



YES Prep White Oak End of Year Letter, June 2021

Resuming In-Person Learning for <u>ALL</u> YES Prep Students in 21-22 School Year

Based on the latest local health indicators showing a continuing decline and consistently low COVID-19 positivity rate as more people are vaccinated, we plan to join other public-school districts in our community to resume in-person learning for all YES Prep students in the 2021 – 2022 school year. Our commitment to prioritizing health and safety first remains steadfast. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines as we welcome students to reconnect with classmates, teachers, and school staff on campuses this August. In addition to the college-ready education and enrichment programs families have come to expect, we will continue to provide a variety of supports including meals, laptops, transportation, services for students in special populations, access to tutoring, healthcare, mental health, and other student support services.

Summer 2021 Front Office Hours

The YES Prep White Oak Front Office will be available to answer phone calls between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. daily.

The Front Office will be closed on the following dates:

- June 18th
- June 28th July 5th

Retention / Promotion Decisions

Middle School: If a middle school student is being reviewed by the Retention Placement Committee (formally Grade Placement Committee) and is at risk for being retained due to not meeting the YES Prep Middle School Promotion standards guardians will be informed by Friday, June 11th.

High School: High School Promotion, Placement and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by June 11th. High school student who has failed 1 or more semesters of a core class may be required to enroll in Summer Credit Recovery to be promoted or placed into the next grade level. If successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery is required for the student to be promoted or placed, a second parent/guardian meeting will be held at the start of the 2021-2022 School Year to communicate final Retention and Placement decisions based on successful completion of Summer Credit Recovery.

High School Credit Recovery: The YES Prep Credit Recovery Program is for students currently enrolled in 9th – 12th grade and is designed to help students regain credits, persist, stay on-track to graduate and go to college. Most core English, Math, Science, and Social Studies courses will be offered. Foreign language courses will only be offered to Juniors and Seniors. YES Prep Summer Credit Recovery will be offered virtually through the Edmentum PLATO Platform with a YES Prep Staff member assigned to support your student virtual through Teams. Due to the implications of COVID-19, this summer we will waive all Summer Credit Recovery fees and it will be offered free of charged to students. Students must successfully complete the program by the last day, June 25, to receive credit for the course. Failure to finish or earn a passing grade will result in the student retaking the course next year and possible retention. More information will follow for students that are registered.

- Date: Monday, June 7 Friday, June 25
- Time: Office Hours provided by Credit Recovery Teachers will be communicated at the start of the Program







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2021-22 School Hours

Monday – Friday Hours

• **Elementary:** 7:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

• **Secondary:** 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Early Dismissal Days Outlined on Academic Calendar

• **Elementary:** 7:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

• **Secondary:** 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

<u>Please Note</u>: White Oak is considered a <u>Secondary</u> school.

The YES Prep 2021-22 Academic Calendar can be found at:

http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar

Key dates:

- The first day of school for all students is August 16, 2021.
- The last day of school for all students is June 2, 2022.

YES Prep Student Handbook

Access the most updated YES Prep Student Handbook on the YES Prep Website. Changes may be made to the handbook over the summer and throughout the school year; the most updated version will always be posted to the website.

http://www.yesprep.org/student-handbook

The YES Prep Student Handbook includes all policies and information for students and families that is consistent from campus to campus across YES Prep. It's crucial that all YES Prep students and guardians are familiar with the Handbook and the information contained within it.

Individual Campus Supplements – Each campus will create their own Individual Campus Supplement to the YES Prep Student Handbook. This supplement contains specific information to the campus your student attends. These supplements will be available on your campus's website at yesprep.org.

2021-22 Student Fees

Legal guardians should expect to pay various student fees throughout the year depending on the student's participation in special programming. YES Prep has worked to standardize student fees across campuses and ensure fees being charged to students are aligned with compliance expectations and YES Prep philosophy.

These are some general parameters applied to student fees:

- Students will not be charged for materials that are required for class.
- Students should not be charged a fee for items that have no cost.
- Students should not be charged a fee for items or services that benefits staff members.
- Cost inflation should not be variable for items with a fixed cost. i.e., ID badges should cost the same at all locations.
- Maximum cost formulas may never exceed base price + 2%.
- Student fees for specific activities may change from year to year because they are based on a percentage of cost. Campuses will communicate specific fee amounts based on the parameters above as cost for items and programs are finalized.





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These are **some** fees families should plan to pay throughout the next school year. Exact amounts will be shared with campuses as they are finalized. This list is not exhaustive, and there may be fees not included below:

- Advanced Placement test fees (for 8th 12th grade students taking an AP exam)
- Trip fees (may include day trips and/or overnight trips)
- Athletic fees (applicable to students who participate in athletic programming)

YES Prep Atlas and Other Reading Materials

The YES Prep Atlas is the scope of books, novels, short stories, and other readings students will be assigned to read each year in English classes. The YES Prep Atlas can be found on the "For Parents" section of www.yesprep.org. All required reading materials will be provided by the campus for students. Required reading materials such as novels, Spanish Anthologies, or SAT prep materials will be provided for students at no cost to the family.

https://www.yesprep.org/parents/atlas

2021-22 Re-Enrollment Forms

Back to School Forms (formerly re-enrollment forms) will take place through Skyward Family Access Center in July, like last year. Please sign into your Skyward Family Access account to complete your required back to school forms. Below is the link to sign in, and we will also send out an email to you when the forms are launched to remind you.

Skyward Family Access Login (https://skyward.iscorp.com/YESPrepTXStu)

YES Prep White Oak Dress Code Policy

For the 21-22 school year, YES Prep White Oak will not enforce a uniform policy, but instead will abide by a dress code policy. More information will be shared at the start of the 21-22 school year.

YES Prep Public Schools believes in the power of community and school pride while also deeply valuing a student's right to express their individuality without the fear of unnecessary discipline, body shaming, or the confines of gender norms. Students have the right to be treated equitably and dress code enforcement at YES Prep Public Schools will not create disparities, reinforce or increase the marginalization of any group, nor will it be unfairly enforced against a student because of racial identity, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size or type, or body maturity. The dress code should be met each school day and should meet the expectations of district and campus guidelines. Similar to all YES Prep policies, if a student's dress or accessory choice poses a concern for students physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the dress item.

2021-22 Transportation

We will be sharing more information about bus routes before the 21-22 school year begins





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Student Portal Access

The following assessments will be available on Student Portal after Spring 2021 administration:

- TELPAS & TELPAS Alt
- STAAR Alt
- STAAR (Middle School & End-of-Couse)

See schedule below for availability. You can access your student's state results online using the code assigned to your child.

TELPAS: TBDTELPAS Alt: TBDSTAAR Alt: May 31

Middle School STAAR: June 28STAAR End-of-Course: June 15

STAAR Algebra II & English III: August 2

On how to access Student Portal, please view on of the following links:

- Student Portal Overview (English)
- Resumen Del Portal Del Estudiante (Spanish)

If you need assistance accessing your student's scores, please contact your campus front office.

2021-22 School Supply List

The Middle and High School supply list can be found attached to the end of this document. All supplies listed are general supplies that will be used to help keep students organized at the beginning of the year. Teachers may request additional supplies at the beginning of the year to supplement the items that are listed on the supply list. Please do not hesitate to reach out to the Front Office if you have any questions.

<u>Please Note</u>: All 8th – 12th grade students are required to have a TI-Nspire graphing calculator for math class. (Do not purchase a "CAS" version as it is not allowable on assessments.)





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