



## Frequently Asked Questions Helpful Hints for Freshmen

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### **What do I need to bring the first day of school?**

- Each student should bring something to take notes in, a spiral or folder with paper and a black or blue pen. You will also need a lunch or lunch money. We do not post a schools supply list. Each teacher will communicate supplies needed during the first week of school.

### **What should I wear?**

- The length of shorts, skorts, skirts and dresses must be toward the knee. Spandex or body hugging shorts and tights are restricted to the physical education or work out area, unless covered by outer clothing. Hosiery, spandex or leggings are not considered outer wear.
- All clothing must cover entire mid-riff area when standing, walking, or sitting. Low cut revealing tops are not allowed. Shirts without sleeves are not permitted. Tank tops, transparent clothing, and clothing designed to be worn as an undergarment are not permitted.
- All clothing and accessories must be free of profane, suggestive or provocative language and/or symbols, advertisement or promotion of alcohol, tobacco, or drug use, and/or reference to or association with gang activity.
- Pants and shorts must be worn at the waist. Clothing must be size appropriate. All pajama tops and bottoms or clothing that is designed as beachwear are not appropriate.
- Suspenders or overall tops must be fastened and worn on the shoulders. A shirt with sleeves must be worn under suspenders or overall tops.
- Any clothing with holes above the knees is unacceptable.
- Students must wear shoes. Sandals are permissible. House/bedroom slippers are not permitted.

### **How do I know where to go the first day of school?**

- Advocacy rooms will be posted on the website. (A student's advocacy class is what many people consider a "homeroom") Students need to check the homepage of the website to see what room they report too.

### **I do not have my schedule. What do I do?**

- All registered students will receive their "official" schedule the first day of school in their Advocacy Class.

### **I received my "draft" schedule but there is an error and I need a correction made, what do I do?**

- Visit [www.bellaire.org](http://www.bellaire.org) and click on Academics and then Counselors. In the left navigation menu click on Schedule Change Request Form and complete the form. Forms are also available on campus in the Counselors Office. Please drop the form off in the Counselors Office.

### **I did not check-in during early check-in and do not have a locker, books or schedule, what do I do?**

- Please check the website to find out what room to report to on the first day of school. This room will be your Advocacy Class and you will receive your schedule there. After school you will need to go to the Attendance Office to have a student ID made. Locker forms are available in the Attendance Office and Main Office. Freshmen may chose any available locker on the third floor. Once you have your ID you can take your schedule to the Book Room and receive your books.

### **What time is lunch and where can I eat?**

•Lunch is from 12:25pm – 1:15pm. At Bellaire, we all eat lunch at the same time. You can eat in the cafeteria, any hallway on the first floor or in the courtyard. Teachers are also available for tutorials during lunch and you can take your lunch with you to their room. Clubs also have meetings on specific days each month during lunch and you can eat while you are at a club meeting. The first day of school come to the MPR, the big room by the auditorium for lunch. We will have some treats and surprises for our freshmen.

### **When and how do Freshmen receive a computer?**

•Freshmen need to turn in their Laptop Agreement Form and a \$25 cash deposit in room 220 during lunch and return to 220 after school to pick up their laptop.

### **I am riding the bus. How do I find out what bus I am riding and where do I get my bus pass?**

- Information for HISD bus transportation for the 2018 – 2019 school year is now available online and may be found at [www.houstonisd.org/transportation](http://www.houstonisd.org/transportation).
- Bellaire students please request a bus pass on our website. Look in the center “Announcement Section” and click on the headline that references Bus Transportation Request.
- All students riding an HISD bus to or from school must obtain a Bus Pass. Students should come to the Magnet Office (located in the library) during lunch the second week of school to get a Bus Pass. If you have further questions you may call 713-295-3704.
- Bus Rider Information:
  - Be at your bus stop ten minutes before the stated bus pick up time.
  - If your bus arrives at Bellaire late, go directly to the Magnet Office to sign in and get a late bus pass. Do not go to your locker or class. A late bus pass from the Magnet Office will only be issued if you rode the HISD bus to school and with a Bellaire ID. No exceptions.
  - Buses leave Bellaire promptly at 4:05 PM.
  - Excellent behavior is expected on the bus. Poor behavior will likely result in the loss of bus privilege, leaving you to find alternate forms of transportation to school.

### **Can I bring my cell phone to school?**

- Yes, you can bring your cell phone. Cell phone use is restricted to before and after school and lunch time. Phones are to remain off at all other times during the school day.

### **If I have a doctor’s appointment and need to be picked up early, what do I do?**

- On the day the student is requesting to leave early the student must present a note from home to the Attendance Office. This note must indicate time, date, and reason student will leave school, telephone number(s) where the parent/guardian can be reached for verification of the note, and parent/guardian signature.