

# **Beginning of Year Family Packet**

August 6, 2021

#### **2021-2022 Front Office Hours**

The Brays Oaks front office will be open daily from 8:00AM to 4:00PM.

#### **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 will not be charged a fee for items that have no cost.
- Students will 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.

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 8-12 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 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/families/atlas

### **2021-22 School Supply List**

The Brays Oaks school supply list, by grade level, can be found here.

All 8-12<sup>th</sup> 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.)

#### **2021-22 Back to School Forms (Formerly 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)

## **Technology**

#### Laptops:

All students will be issued a YES Prep laptop. The students will have use of the laptop during the school year, but it remains property of YES Prep Public Schools. Students will be responsible for taking care of this device and will turn it in to the front office upon leaving YES Prep or at the end of each school year.

If a laptop is lost or stolen, families will need to fill out a form so that a police report can be filed. This must be done before YES can issue a new laptop to the student. It is very important to keep the laptop in a safe place and not leave it in a highly visible location like inside a car.

#### **Cell Phones:**

Cell phones are allowed on campus cell phone campus rules must be followed.

Cell Phone use in Public Areas of Campus:

- Allowed during passing periods
- Allowed in hallways
- Not allowed in restrooms
- Not allowed to record others

Cell Phone use in Classrooms:

- Must be put away at the bell
- Can only be used in class with Dean of Instruction approval for use in the lesson being taught

### **Dress Code**

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 more strictly 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.

#### **Free Dress Criteria** Clothing should meet the following criteria:

- T-shirts are acceptable, however all clothing and accessories must be school appropriate: YES Prep prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on T-shirts that are lewd, offensive, vulgar or obscene or that advertise or depict tobacco products, alcoholic beverages, drugs, or any other substance, show gang affiliation, or depict violence in any way.
- No tank tops, halter tops, tube tops, net or sheer tops, shirts with spaghetti straps, or strapless tops for any student.
- No bare midriffs (half shirts) allowed for any student.
- No open-toed shoes.
- All pants, shorts, and skirts must meet the criteria established in the "Bottoms" for pants/shorts/skirts (see below)

	YES Prep polos will still be available for purchase if a student/family chooses to wear the polo as one of their daily shirt options.	
Spirit Shirts	All students should own at least 1 campus spirit shirt and should have more available for families to purchase.	
	Note: Spirit shirts may also serve as Senior Signing Day shirts and should be offered in approved campus colors.	
Bottoms	Students may choose between pants, skirts, or shorts of the following:	
	<ul> <li>Khakis (any color)</li> <li>Jeans (any color)</li> <li>Joggers (any color, must be jean or khaki material- may not</li> </ul>	
	be sweat pant material)	
	<ul> <li>Students may not wear leggings, jeggings, athletic or mesh shorts, workout bottoms, or pajama pants. Pants may not have holes. Shorts and skirts should be no shorter than mid- thigh. Bottoms should be worn at the waist.</li> </ul>	
ID Badges	ID Badges must be worn by all students on lanyards and must be visible at all times.	
	If your student does not have a Student ID, a new one can be purchased from the front office. All new students will be issued their first one for free.	
Shoes	For safety purposes, all shoes must meet the following criteria:	
	Closed-toed	
	Must have backs (i.e. no slides)  Must have bard sales (i.e. no slippers)	
	<ul><li>Must have hard soles (i.e. no slippers)</li><li>Any color is permitted</li></ul>	
	No shoes with heels over .5 inches	
Accessories/Styling	<ul> <li>Students may have visible piercings and tattoos as long as messaging and images are school-appropriate. Accessory items that are spiked (bracelets, belts, collars) are not permitted due to safety reasons.</li> <li>Students may wear a variety hairstyles and colors. Head shaving designs are permitted as long as images are school-appropriate.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Hats and sunglasses are not permitted for safety purposes.</li> <li>Religious head-coverings are permitted.</li> </ul>	

	<ul> <li>Campuses can permit other head-coverings (i.e. scarves, wave caps) as it may be culturally responsive and affirming. Campuses may choose to not permit bandanas on campus if it impacts the safety of the learning environment.</li> </ul>
Outerwear	<ul> <li>Students may wear any outerwear as long as it is appropriate. However, students may also have the option of purchasing the following from YES Prep or Athletic Departments to build school-pride and community: Students may choose from the following:</li> <li>YES Prep sweatshirt (purchased through YES Prep)</li> <li>YES Prep cardigan (purchased through YES Prep)</li> <li>Campus athletics department outwear (purchased through campus Athletics Department)</li> <li>Campus-issued grade level or spirit sweatshirts etc. (purchased through campus as applicable)</li> </ul>
	*Note: Students may not wear hoods that cover their heads/faces on campus in order to meet safety expectations.
PE Uniform	<ul> <li>Students may wear their own athletic wear for PE classes.         YES Prep will not offer PE uniforms to be purchased through         YES Prep. Clothing for PE class must:</li> <li>Have school appropriate messaging</li> <li>Meet criteria in the "Free Dress" category</li> </ul>
	Bottoms may not be higher than fingertip length above the knee

# **2021-22 School Hours and Academic Calendar**

Days	Instructional Hours
Monday – Friday	8:30 am – 4:00 pm
Early Dismissal Days Outlined on Academic Calendar	8:30 am – 1:00 pm

The building will be open from 8:00am to 4:15pm.

The YES Prep SY21-22 Academic Calendar can be found at: <a href="http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar">http://www.yesprep.org/parents/district-calendar</a>

# **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.

# **Grading Periods:**

#### Semester 1:

- Quarter 1: August 16- October 14
- Quarter 2: October 19- December 17

#### Semester 2:

- Quarter 3: January 5- March 10
- Quarter 4: March 21- June 2