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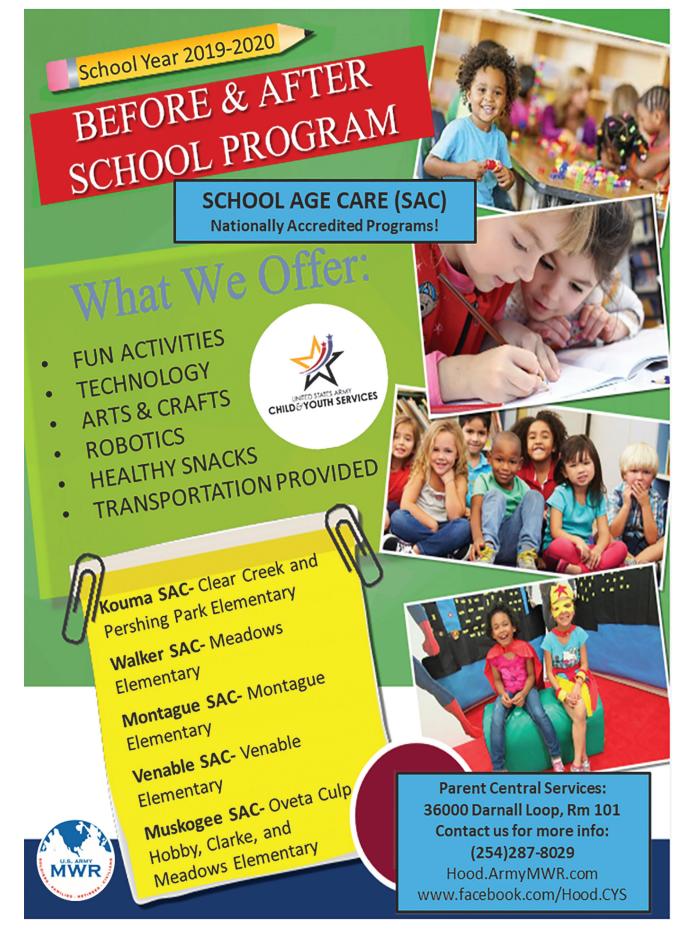
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Killeen ISD prepares for more than 45K students

BY TODD MARTIN

KILLEEN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Killeen Independent School District officials expect the 2019-2020 school year will bring continued growth and ongoing construction associated with the future opening of several new campuses.

School officials have remained diligent in the hiring of over 400 new teachers in preparation to welcome the projected 45,583 Pre-Kindergarten-12th grade students.



The district also remains vigilant in hiring bus drivers and support staff to fill critically important roles supporting district operations and instructional programming.

Craft

ming. The Board recently approved a very aggressive compensation plan for all district employees to include a 6.6%-10% raise for all teachers and a starting salary of \$50,300. Bus drivers and Auxiliary Personnel will also receive a 6%-8% raise and all support staff/administration

will receive a 3.5% raise. "The board has made a \$16.8 million investment in supporting our most valuable asset, our human capital, which remains an investment in our children," Superintendent John Craft said.

The district has also hired several new principals this summer at the following campuses:

Montague Village Elementary School — Natalie Cue

Reeces Creek Elementary School — Sara Watson

Willow Springs Elementary School

- Connie Locke

Palo Alto Middle School — Kernisha Hill

Liberty Hill Middle School — Latricia Brown

Nolan Middle School — Ashley 4 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019



TODD MARTIN I KISD

This is the front of the new Maude Moore Wood Elementary School in southern Killeen. The Killeen school district will have a dedication ceremony for the school on Aug. 25.

York

Harker Heights High School

— Jorge Soldevilla

The new Maude Moore Wood Elementary School, located at 6410 Morganite Lane, will open its doors to begin this school year. This will help to alleviate the influx of growth experienced at Timber Ridge and Skipcha Elementary Schools, as well as provide instructional space to the East Ward Elementary School students, while their new replacement school is being constructed. Ms. Norma Baker was named the principal of this campus last spring.

Craft said the district is extremely excited for the upcoming school year in part, due to all projects associated with the previously approved \$426 million bond election beginning construction.

In addition, the district will be

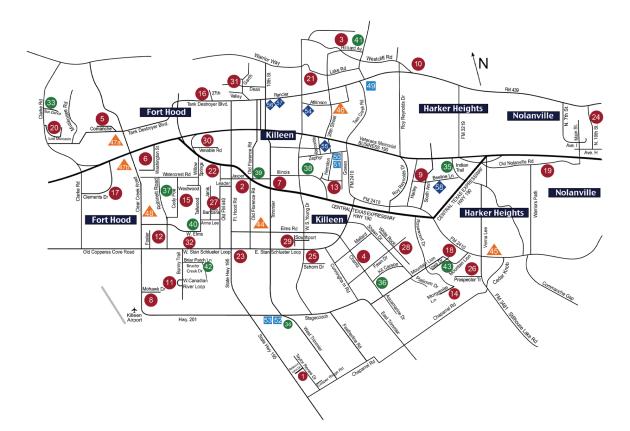
preparing to open the new Nolan Middle School project next fall and will include the second middle school STEM program. This project is outside of the Bond Program.

Campus security and safety upgrades continue to be underway across the district to include 10 miles of security fences and elementary school shade structures over the playground areas.

The district is also continuing to update and construct ADA accommodations across campuses.

"We remain dedicated to bringing nearly \$500 million worth of total projects online over the course of the next three years, while also remaining conservative stewards of the taxpayers support," Craft said.

Craft and Chief Financial Officer Megan Bradley recently sold the



Elementary Schools

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- n Boulevard
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- 500 Mountain Lion Road Harker Heights 76548 336-1900 19. Nolanville 901 Old Nolanville Road
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- 31. West Ward 709 W. Dean Avenue Killeen 76541 336-1830
- 330-1830 32. Willow Springs 2501 W. Stan Schlueter Loop Killeen 76549 336-2020

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- 33. Audie Murphy 53393 Sun Dance Drive Fort Hood 76544
- 336-6530 Charles E. Patterson 8383 W. Trimmier Road Killeen 76542 336-7100 34 C 35. Eastern Hills
- 300 Indian Trai Harker Heights 76548 336-1100 36. Liberty Hill 4500 Kit Carson Trail
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- 37. Live Oak Ridge 2600 Robinett Road Killeen 76549 336-2490
- 38. Manor 1700 S. W.S. Young Drive Killeen 76543 336-1310 39. Nolan 505 E. Jasper Road
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- 336-7836 (STEM Academy) 43. Union Grove 101 E. Iowa Drive Harker Heights 76548 336-6580

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 - 336-0600 45. Hark er Heights 1001 FM 2410
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 - Killeen 76543 336-7208
- 47a. Killeen ISD Early College High School (FH) 51000 Tank Destroyer Boulevard Fort Hood 76544 336-0260 b. Killeen ISD Early College
- High School (CTC 6200 W. Central Texas Expy Killeen 76549 336-0560 48. Robert M. Shoemaker
- 3302 S. Clear Creek Road Killeen 76549 336-0900

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- 49. Killeen JJAEP 4800 E. Rancier Avenue Killeen 76543 336-0150
- 336-0150 Gateway High 4100 Zephyr Road Killeen 76543 50. 336-1700
- 51. Gateway Middle 1307 Gowen Drive Killeen 76543 336-1690
- 52. KISD Career Center 1320 Stagecoach Road
- Killeen 76542 336-3800 ays Acad 53.
 - 1322 Stagecoach Road Killeen 76542 336-7250

Administration

54. Administration Building 200 N. W.S. Young Drive Killeen 76543 336-0000

- 55. Jackson Professional Learning Center (JPLC) 902 Rev. R.A. Abercrombie I Killeen 76543 336-1741 ombie Drive
- 56. Killeen Learning Support Services (Administrative Annex) (40111115112102001) 902 N. 10th Street Killeen 76541 336-0200 336-0366 (Special Education)
- 57. Student Services 902 N. 10th Street Killeen 76541
- 336-2822 336-2822 58. Technology Services Ctr 104 E. Beeline Lane Harker Heights 76548 2020 0740
- 336-2749 Senior Administration Phone List
- Killeen ISD Main District Number Office of the Superintendent..... 336-0000 336-0002 Office of the Deputy Superintendent Office of the Assistant Superintendent for 336-2780 Curriculum and Instruction 336-0202 Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Leadership .. 336-0206 Office of the Chief Financial Officer. 336-0157 Office of the Chief Human Resources Officer. 336-0043

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Fraud & Abuse Hotline	336-015	1
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remaining \$126 million in school bonds thus allowing the district to propose a \$0.1911 debt service tax rate, which is almost \$.03 lower than originally proposed as the bond was being considered by voters.

As the Killeen ISD continues to grow, surpassing 45,000 students and becoming the 25th largest school district in the state of Texas, officials will continue to focus on providing excellent academic programming and instruction to students through the alignment and support of Best Instructional Practices and monitoring of individual progress.

The district will also work with existing partners to include Central Texas College, Texas A&M University-Central Texas and Fort Hood on programs to expand Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics opportunities, to include a Cybersecurity Academy. The district expanded high school STEM programming to all four comprehensive high schools last year, which currently has over 1,000 high school students engaged in the innovative program.

This is in addition to continuing to provide high school students the opportunity to attain an associate degree through the Early College High School program, which was recently named one of Texas' most innovative high school programs by Educate Texas.

The first graduating class of seniors received both their high school diploma and associate degree earlier in May.

Craft stated, "The district will continuously work to improve educational support programs across the district through the assessment of areas of strengths and those areas in need of additional development and support. This remains a vital part of the continuous improvement model."

The district was excited to see the progress made last school year now receiving an overall rating of an 86 from the Texas Education Agency, up 10 points from the previous school year: "The significantly improved state accountability rating remains a testament to the hard-working students and staff and they are definitely to be commended.

"We will continue to build upon this success throughout the 2019-2020 school year," Craft said.

Craft concluded, "It's going to be another exciting and fast-paced school year. We welcome our new families and staff to the area, and we hope that they find their experiences to be excellent by all accounts."

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Aug. 6First Teacher Contract Day/Exchange Day
Aug. 8 - 23Teacher In-Service
Aug. 26 1st Day of School
Sept. 2 Labor Day Holiday
Oct. 14 Columbus Holiday
Oct. 18 End of nine weeks/Student Early Release
Nov. 11 Veterans Day Holiday
Nov. 25 - 29 Thanksgiving Holiday
Dec. 20 End of nine weeks/Student Early Release
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break
Jan. 6Teacher In-Service
Jan. 20
Feb. 17Presidents' Day Holiday or
Bad Weather Make-Up Day
Mar. 6End of nine weeks/Student Early Release
Mar. 9 - 13Spring Break
April 10Holiday or Bad Weather Make-Up Day
May 25 Memorial Holiday
May 28End of nine weeks/Student Early Release
May 29Teacher In-Service

Exchange Day

Reporting Periods

First Semester total 77 days

3rd...... January 7 - March 6.....42 Days 4th March 16 - May 2852 Days Second Semester total 94 days

Bad Weather

Should emergency situations such as severe weather occur, an announcement of any change in the normal school schedule will be released from the Office of the Superintendent to local news media including radio, television and newspaper. Closings announced on: KCEN Ch. 6, KWTX Ch. 10, KXXV Ch. 25. WACO-EM (100). KCKR-EM (95.7). KWTX-EM (97.5). KBRQ-FM (102.5), KWTX-AM (1460), KRZI-AM (1580), KEYR-FM (92.9), KBCT-FM (94.5), the KISD website and on KISD Channel 17. If classes are cancelled, make-up days will be held Monday, February 17 and Friday, April 10.

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(Dates Subject to Change)	http://www.tea.state.tx.us
Dec 9-13	STAAR EOC Retests (Gr. 10-1)
April 7	STAAR Writing (Gr. 4, 3
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	STAAR English I (HS
April 8	STAAR Reading (Gr. 5, 8
	STAAR English II (H
May 4-8STAAR EC	Cs (Alg. I, Biology, U.S. History
May 11	STAAR Math (Gr. 3, 4, 6,
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May 12	STAAR Reading (Gr. 3, 4, 6 ,
	STAAR Reading Retest (Gr. 5,
May 13	STAAR Science (Gr. 5,
May 14	STAAR Social Studies (Gr. 8
June 22	STAAR English I Retest (H
June 23	STAAR Math Retest (Gr. 5, 8
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	STAAR U.S. History (HS ; p.m
June 24	STAAR Reading Retest (Gr. 5, 8
	STAAR English II Retest (H
June 25	STAAR Biology (H

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Killeen ISD enrollment requirements

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PREKINDERGARTEN 3 YEAR OLD

Full-day prekindergarten classes are available in KISD. A child must meet the following conditions to be eligible for

this prekindergarten program: • Student must be 3 (three) years old on or before September 1, 2019 AND

• Student must be a biological child, adopted child or stepchild of a military member who is on active duty, is MIA or was injured or killed during active military duty (includes activated Texas National Guard and all activated Reserves) AND

• Student must reside in on-post housing and in the attendance zone of the school they will attend (special consideration transfers to attend a different on-post school may be approved but are evaluated on a case-by-case basis by Student Services)

4 YEAR OLD

Full-day prekindergarten classes are available in KISD. The following guidelines must be met prior to enrollment:

• Student must be 4 (four) years old on or before September 1, 2019 AND student must meet one of the following conditions:

• Speaks a language other than English at home, has a qualifying score on an Oral Language Proficiency Test and identified as ELL by the LPAC

• Eligible for free/reduced lunch program (income level based)

Qualifying Military Dependent tir – A biological child, adopted child or step child of a military member who is on active duty, is MIA or was injured or killed during active military duty (includes activated Texas National Guard and all activated path)
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TODD MARTIN | HERALD

Families register their children for the start of the upcoming school year at Pershing Park Elementary School in Killeen on July 31. The districtwide enrollment is over, but parents can still register children at their child's respective campus, The 2019-2020 school year begins for KISD students Aug. 26.

Reserves); the qualifying military member may also be the legal guardian of the student by court order; documentation is required to establish active duty status or injury/death/MIA status during active duty along with documentation to establish relationship between child and military member

Homeless

• Has ever been in the conservatorship (foster care) of the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) following an adversary hearing.

• Dependent of a person who is either eligible for or the recipient of the Star of Texas Award

• Student is enrolled as a participant in Head Start

Note: The Interstate Compact for Military Students (ICMS) does not cover eligibility for Prekindergarten enrollment.

Prekindergarten is NOT on a first come, first served basis.

If your child qualifies for prekindergarten, your child will have a place in the prekindergarten program. Prekindergarten documentation requirements and documentation information can be found at www.killeenisd.org or by calling 254-336-6304.

KINDERGARTEN

A child entering kindergarten must be 5 (five) years old on or

ENROLLMENT: Bring important documents

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before September 1, 2019. Students may be older than five, but not younger. Being enrolled in kindergarten in another district. state or country has no influence on eligibility in Texas, except for those who meet the eligibility requirements of the Interstate Compact for Military Students (ICMS). The compact requires acceptable documentation to show that the student is a dependent of a current military member and documentation of either current year kindergarten enrollment or prekindergarten completion (promotion to kindergarten) in prior year from a public school in a compact state.

FIRST GRADE

A child entering 1st grade must be 6 (six) years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. Exceptions exist for underage students that meet the requirements of the Interstate Compact for Military Students (ICMS) or any student who has completed public school kindergarten or been enrolled in 1st grade in a public school in another state prior to enrolling in Texas. The ICMS requires acceptable documentation to show student is a dependent of a current military member and documentation of either current year 1st grade enrollment or kindergarten completion (promotion to 1st grade) in prior-year from a public school in a compact state.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Current proof of residency within KISD (utility bill or lease contract).

Certified Birth Certificate

- Immunization Records
- Student's Social Security Card
- Report Card/Records from Previous School

Note: Students must be enrolled by parent or legal guardian (additional documentation required for other custodial arrangements). Parent or legal guardian must bring ID. For more information go to www.killeenisd.org

NEW TO KISD?

The registration process is now easier for new-to-district families with online registration. Parents may complete the required back-toschool forms online and then visit your student's home campus for finalization. Go to www.killeenisd. org for more information.

Information provided by the Killeen Independent School District



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*Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, Math as access points for quality students



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Taylor Childs helps daughter, Makynlee, 5, select back-to-school supplies for her first day of kindergarten on Aug. 18, 2018, the final day of last year's tax-free weekend, at Target in Harker Heights. This year's sales tax holiday is Aug. 9-11.

Texas' sales tax-free weekend starts Friday

HERALD STAFF REPORTS

Texas residents looking to get some new clothes, shoes, school supplies and backpacks can do so at a cheaper price this weekend, from Friday to Sunday due to the annual sales tax-free weekend.

The Texas sales tax free weekend is a great chance to save tur money on those and other items, sup according to Texas Comptroller sch **10 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019**

Glenn Hegar.

Sales tax is exempt on qualifying items — priced below \$100.

That saves shoppers around \$8 for every \$100 they spend.

"As Texas families begin the process of replacing their beach towels with lunch boxes, the sales tax holiday is the perfect opportunity to save some money on supplies families need before the school bell rings," Hegar said. "As a father of three, I know how these expenses can add up."

To see what items qualify to be tax free, go to TexasTaxHoliday. org.

Shoppers this year will save around \$102.2 million in state and local sales taxes during the sales tax holiday.

Texas' sales tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

Killeen school district school supply lists

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PRE-K3

*Fort Hood campuses

only

- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 1 large towel or Kinder mat for rest time
 - $\bullet\,2$ boxes of tissue
 - 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 pocket folders with brads
 - 1 bottle of white glue
 - 4 glue sticks

* All students need to bring a change of clothes

PRE-K4

- 1 backpack (no
- wheels)
- 1 large towel for rest time
 - 2 boxes of tissue • 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)
- 2 pocket folders with brads
 - 1 bottle of white glue
 - 4 glue sticks
 - 1 pkg of #2 pencils (24 count)

• 1 pair of scissors (round tip/safety scissors)

• 1 set of watercolors * All students need to

bring a change of clothes

KINDERGARTEN

- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- $\bullet\,2$ boxes of tissue
- 2 boxes of crayons (24 count)

• 2 pocket folders with brads

- 1 bottle of white glue
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 pkg of #2 pencils (24 count)
- 1 pair of scissors (round tip/safety scis-

sors)

- 1 set of watercolors
- 1 supply box

* All students need to bring a change of clothes

1ST GRADE

- 1 backpack (no
- wheels)
 - 2 boxes of tissue 2 boxes of crayons (24
 - count)
- 2 pocket folders with brads
- 1 bottle of white glue
- 8 glue sticks
- 1 pkg of #2 pencils (24 count)
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 supply box
- 4 composition books
- (wide
 - rule)
 - $\bullet 2$ pink erasers
 - 1 supply box

2ND GRADE

- 1 backpack (no wheels)
- 2 boxes of tissue
- 2 boxes of crayons (24
- count)2 pocket folders with
- brads
 - 1 bottle of white glue
 - 8 glue sticks
 - 2 pkg of #2 pencils (24 count)
 - 2 pink erasers
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 supply box
- 4 composition books (wide rule)
- 2 pkgs of notebook
- paper (wide ruled)

- **3RD GRADE**
 - 2 boxes of tissue • 1 box of crayons (24
- count)
 - 2 pocket folders with

brads

• 1 bottle of white glue

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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• Ear buds

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• 5 – 70 page spiral note-

• 5 Composition Books

• Colored pencils (12

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Pencil pouch

• 2 glue sticks

• 1 zippered pouch

- 2 pkgs of #2 pencils (24 count)
 - 8 glue sticks
 - 2 pink erasers
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 supply box
- 5 composition books (wide rule)
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- 2 pkgs of notebook paper
 - (wide ruled)
- 1 pkg of colored pencils (12 count)

4TH GRADE

- 2 boxes of tissue • 1 box of crayons (24
- count)
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 - 1 bottle of white glue8 glue sticks
 - 2 pkgs of #2 pencils (24 count)
 - 2 pink erasers
 - 1 pair of scissors
 - 1 supply box
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5TH GRADE • 2 boxes of tissue

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Killeen releases dress code for new school year

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Students shall be dressed or groomed in a manner that is clean and neat and that will not pose a health or safety hazard to themselves or others. Campuses that have adopted a standard dress policy for students are as follows:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Iduma — 254-336-2590 Montague Village — 254-336-2230 Peebles — 254-336-2120

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Rancier — 254-336-1250

Please contact the campus office for policies and procedures regarding standardized dress.

Campuses that have not adopted a standard dress policy shall follow the KISD Dress Code outlined in the Student Code of Conduct. A hard copy can be found at www. killeenisd.org, click on Departments, then click on Student Services.

Students who are considered to be in violation of the dress code shall be advised by the campus administrator and shall be given an opportunity to comply. The opportunity to comply may take a variety of forms. In most cases the student will be allowed to call parents for a change of clothes. While awaiting the change of clothes, the student may be required to (a) wait in the office; (b) attend ISS; (c) go to class (if not a severe violation); or (d) any other option deemed necessary or appropriate by the administrator.

Those who then fail to comply 1 or who repeatedly violate the code shall be subject to disciplinary sho action. Exceptions to the dress par code include students who wear abor principal approved uniforms on (Gr designated dates and who participate as members of official school and 12 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019



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JC Penney employee Kris Price straightens a jean display on Aug. 10, 2018, as she prepares for the tax-free weekend. Killeen ISD has some restrictions on the wearing of jeans.

groups or organizations. Certain elective courses or extra-curricular activities may require more stringent dress or appearance standards than for the general student body.

The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing that:

• Are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene.

• Advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverage, drugs, or any other prohibited substance.

• Contain derogatory remarks concerning any identifiable race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, gender, or disability.

The following standards of dress and grooming apply except as noted:

1. Pants, slacks, and jeans are acceptable attire. Spandex pants or shorts, boxer shorts, and shorts or pants with holes any higher than 6" above the knee are not permitted: (Grades 6-12). Pants or shorts shall not be more than one size too large, and must be worn at the waist, with no "sagging." Shirts and blouses shall be appropriately sized and may not be worn in any way that reflects gang affiliation or may conceal contraband. Shirts may not extend beyond the student's fingertips when worn outside the pants or a skirt.

2. "Sagging" (wearing pants below the waistline or showing underwear) is not permitted.

3. As a general guideline, dress/ skirt length and shorts should be no shorter than 6 inches above the top of the knee, and must allow students to walk, stoop, kneel, and sit with modesty.

4. Apparel designed for recreation, such as tank tops, fishnet (mesh) shirts, etc., is unacceptable. ELEMENTARY ONLY: Shorts, and skirts can be no more than 4" above the knee. Tank tops and similar apparel may be worn by students in grades Pre K-2, especially in hot weather.

5. Apparel designed as underwear



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or nightwear may not be visible or worn as outer garments.

6. Tight and/or revealing clothing or accessories that may draw undue attention to the student is prohibited. Clothing which is of transparent and/or see-through material should not be worn. Students must wear tops that cover the upper body (ex. no halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, etc.) and shoulders, and extend beyond the midriff leaving no skin exposed in the normal activities associated with school.

7. Head coverings, bandanas (in any manner), hoods, and sweatbands may not be worn inside the building. The campus administrator must approve any exceptions to this policy for religious or medical reasons. 8. Students must wear footwear, which is appropriate for school. Examples of inappropriate footwear, although not inclusive, are the following: house slippers, shoe skates, water shoes, sock shoes, and shoes with metal spikes.

9. Hair must be neat, clean, and well groomed. Facial hair, if worn. must be neat and well trimmed. Types of apparel, including jewelry, trench coats, emblems, badges, symbols, signs, or other items or manner of grooming which, by virtue of color, arrangement, trademark, symbol, or any other attribute indicates or implies gang membership or affiliation, or would substantially disrupt, distract, or materially interfere with the school environment, activity, and/or educational objectives, are prohibited on school grounds, or at any schoolrelated activity, regardless of time or location.

10. Photo ID cards will be is-

sued to all secondary (grades 6-12) students, except those assigned to the Gateway MS or HS. They will be required to be worn at all times, visible from the front (at the waist or above) while at school or at school functions, and while riding to and from school on district transportation.

11. Students who attend schools where a standard dress policy has been approved may have additional dress code provisions.

The additional dress code requirements will be disseminated to students by the campus personnel.

For Additional Information Call Student Services @ 336.2822

*An update to the Student Code of Conduct Dress Code is currently in progress.

Please contact the campus to confirm 2019--2020 dress guidelines.

Information courtesy of Killeen Indpendent School District.

A Message in the Public Interest from Killeen Independent School District

It is the policy of the Killeen Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or handicap in its vocational programs, services, or activities as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.



It is the policy of Killeen Independent School District not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age in its employment practices as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended; and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

Killeen Independent School District will take steps to assure that lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation in all educational and vocational programs.

For more information about your rights or grievance procedures, contact the District 504 Program Specialist, Michelle Oswalt (Elementary) at 336-0227 or Christina Walker (Secondary) at 336-0215, Killeen Learning Support Services, 902 North 10th Street, Killeen, Texas, 76541.

Es política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Killeen no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo o impedimento, en sus programas, servicios o actividades vocacionales, tal como lo require el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmendada; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmendada.

Es política del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Killeen no discriminar por motivos de raza, color, origen nacional, sexo, impedimento o edad, en sus procedimientos de empleo, tal como lo requiere el Título VI de la Ley de Derechos Civiles de 1964, según enmendada; el Título IX de las Enmiendas en la Educación de 1972, la Ley de Discriminación por Edad de 1975, según enmendada, y la Sección 504 de la Ley de Rehabilitación de 1973, según enmendada.

El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Killeen tomará las medidas necesarias para asegurar que la falta de dominio en el uso del idioma inglés no sea un obstáculo para la admisión y participación en todos los programas educativos y vocacionales.

Para más información sobre sus derechos o procedimientos para quejas, comuníquese con la Especialista del Programa 504, Michelle Oswalt, al 336-0227, o Christina Walker al 336-0215, Killeen Learning Support Services, 902 North 10th Street, Killeen, Texas 76541.

A Message in the Public Interest from Killeen Independent School District

KISD committed to providing nutritious meals

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The School Nutrition Department of Killeen Independent School District is committed to providing nutritious meals for the students and staff of the district. The meal prices for the 2019-2020 school vear are as follows:

Breakfast

Full Price\$1.50 Reduced....,\$0.30

Lunch (Elementary):

Full Price....\$2.50 Reduced......\$0.40

Lunch (Middle and High School) Full Price.....\$2.75

Reduced\$0.40

To qualify for free or reduced meals, parents/ guardians must complete an application and meet specific criteria, unless the student is attending a campus that is on the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) which entitles each enrolled student at that campus a free breakfast and lunch meal. An application is not required at a CEP campus: however. parents will be asked to complete a CEP form that will be sent home in September:

Complete Free and Reduced meal applications online at www.killeenisd.



org or pick up an application at your student's campus.

Parents may make payments, add funds or view student accounts at www. paypams.com. Viewing the account is a free service. There is a flat fee of \$1.95 to add money to the account. Menus, along with nutritional analysis, will be posted on the Killeen InRoy J. Smith Middle School students eat lunch in the school's cafeteria in this fall 2017 photo, KISD has set its lunch prices for the 2019-2020 school vear.

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dependent School District website monthly.

School menus can be found on our website at www.killeenisd.org.click on Departments, then click on School Nutrition. Menus are available on the new menu app NU-TRISLICE, which can be downloaded from Google Play or from the iTunes app store.



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Area organizations offer back-to-school immunizations

BY ERIN RILEY SPECIAL TO THE HERALD

It's time to get ready to go back to school! And while most parents and students are focused on getting their school supplies, there is one more item to check off the list — vaccinations.

While they are probably everyone's least favorite part of going back to school, vaccinations serve an important role in keeping communities safe from preventable diseases such as the measles and meningitis, to name a few.

To help parents make sure their students are ready to go for the 2019-2020 school year AdventHealth is providing free vaccinations throughout the month of August for children who qualify for Medicaid or the CHIP program, or who have no insurance.

"As part of our community outreach, we are working with organizations like the Greater Killeen Community Clinic to provide free immunizations to local students," said Sarah Kennedy. wellness coordinator at AdventHealth. "In the past, we hosted a one-day event, but we often had to turn people away because we would run out of the vaccines they needed. This year, we have attended multiple community events throughout the summer in the hopes of reaching more students and help more families."

Children entering Pre K, kindergarten, 7th and 10th grades are the most common for needing a vaccination, but if parents are uncertain they can call their local school district or go to https:// www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/ school/school-requirements.aspx.

AdventHealth vaccination opportunities during August include:

• Aug. 8 – Cove House Clinic – 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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Andrea Tavares, left, Darrell Kaczmarczyk, and Amy Haire make sure the correct vaccines get to the correct patient during the KidFest Health and Safety Fair, sponsored by Metroplex Hospital in 2017. Though the hospital — now known as AdventHealth — is not conducting a KidFest this year, it will participate in shot clinics Aug. 8, 10 and 14.

• Aug. 10 – Grace Christian Center –9-11:30 a.m.

• Aug. 14 – Greater Killeen Community Clinic – 1-4 p.m.

Please be sure to bring a copy of your child's shot record with you when attending a vaccination event.

In addition to the listed dates, AdventHealth offers free vaccines at the Greater Killeen Community Clinic on the second Wednesday of the month throughout the year, providing an on-going opportunity for students to get the vaccinations they need for school.

For more information about vaccination opportunities offered by AdventHealth, call 254-519-8202.

ERIN RILEY is public relations and marketing manager for AdventHealth in Killeen.



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Cove superintendent welcomes students back to school

I want to be the first to welcome students and staff back to school. While summer has provided many opportunities for kids and parents to enjoy swimming, vacations, family reunions and sleeping late, the staff of Copperas Cove ISD have been working diligently to make sure the upcoming school year is the very best.



Over the summer, CCISD teaching staff have participated in professional development sessions focused on improving learning opportunities for students.

Dr. Burns

The maintenance and custodial staff have worked diligently to make sure district facilities are in excellent condition and spotless for the first day of school.

The child nutrition and transportation departments have been actively planning and preparing to feed and transport more than 8,200 students who are expected to attend Copperas Cove schools this year. It has been an awesome summer. We are ready and waiting for our students!

Be on the lookout for campus news coming to you through the Skyward Parent Portal or Schoology. Campus leadership teams will be reaching out to students and their parents to share upcoming events and important dates to remember through these media platforms.

If you do not have access to the Skyward Parent Portal or Schoology, please reach out to your campus for information on how to connect to these resources.

The Pride of Cove Marchingat CBand and Color Guard haveplealready started summer rehears-opeals. Mr. Tony Chapa, directorstilof Instrumental Music, and theO16 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019



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Parents and students walk through the front doors of Clements/Parsons Elementary School in Copperas Cove for the start of a new school year on Aug. 22, 2016. The school year starts Aug. 20 this year in the Copperas Cove Independent School District.

music department staff have once again put together an exceptional show that will be spotlighted not only during Friday night football games, but in UIL marching competitions slated for later this fall.

Mr. Jack Alvarez, head coach/ athletic director, and the coaching staff have worked tirelessly over the summer to make sure student athletes have had opportunities to participate in strength and conditioning activities so they will be better prepared for their upcoming sports' seasons.

Let me remind parents of some important upcoming dates. If you missed the Registration Roundup at Copperas Cove High School, please know that every campus is open beginning at 7:30 a.m. if you still need to register your student.

On Aug. 16, CCISD hosts convo-

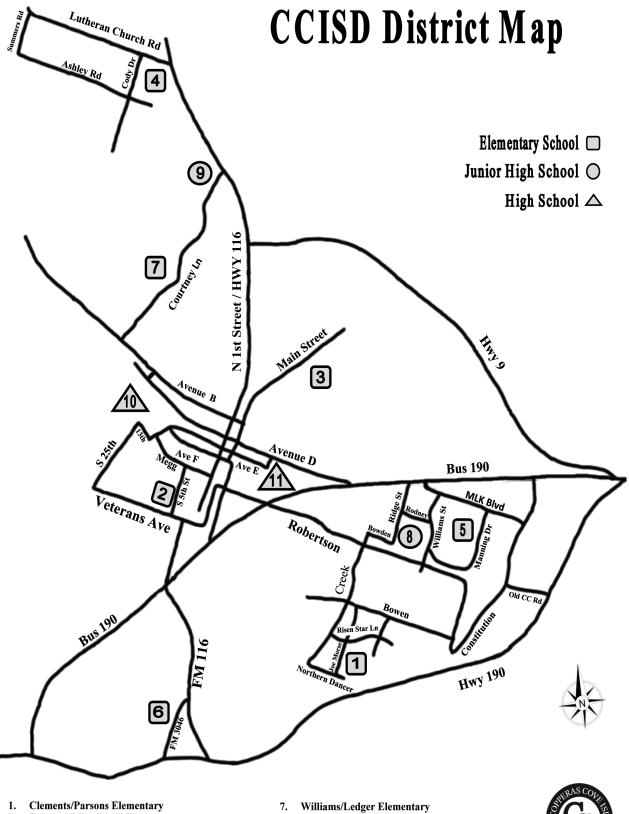
cation for staff; therefore, campuses will be closed until 1 p.m. on that day.

Then on Aug. 20, we kick off the 2019-2020 school year with the first day of school. I hope you are as excited as I am about the opportunity we have to educate our young people.

I want to close by thanking Copperas Cove for its unwavering support of our students, staff and school district. Our success is the result of great relationships, wonderful families, supportive community members and exceptional students. It truly is a great time to be a Bulldawg!

Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Burns CCISD Superintendent of Schools



- Fairview/Miss Jewell Elementary 2.
- Halstead Elementary 3.
- 4. **House Creek Elementary**
- Mae Stevens Early Learning Academy 5.
- Martin Walker Elementary 6.

- 8. **Copperas Cove Junior High**
- 9. S.C. Lee Junior High
- 10. Copperas Cove High School
- 11. Crossroads High School / DAEP



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Returning CCISD students must be registered online

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Returning students in the Copperas Cove Independent School District must be registered through their Skyward Access account.

If parents/guardians are unable to register their returning student online, please visit the child's campus to access a computer and receive assistance.

All students new to CCISD must visit their campus to register and provide the required documentation:

You will need to bring the following:

• Proof of Residency (also required for returning students who need to update their address)

Immunizations

Birth certificate

Social Security card

• Enrolling person's driver's license or ID card

• Proof of eligibility for PK3 and PK4

That list can be found on the district's website and can be accessed at https://www.ccisd.com/292614_3.

Click on the Pre-K requirements link at the bottom of the page, as it is different than the other grades.

For new students, click on the word "New" surrounded by a sunburst in the center of the page.

Not sure what school your child is zoned for or when to expect arrival of the school bus? Visit https://www.ccisd.com/273994_3.

All elementary, junior high and pre-K students may pick up their bus passes as their home campuses. All CCHS students should pick up their bus passes at the CCISD Transportation Facility, 455 Summers Road.

All junior high and high school students are encouraged to visit their home campuses prior to the start of the school year to get their student identification badges made.



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Students board the buses to head home after a successful first day of school at Martin Walker Elementary School in Copperas Cove on Aug. 15, 2018. The new school year begins Aug. 20 in CCISD.



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Copperas Cove ISD school dress code

ELEMENTARY DRESS CODE: GRADES PK-5

The following standards for dress and grooming will be enforced:

Hats or Head Coverings: Any type of hat or head covering is prohibited at the Elementary and pre-k level. Hats may not be worn from belts or belt loops.

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets:

• Tube-tops, halter tops, see through or mesh shirts, and spaghetti straps are prohibited unless worn over a t-shirt or under a jacket.

• Sleeveless shirts must fit snugly under the arms and jerseys may only be worn with a tshirt underneath.

• No low cut tops or blouses.

• All shirts must completely cover the midriff when arms are fully extended above the head and when seated.

Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts:

• All of the items listed above must be at or below the mid-thigh. No spandex or lycra

 Shorts, Pants, Jeans: Sagging is NOT permitted.

• Shorts, pants or jeans must fit at the waist.

• Pajamas may only be worn on designated days.

• Leggings may only be worn with a garment that meets the mid-thigh rule.

• Students are not to wear jeans that are torn or have holes in them.

Shoes:

• Footwear must be worn at all times.

• Shoes with wheels are prohibited.

• Students must have footwear suitable for physical activity.

Hair:

• Students' hair must be clean, neat and well-groomed in appearance.

• Spiked hair longer than 2 inches • 0 20 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019

is prohibited.

Facial Piercing: Facial piercings are not allowed at the Elementary level.

Eyewear: No sunglasses shall be worn inside the building.

Additional Information:

• Metal-studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, and/or other metal-studded clothing are not permitted.

• No clothing intended to be worn as undergarments may be worn as outer garments. Undergarments may not be visible at any time.

• Costumes are not permitted except on designated days.

• Bandanas, do-rags, towels, extra clothes, headbands and sweatbands are prohibited.

JUNIOR HIGH DRESS CODE: GRADES 6-8

The following standards for dress and grooming will be enforced:

Hats or Head Coverings: Any type of hat or head covering may not be worn inside the building.

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets:

• Tank tops, strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops, backless tops, tops with large armholes or off the shoulder tops are prohibited unless worn over a t-shirt with sleeves.

• Garments worn under jackets, coats, shrugs and sweaters must be in dress code.

• No low necklines (cleavage should not be visible)

• No see-through lace or mesh shirts

• Tops must meet the beltline when seated. Undergarments and front or back midriff should never be exposed.

• Spandex/lycra tops or any shirt that fits excessively tight is prohibited.

• No full-length jackets and coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench coats" or "dusters".

• Oversized hoodies are prohib-

ited. Hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. can be no longer than the break of the wrist

Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts:

All of the above listed items must be at or below 3 inches above the knee unless worn with leggings (see below for length when worn with leggings).

• No biker shorts or wind shorts.

• No shorts, skirts or skorts that sag.

• No spandex or lycra shorts, skirts or skorts.

Pants and Jeans: Sagging is NOT permitted.

• Pants, jeans or skirts that do not fit at the waist, cause a safety concern, and/or disrupt the educational process are NOT permitted.

• Students are not to wear jeans that are torn, or have holes anywhere 3 inches above the knee (No skin should show).

• No pajama wear of any kind except on designated days.

• Leggings, jeggings or workout pants may be worn with a skirt, blouse, or top garment that meets or exceeds the tips of the finger when arms are fully extended.

Shoes:

• Footwear shall be worn at all times.

• No shoes with wheels may be worn.

No house shoes.

Hair:

• Students' hair shall be clean, neat and well-groomed in appearance.

• Facial hair (beards, sideburns and mustaches) shall be clean, maintained and wellgroomed in appearance.

• Spiked hair longer than 2 inches is prohibited.

Facial Piercing:



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• No more than 1 facial piercing is allowed.

Eyewear:

• No sunglasses shall be worn in the building.

Additional Information:

• Metal-studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, and/ or other metal studded clothing are not permitted.

• No clothing intended to be worn as undergarments may be worn as outer garments. Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.

• Costumes are not permitted except on designated days. Tails are considered costumes and will not be permitted.

• Clothing shall not be see-through.

• Bandanas, do-rags, and towels are prohibited.

• Grillz are not permitted at any time while on campus or at school sponsored events.

• Student ID's must be visible at all times.

HIGH SCHOOL DRESS CODE: GRADES 9-12

The following standards for dress and grooming will be enforced:

Hats or Head Coverings:

Any type of hat or head covering may not be worn inside the building.

Shirts, Blouses, Sweatshirts, Sweaters, Vests, Jackets:

• Strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops, backless tops, tops with large armholes or off the shoulder tops are prohibited unless worn over a t-shirt with sleeves.

• Tank tops with straps that are the width of a campus ID are acceptable.

• Garments worn under jackets, coats, shrugs and sweaters must be in dress code.

• No low necklines (cleavage should not be visible)

• No sheer or see-through lace/ mesh shirts • Tops must meet the beltline. Undergarments and front or back midriff should never be exposed.

• Spandex/lycra tops or any shirt that fits excessively tight is prohibited.

• No full-length jackets and coats such as those commonly referred to as "trench coats" or "dusters".

• Oversized hoodies are prohibited. Hoodies, sweatshirts, jackets, etc. can be no longer than the break of the wrist.

Dresses, Jumpers, Skirts, Skorts, Shorts:

• All of the above listed items must be no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.

• No biker shorts or wind shorts.

• No shorts, skirts or skorts that sag.

• No spandex or lycra shorts, skirts or skorts.

Pants and Jeans: Sagging is NOT permitted.

• Pants, shorts, jeans or skirts that do not fit at the waist, cause a safety concern, and/or disrupt the educational process are NOT permitted.

• Students are not to wear jeans that are torn, frayed or have holes from the waistband to 3 inches above the knee. No holes larger than the width of a student ID card, measured at $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

• Holes, tears, or frays 3 inches above the knee shall have no visible skin showing. Holes below the knee may be no larger than the width of a student's ID.

• No pajama wear of any kind except on designated days.

• Leggings, jeggings or workout pants may be worn with a skirt, blouse, or top garment that meets or exceeds the tips of the finger when arms are fully extended. Sheer hosiery leggings are prohibited.

• No leggings, yoga pants, or spandex pants of any kind (Crossroads High School only).

Shoes:

• Footwear shall be worn at all times.

• No shoes with wheels may be

worn.

· No house shoes.

Hair:

• Students' hair shall be clean, neat and well-groomed in appearance.

• Facial hair (beards, sideburns and mustaches) shall be clean, maintained and well-groomed in appearance.

• Face must be visible.

• Spiked hair longer than 2 inches is prohibited.

Facial Piercing: Facial piercings are allowed as long as the piercings are not deemed a distraction by the administration.

Eyewear:

• No sunglasses shall be worn in the building.

Additional Information:

• Metal-studded collars, choker chains, armbands, wristbands, and/or other metal studded clothing are not permitted.

• No clothing intended to be worn as undergarments may be worn as outer garments. Undergarments shall not be visible at any time.

• Costumes are not permitted except on designated days. (tails and ears are considered costumes and will not be allowed.)

• Clothing shall not be seethrough.

• Bandanas, durags, towels, extra clothes, headbands and sweatbands are prohibited.

• Grillz are not permitted at any time while on campus or at school sponsored events.

If the principal determines that a student's grooming or clothing violates the school's dress code, the student will be given an opportunity to correct the problem at school. If not corrected, the student may be assigned to in-school suspension for the remainder of the day, until the problem is corrected, or until a parent or designee brings an acceptable change of clothing to the school. Repeated offenses may result in more serious disciplinary action in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

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Cove ISD implements universal free lunch program

The following are the prices for breakfast and lunch at various schools within the Copperas Cove ISD. For the 2019-2020 school year, CCISD Child Nutrition Department will implement the Universal Breakfast Free Program, which allows every student to consume a reimbursable breakfast at NO Charge to the student or household. To receive the free breakfast, student must take a complete reimbursable meal.

	Full Price Lunch	Reduced Price Lunch	Full Price	Reduced Price	Extra Milk Price
Mae Stevens Early Learning Academy	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Martin Walker Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
J.L. Williams/Lovett Ledger Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
House Creek Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Hettie Halstead Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Fairview/Miss Jewell Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Clements/Hollie Parsons Elementary	\$2.50	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
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Copperas Cove Junior High School	\$2.70	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Crossroads High School/ Ave E	\$2.80	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Copperas Cove High School	\$2.80	\$0.40	FREE	FREE	\$0.85
Faculty and Visitors (Subject to Change)	\$4.00	N/A	\$2.50	N/A	\$0.85

5th Annual CCISD Stuff the Bus scheduled for tax-free weekend

BY WENDY SLEDD

COPPERAS COVE INDEPEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COPPERAS COVE — Sixty-eight percent of Copperas Cove ISD students qualify for the free and reduced meal program. Many of these students' families may find it challenging to afford school supplies. For the fifth consecutive year, two community entities have partnered to ensure no child lacks school supplies when class is back in session on Aug. 20.

The Copperas Cove Wal-Mart and Star Group-Veterans Helping Veterans host the 5th Annual Stuff the Bus event Aug. 9-11, taking advantage of the boost of sales expected during tax-free weekend when no tax is charged on schoolrelated items.

Walmart Manager Tania Cul-

pepper says theCopperas Cove Walmart has been a part of the Stuff the Bus event from the beginning, and it's something the associates look forward to each year.

"We believe in investing in our children we serve. We owe it to our children and families during this time of the year when things can get hectic getting the students prepared for all their needs," Culpepper said. "Many families may be struggling and unable to provide the basic school supplies their children need to be successful in the classroom."

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CCISD will once again provide its blue activity bus that donors can load up with school supplies which will be distributed to at-risk students through the Communities in Schools Program.

Star Group-Veterans Helping Veterans Founder Jonathan Haywood said his organization got involved because members want to ensure that CCISD students' needs are met.

"The children in our community deserve to go to school happy. Sometimes, kids can be cruel to those that do not have things," Haywood said. "Providing the supplies enables these children to learn. There are a lot of folks out there that just do not have the means to provide what is needed. Their pride won't let them ask for help. But, if the



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Walmart employees, Star Group-Veterans Helping Veterans members and CCISD students and staff cut the ribbon at the 4th Annual Stuff the bus event in 2018.

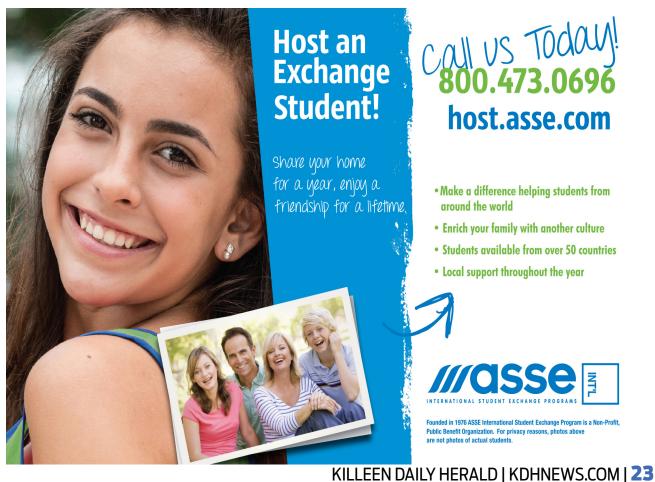
help is already there, they can put their pride aside and just love their kids and send them to school."

Walmart will be donating the first \$1,500 in school supplies on to the bus to kick-off the collection drive. Star Group-Veterans Helping Veterans will provide a concession stand that will accept donations with all proceeds going to purchase school supplies to put on the bus.

Culpepper said Walmart enjoys

partnering with VHV and CCISD because they are both professional entities what have a broad knowledge of who really needs help in the community.

"Schools across the country are facing severe budget cuts and lack the funding to purchase necessary supplies," Culpepper said. "This is when we can be a helping hand and come together as a community and take care of our families."



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CCISD gears up for continued safe student transportation

BY WENDY SLEDD COPPERAS COVE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

COPPERAS COVE — The Texasmandated elementary classroom ratio is one teacher per 22 students. For a school bus driver, the ratio is one driver to 60 students.

Copperas Cove ISD's drivers start their work days two hours before anyone else in the school district and end two hours later than everyone else and many drivers do their jobs with no air conditioning.

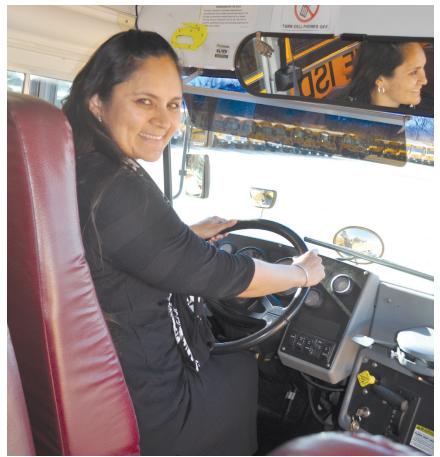
The CCISD Transportation Department continues the tradition of providing excellent service to Copperas Cove students and campuses, said Gary Elliott, CCISD Director of Transportation.

"The drivers I cannot say enough about. They are the first contact for students in the morning and the last in the evening," Elliott said. "Anybody that would turn his back (to keep his eyes on the road) on 60plus students in today's traffic and get them home safely is a credit in my eyes."

Fewer than 100 transportation employees ensure the buses are clean, wellmaintained and safe as they run their routes and trips. CCISD Deputy Superintendent of Operations and Support Services Rick Kirkpatrick said being a bus driver is a very difficult job.

"I am proud of each and every one of these employees," Kirkpatrick said. "These devoted folks work long hours, travel all over the state, manage up to 50 students alone while driving, and still keep our students safe."

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, during normal school travel hours, student fatalities by teen drivers make up 58 percent of all fatalities, fatalities when traveling with adult drivers make up 23 percent of all fatalities, while only one percent of fatalities occur



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Bus driver Bonnie Edmonds is buckled up and ready to roll out of the parking lot of CCISD's transportation facility. All of CCISD's transportation staff, including the secretarial employees, are licensed to drive school buses.

when traveling by school bus.

"This equates to students being 50 times more likely to arrive at school and back home alive if they take the bus than if they drive themselves or ride with friends." Kirkpatrick said. "During the 2015-2016 school year, CCISD buses were involved in only four accidents and have not had a fatality in at least the last 40 years ... probably longer, but no records exist prior to then. In addition, our drivers undergo drug and alcohol testing throughout the year and undergo frequent driving record checks to ensure our students are safe."

"Our newest buses are extremely well equipped. As we replace our

fleet, the new buses are equipped with technology to keep the riders safe, air conditioning and front and rear cameras."

All new buses purchased by the district are equipped with a fourcamera system with video cameras mounted in both the front and the rear and air conditioning. Elliott said the average replacement for a bus is 15 years but credits an experienced mechanical staff that keeps the buses functionally sound extending their lives in the fleet.

"The next time you pass a CCISD bus, give the driver a friendly smile and a wave and thank them for their part in making CCISD a great place to be," Kirkpatrick said.

A few tips to prepare your kids to head back to school

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether your child's stance on heading back to school is eager and enthusiastic or falls a bit short of that level of excitement, by working together your family can gear up for a successful school year.

Transitioning back into school mode can feel overwhelming for many families. From building relationships with the educators at your child's school to ensuring all the right equipment and supplies are on-hand, you can help your child feel well-prepared when the school bell rings.

Talk with teachers. Many schools host open house nights, and these serve as opportunities for parents to meet new teachers and discuss any concerns. Particularly as kids advance in grades and begin rotating through teachers, these events provide a chance for parents to begin building a relationship with teachers that develops more naturally in younger grades, when kids are the same classroom most of the day. If your district doesn't host this type of event, reach out to the teachers to request time to meet one-on-one. Use the meeting to talk about your child's strengths and weaknesses, and to learn what to expect from the year ahead, including communication styles and frequency.

Gather school supplies. Salesequstart early on all the back-to-intoschool necessities, so you can startsigrbargain shopping early. As kidsnoteapproach upper grade levels, it'sneealso a good idea to start exploringthatlong-term supplies they can usebefoyear after year, such as a graph-so eing calculator. For example, TexassigrInstruments' TI-84 Plus CE can takeoutsstudents through all of the mathReand science courses they need totiontake in middle school, high school,levecollege and into their careers. Theplar26 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019



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calculator is 30% thinner and 30% lighter than previous models with six times the memory for storing vivid, full-color graphs, images and data. The lightweight, durable design comes in fun colors like Rose Curve Gold so students can crunch numbers in style. Learn more at education.ti.com/84ce.

Gear up for extracurricular activities. Learning during the academic year isn't limited to the classroom. Extracurricular activities allow kids to practice what they're learning in the classroom in practical ways while teaching valuable lessons about social interaction. teamwork and more. Often, these activities require special equipment such as uniforms or sporting equipment, so be sure to check into the requirements, including signups and tryout dates, and make note of deadlines and items you'll need to obtain. Also keep in mind that some extracurriculars begin before school formally resumes. so early is better when planning to sign your child up for any activities outside of the classroom.

Research college prep information. For students in upper grade levels, it's never too early to begin planning toward college. Whether it's time to register for entrance exam testing or simply begin taking practice tests or attending coaching sessions, it's smart to start early and begin working toward those milestones. As your child completes registration and considers which classes to enroll in, encourage him or her to consider dual credit classes to get a head start on college curriculum. Also keep in mind that electives are a convenient way for students to explore topics and interests that may translate into future careers.

Take time to talk. Especially if your child is a worrier, he or she may benefit from having you open the door to a conversation to air any trepidation. A new school building, new teachers, new friends and new coursework can all be overwhelming. Even if your child seems to take it all in stride, encouraging him or her to share any thoughts or concerns sends an important message that you're interested in helping work through any issues.

Tackling the preparation for another busy school season as a family can help equip your child with all he or she needs to start the year on a path toward success.

Some simple steps for finding success in school

FAMILY FEATURES

Finding new clothes and gathering pens, pencils, notebooks and other supplies are always part of the back-to-school fun, but there are other needs and wants to consider when another school year rolls around.

This year, make sure you send your student to the classroom with everything he or she requires for a successful transition at any age. From providing cleaner water and better at-home or dorm room organization to nutritious snacks and the latest tech, consider these all-important ideas for enhancing the schooltime experience.

Find more tips for a smoother, simpler back-to-school season at eLivingtoday.com.

DRINK SMARTER

Ensure your kids drink smarter this school year by providing cleaner, healthier, great-tasting water from an option like the PUR Advanced Faucet Filtration System. It's certified to reduce more than 70 contaminants, including 99 percent of lead – more than any other brand, according to NSF. Filling up a reusable water bottle with filtered water is also an economical, environmentally friendly way to help your kids stay hydrated all day long. Learn more at PUR.com.

SEATING AND STORAGE

During school season, odds and ends can tend to clutter living spaces. Clean up your child's shoes, toys, books, school supplies and more with an option like Closet-Maid's Cubeicals 3-Cube Bench, perfect for adding extra storage for home organization, especially in areas like entryways, playrooms and bedrooms. With a multi-functional storage space featuring three cubbies, the bench is available in



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There are some easy to follow guidelines and tricks for being successful in school.

multiple colors and can act as both a seating area and organizer. Find more information at ClosetMaid. com.

A DESIRABLE LUNCHTIME DIP

Packing an everyday lunch is part of the back-to-school routine, and you can make it a fun and flavorful one for your little learner with options like Sabra Hummus Singles, a plant-based snack perfect for kids. Ideal for pairing with lunchbox classics like carrots, cucumbers, tortilla chips or pretzels, they're available in Classic and Roasted Red Pepper flavors to make lunchtime a cinch or simplify after-school snacking. Find more lunchbox inspiration at sabra.com.

CUSTOMIZABLE DORM ROOM STORAGE

If you're looking for extra storage space in your dorm room, consider an option like the Closet Maximizer from ClosetMaid. Featuring four shelves and an adjustable, doublehang rod, the system takes about 30 minutes to install and requires no tools.

You can further customize the system to fit your needs with accessories like decorative fabric bins and wire baskets, plus it's portable enough to be reused in another room if you move. Find more information at ClosetMaid.com.

TODAY'S TECH NECESSITY

While schools and universities across the country become more advanced and reliant on technology in the classroom, make sure your child is up-to-date with a laptop that fulfills his or her educational needs. Available in multiple sizes with varying capabilities, there's almost certainly a laptop that fits your student's specific requirements. Between internet research, completing coursework, notetaking and far more, the right laptop can aid in the educational experience while making you an A-plus parent.

It is important to start the school year off right

FAMILY FEATURES

As kids head back to school, it's important to provide them with the necessary resources to succeed. As a parent, you can take steps to put your kids on the path toward a successful school year.

To help your children put the best foot forward, consider these suggestions from The Salvation Army, which operates hundreds of low-cost after-school programs for kids of all ages in low-income neighborhoods across the country and understands the importance of setting children up for success all year.

Get back into a routine. During the summer months, family routines tend to slide, especially morning rituals and bedtime habits. A few weeks before school starts, begin transitioning your way back to a normal school schedule. A gentle progression toward earlier bed and wake-up times is easier on kids physically and mentally. Try adjusting by 15 minutes each day until you reach the optimal schedule for your family. Remember that routines aren't just about the clock, though. If there are certain steps that are part of the school year routine, such as packing lunches and laying out clothes for the next day before bed, make those part of your transition plan, too.

Set a good example. Kids learn important behavioral lessons by watching the adults in their lives. The back-to-school season provides many opportunities to demonstrate compassion and social responsibility. For example, giving back to an organization like The Salvation Army helps provide funding for programs that support the educational needs of children who otherwise may not have access to the same resources.

Research resources for home-pack work help. Discovering your child Stor 28 | BACK TO SCHOOL | FALL 2019



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is struggling in school can be overwhelming. You'll want to be able to pull in help as quickly as possible, so it's a good idea to research resources in your area that can help provide support outside the classroom. Your school likely has some options available, but it's a good idea to also look into tutoring programs and other community services that encourage literacy and study skills as well as provide one-on-one assistance with homework and school assignments.

Get organized. The first few weeks of school typically bring plenty of change and adjustment. You can help manage the stress by creating some structure. Use a wall calendar to keep track of school start and dismissal times, bus pick-up and drop-off times, after school activities and other appointments. Review lunch menus and plan ahead so you're not finding out at bedtime that you need to pack a home lunch in the morning. Stock up on breakfast foods and make time to catch up on laundry before school begins so hunger and wayward socks don't derail your mornings.

Explore extra-curricular programs. With the new school year comes numerous ways to enrich your kids' social and cognitive development. Extra-curricular activities let kids continue practicing skills even after the school bell rings, but in a fun environment so they may not even realize they're still learning and cultivating healthy, safe relationships with friends. In addition to sports and clubs, a wide array of music and art education activities may be available that focus on everything from choir, band and dancing to drawing, writing and acting.

Set goals. Begin the school year by encouraging your children to take ownership and pride in their learning. Talk about goals like reading a certain number of books each month or earning grades that reflect their highest potential.

School buses can be dangerous: Remember these tips

FAMILY FEATURES

Another school year means millions of children across the country are boarding buses at the beginning and end of each day, and it provides an appropriate opportunity for parents, teachers, school administrators and students themselves to practice and enforce safety guidelines in and around the school bus.

Consider these tips from the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) to help keep children safe before bus rides, during travel and after exiting the vehicle.

BEFORE THE BUS ARRIVES

• Ensure backpacks are packed securely so papers and other items don't scatter as the bus approaches.

• Create a morning routine that puts kids at the bus stop five minutes before the scheduled pickup time. This helps avoid a last-minute rush, when safety lessons are easily forgotten, and ensures kids are safely in place for boarding.

• Encourage children to wear bright, contrasting colors so they can be seen easier by drivers.

• Instruct children to walk on the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, advise them to stay out of the street, walk single-file, face traffic and stay as close to the edge of the road as possible.

• Walk young children to the bus stop or encourage kids to walk in groups. There is safety in numbers; groups are easier for drivers to see.

• If kids must cross a street, driveway or alley, remind them to stop and look both ways before crossing.

• Verify the bus stop location offers good visibility for the bus driver; if changes are needed,



talk with nearby homeowners or school district officials to implement changes. Never let kids wait in a house or car, where the driver may miss seeing them approach the bus.

• Remind children that the bus stop is not a playground. Balls or other toys could roll into the street and horseplay can result in someone falling into the path of oncoming traffic.

• Instruct children to stay at least three steps away from the road and allow the bus to come to a complete stop before approaching it.

ON THE BUS RIDE

• When boarding the bus, items can get bumped and dropped. Caution children that before picking anything up, they should talk to the driver and follow instructions to safely retrieve their possessions.

• Teach safe riding habits: stay seated with head, hands and feet inside at all times; keep bags and books out of the aisle and remain seated until the bus stops moving.

• Remind kids that just like when riding in cars, loud noises are off limits so they don't distract the driver. That includes cellphones and other electronic Another school year means millions of children across the country are boarding buses at the beginning and end of each day,

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devices; instruct children to put them on mute or use headphones.

LEAVING THE BUS

• Remind children to look before stepping off the bus. If they must cross the street, teach them to do so in front of the bus by taking five big steps (approximately 10 feet) away from the front of the bus, looking up and waiting for the driver to signal that it is safe.

• For parents who meet their kids at the bus, remember that excited kids may dart across the street. Eliminate the risk by waiting on the side of the street where kids exit the bus.

• Make the bus ride part of your daily "how was school?" discussion. Encourage kids to talk about the things they see and hear on the bus so you can discuss appropriate behaviors and, if necessary, report any concerns to school administrators.

• As bullying is prevalent and buses are no exception, ask children to tell you about any bullying they observe, whether against another child or themselves, and talk about how to shut down bully behaviors.

Go to BetterOurBuses.com for more school bus safety tips and information.

Some meal ideas to spice up the lunch box

FAMILY FEATURES

Packing and prepping wholesome lunches doesn't have to be a chore. You can kick health into high gear this school year with new ideas to make creative, nutrient-rich meals.

Fit to satisfy various dietary restrictions, the Power Your Lunchbox program offers kid-friendly options and allergy-sensitive selections. The program, which is dedicated to helping families make healthier lunches during the school year, features more than 80 registered dietitian-approved, familytested meal ideas with produce as a focal point.

Consider skipping the typical sandwich, chips and apple. Instead, it only takes a few minutes to embark on a creative approach to lunch. Get the kids involved by having them use small cookie cutters to make fresh fruits and vegetables into fun shapes. Try complementing the produce with wraps or soups to add extra excitement to typical lunchbox fare.

Regardless if your child is a picky eater or is on the more adventurous side, bento box lunches such as Chinese Mandarin Pasta Salad Bento Box and Turkey Taco Salad Bento Box can prove to be satisfying, power-packed meals.

For more lunchbox inspiration, go to poweryourlunchbox.com.

CHINESE MANDARIN PASTA SALAD

BENTO BOX

Prep time: 20 minutes Servings: 1

- 16 ounces rotini pasta
- 6 mini sweet peppers, sliced
- 3 mandarin oranges, peeled and segmented
 - 3 green onions, sliced
- 2 cups baby spinach,
- chopped

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Chinese mandarin pasta salad bento box.

1/2 cup matchstick carrots

1/2 cup sesame ginger dressing

- 1/4 cup chow mein noodles
- 1 kiwi, peeled and sliced
- 1/2 cup steamed edamame

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and rinse with cool water.

In large bowl, mix pasta, peppers, oranges, green onions, spinach, carrots and dressing. Toss to coat well. Top with chow mein noodles.

Place in lunchbox with kiwi and edamame.

TURKEY TACO SALAD BENTO BOX

Prep time: 10 minutes

Servings: 1

1 cup chopped romaine lettuce

1/4 cup cooked turkey meat, seasoned with taco seasoning

2 tablespoons shredded cheese

- 4 cherry tomatoes, quartered
- 2 tablespoons guacamole
- 1 ounce tortilla chips

Assemble taco salad with lettuce, taco meat, cheese and tomatoes.

Place in lunchbox with guacamole and chips.

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