiday
January 4	Student Holiday
January 5	Back to School

January 18	Student/Staff Holiday
February 4	Middle School Early Dismissal
February 4-5	PK & Elementary Early Dismissal
February 15	Student Holiday
March 3	High School Early Dismissal
March 8-12	Spring Break
March 26	Student/Staff Holiday
April 26	Student/Staff Holiday (Make up day if needed)
May 24-26	Secondary Early Dismissal
May 26	Last Day of School
May 27	Teacher Work Day (Make up day if needed)
May 31	Staff Holiday



The Bear Blvd. School
8860 Westview Dr, Houston, TX 77055
(713) 251-7900



The Lion Lane School
2210 Ridgcrest Dr, Houston, TX 77055
(713) 251-6100



The Tiger Trail School
10406 Tiger Trail, Houston, TX 77043
(713) 251-8100



The Wildcat Way School
12754 Kimberley Lane, Houston, TX 77024
(713) 251-8200

THE JOY OF
LEARNING
STARTS
HERE.

SBISD PRE-K

springbranchisd.com/prek



In SBISD, we believe young children learn best through meaningful, hands-on experiences. Our pre-K classrooms foster curiosity and growth through play-based learning, engaging learning centers, small- and whole-group instruction and outdoor exploration, creating a strong foundation for lifelong learning. **Pre-K 4 is also offered at select elementary campuses.**

Learn more at springbranchisd.com/prek.

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

- Pre-K 3* Half-Day
- Pre-K 4 Full-Day

*eligible families

TUITION INFORMATION

Free for eligible families.
Learn more at
springbranchisd.com/prek.

STUDENT SERVICES

- Early Childhood Special Education
- Speech and Language Services
- Academic Intervention
- Family Engagement Opportunities

**CLICK HERE TO
SCHEDULE A PRE-K TOUR**

**CLICK HERE TO
FIND YOUR ZONED
PRE-K CENTER**

WE'RE HIRING

— Join Our Team —

We are seeking:

- Teachers
- Administrators
- Police Officers
- Bus Drivers
- Custodians
- Grounds Workers
- Maintenance
- Food Services
- Teacher Assistants

To learn more and apply, visit
springbranchisd.com/page/join-our-team

To contact us email:
hrapp@springbranchisd.com



Spring Branch ISD
Inspiring minds. Shaping lives.

WHAT DO WE DO?

Spring Branch Education Foundation is grateful for our 30-year partnership with both SBISD and our community to provide collaboration, financial and volunteer resources, passionate care for Spring Branch ISD and its students, families, and staff, and commitment to a school district we love.

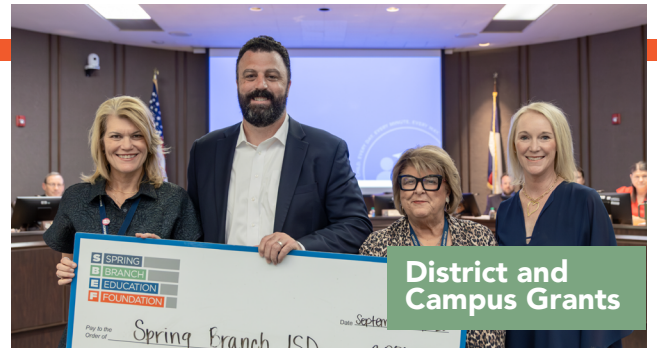


Project School Supplies provides economically-disadvantaged students at both Title I and non-Title I campuses the supplies they need to begin the school year. Our donors make it possible for all SBISD students to begin the year with the tools critical for success in the classroom.

WHY GIVE TO SBEF?

Funds raised by SBEF stay in SBISD.

Spring Branch Education Foundation puts your tax-deductible donation to work supporting the students and staff of our district. SBEF partners with the community to support SBISD.



SBEF raises funds through:



✓ Donations from individuals

- who answer requests for Project School Supplies or Scholarship giving.
- who fund a specific project, program, or scholarship.
- who participate in one of SBEF's annual events.



✓ Donations from organizations like PTAs, Booster Clubs, or other organizations

- who either fundraise through SBEF or transfer funds to SBEF to hold until they are ready to spend the funds on a campus or program-related expense.



✓ Donations from corporations

- who fund SBISD-approved programs.
- who provide scholarships.
- who attend SBEF events.



✓ Donations from foundations

- who answer grant requests from SBEF to fund specific SBISD-approved programs.

Through grants, funding is offered to support SBISD students as they explore a variety of skills and interests that could lead to future careers. From reading to writing to cooking to technology to art, our grants offer the district and our teachers funding to help our students work towards their goals for the future.



Generous donors help graduating seniors on the next step in their educational journey. The demand for scholarships is greater than ever, helping our high school graduates as they pursue a technical certification or attend a 2-year or 4-year college or university program.

UPCOMING EVENTS THIS YEAR

Friday, September 11, 2026

2026 Style Show

Where: The Post Oak Hotel

Monday, November 2, 2026

2026 Golf Tournament

Where: Wildcat Golf Club

Monday, February 1, 2027

2027 Sporting Clay Tournament

Where: Greater Houston Sports Club

Friday, April 9, 2027

2027 SBEF Gala

Where: Omni Houston Hotel



**Small time
investment,
big-time
IMPACT!**

Discover all the ways you can support our students and schools by giving time, talent or treasure!

Any corporation, local business, government entity, non-profit, faith-based organization, educational institution or individual who completes three or more strategic activities in support of SBISD or SBEF in a school year qualifies to become a Good Neighbor!

Get Engaged!

Families

- Attend Parent U family learning opportunities.
- Engage with your campus PTA. Check out the Council of PTAs to find out if your school has one!
- Become a Volunteer! Apply now at volunteer.springbranchisd.com.

Community

- Become a Reading Buddy, Mentor or Volunteer! Apply now at volunteer.springbranchisd.com.
- Sponsor district programs for students and staff or advertise with us!
- Give back to SBISD staff by joining the XtraCredit Employee Perks Program!

Interested in connecting? E-mail partner@springbranchisd.com to start today.

Spring Branch ISD (SBISD) is gearing up for the start of the 2026–2027 school year on Thursday, Aug. 13. We look forward to welcoming students and families following a productive summer of preparation by dedicated staff and educators.

Below are updates for families and community members as the new school year begins:

Parent U: Virtual Learning Series Returns

SBISD's Parent U series returns for the 2026–2027 school year with a full calendar of free virtual events covering topics such as **academic planning, college readiness, student wellness and more.**

Hosted live via Zoom, all sessions are also available for on-demand viewing through the Parent U website. View the full schedule and register [here](#).

Volunteer Applications

Do you want to be a volunteer or attend field trips with your child this school year? SBISD's 2026–2027 volunteer application is now open. You **MUST** register and be approved for the school year **BEFORE** beginning any volunteer activity. Register today!

volunteer.springbranchisd.com

Free and Reduced-price School Meals Application

SBISD Income Survey now open!

Beginning **July 1**, families are encouraged to complete the 2026–2027 Free and Reduced-price School Meals Application, a quick and confidential tool that helps secure state and federal funding for schools, regardless of whether a child eats school meals. **Complete the survey today to support your school: springbranchisd.com/sns**

Updated Meal Prices & Family Support

SBISD School Nutrition Services (SNS) has released updated meal prices, effective this fall:

Elementary lunch: \$3.25 & Secondary lunch: \$3.50

This adjustment reflects a 50-cent increase for lunch meals. Families can explore options for free or reduced-price meals on the SNS website. Beginning this fall, SNS will also launch a monthly video series with helpful tips and resources for families. **Check eligibility and access resources: springbranchisd.com/sns**

Leadership Announcements

SBISD is pleased to introduce several new school leaders for the 2026–2027 school year:

- **Carlos Oritz** | Tiger Trail School
- **Rachel Odom** | Meadow Wood Elementary
- **Amanda Ruiz** | Spring Branch Elementary
- **April Tavlison** | Hollibrook Elementary
- **Paul Wallace** | Sherwood Elementary
- **Sonya Simon Clark** | Spring Woods Middle
- **Mark Smith** | Spring Oaks Middle
- **Bruce Hill** | Westchester Academy for International Studies
- **Daphne Wilson** | Northbrook High

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Click [here](#) to find the board meeting calendar and watch live streamed meetings throughout the school year.

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