

# BACK TO SCHOOL

## INFORMATION 2018-2019

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### BACK-TO-SCHOOL EVENTS

**BACK TO SCHOOL EXTRAVAGANZA** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 17 at Delmar Stadium (2020 Mangum Road)

- Free assistance for Medicaid applications, Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP) renewal and recertification, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Free health screenings
- Free immunizations, while supplies last (must bring original shot record)
- Fresh produce, backpacks, shoes, and school supplies. Students must be present to receive free items.

### REGISTRATION

To determine which schools serve your residence, call the **Student Transfer Department** at **713-556-6734**. View school boundary maps at **HoustonISD.org/Demographics**

To register and enroll at your child's zoned campus, bring the following to the school:

- The child's birth certificate or other proof of age and identity
- Proof of your identity and residential address (driver's license and utility bill)
- A record of your child's current immunizations signed by a doctor

### START TIME CHANGES

Two notable changes

- PK-8 and K-8 schools will now be grouped with middle schools, rather than elementary schools to have a later start/dismissal time of 8:30 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.
- Ten minutes will be added to each day for high schools and 6-12 campuses to account for eight optional early release days for final exams. Their start/dismissal time will be 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**HISD will operate with the following standardized start/dismissal times:**

- 7:30 a.m.-2:50 p.m. for elementary schools and early childhood centers
- 8:30 a.m.-3:50 p.m. for PK-8, K-8, and middle schools
- 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. for high schools and 6-12 campuses
- Because of partnerships with HCC and other unique needs, select schools may have alternate start/dismissal times, and parents can contact the campus for details. They are: Challenge HS, DeBakey HS, East Early College, Energy HS, HAIS, HCC Transition/Food Bank, HSPVA, Jones Futures Academy, Barbara Jordan HS, Liberty HS (a.m. and p.m.), Middle College HS HCC Fraga, Middle College HS HCC Gulfton, North Early College, South Early College, and TH Rogers.

### FREE MEALS

HISD will provide **ALL** students with **free breakfast, lunch and dinner** – eliminating the need for free and reduced-price meal applications.

All HISD schools are now qualified to operate under the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service Community Eligibility Provision.

Parents will no longer have to complete the free and reduced-price meal application. They instead will be asked to complete a socioeconomic information form, which will be distributed to parents.

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### HEALTH AND MEDICAL

#### Immunizations

- Immunization requirements can be found at [HoustonISD.org/Immunizations](http://HoustonISD.org/Immunizations)
- School-based health clinics can be found at [HoustonISD.org/HealthClinics](http://HoustonISD.org/HealthClinics)
- For more information, go to [HoustonISD.org/HMS](http://HoustonISD.org/HMS)
- Memorial Hermann School-Based Clinics and Texas Children's Mobile will provide onsite immunizations at 27 middle schools beginning in September and ending in March.

#### Districtwide free flu vaccines

- HISD is partnering with Healthy Schools to provide flu vaccines at each campus. Parents of students 4 and older must provide consent for their child.

#### Scoliosis screening

- Scoliosis screening will be conducted by the school nurse for girls ages 10 and 12 and boys age 13.

### TRANSPORTATION

#### Magnet School Hub Program

- Students who attend magnet programs will ride bus routes specifically dedicated to servicing their schools in the upcoming school year.
- Magnet school students will be assigned to "hub locations" where they will be picked up to be taken to their school and dropped off at the end of the school day.
- Parents should contact **HISD's Customer Care Team** at **713-556-9400** if they have additional questions.
- With the **Q Fare Card**, all students over age 6 receive a 50% discount and free transfers. Call **713-635-4000** or visit [RideMetro.org](http://RideMetro.org)

#### Transportation for zoned students

- Students who are attending their zoned schools and who reside two or more miles from their assigned campuses are eligible for transportation services at district-designated stops.
- Learn more about Transportation options and the Magnet School Hub Program at [HoustonISD.org/Transportation](http://HoustonISD.org/Transportation)

### AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

To learn more, contact the **After-School Programs Department** at **713-556-6927** or visit [HoustonISD.org/AfterSchool](http://HoustonISD.org/AfterSchool)

Find after-school programs, summer camps, community centers, ESL and GED services, and more in a searchable guide at [HoustonISD.org/CommunityResource](http://HoustonISD.org/CommunityResource)

### STAY IN TOUCH

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Go to [HoustonISD.org/PSCregister](http://HoustonISD.org/PSCregister) to get signed up for Parent Student Connect

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