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## **Letter from the Principal**

March 20, 2025

Dear Cougar Parents and Guardians,

As we enter the 4th Nine Weeks, your continued support is crucial in encouraging our students to strive for academic growth and uphold positive behavior. It is essential for all students to maintain a 70 or better in all classes and approach their upcoming assessments with dedication and determination.

#### **Importance of Positive Behavior:**

Positive behavior significantly influences academic performance. Students who exhibit constructive behaviors tend to have better academic outcomes and develop essential life skills. Encouraging respectful interactions, responsibility, and active participation fosters a supportive learning environment conducive to success.

#### Importance of Daily Attendance:

Regular attendance is vital for academic success. Students who attend school consistently are more likely to perform well academically and develop better study habits. Chronic absenteeism can lead to significant learning gaps and negatively impact a student's educational journey.

#### **Personal Electronic Devices Policy:**

To maintain an effective learning environment, we have established the following guidelines regarding personal electronic devices:

• Cell Phones, Beats, Earbuds, and Similar Devices: These items must be turned off and stored away during the school day. The school is not responsible for any loss, theft, or damage to these personal devices.

• iPads: Students are not permitted to bring personal iPads to school. They are required to use their school-issued laptops for all instructional purposes.

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#### **STAAR Assessments:**

Please ensure your child is prepared for these assessments by reviewing the specific testing dates for their grade level.

READING	SCIENCE	MATH/ALGEBRA
(8th) Monday, April 14th	(8th) April 22nd	(6th) Monday, April 28th
(7th) Tuesday, April 15th	SOCIAL STUDIES	(8th) Tuesday, April 29th
(6th) Wednesday, April 16th	(8th) April 23rd	(7th) Wednesday, April 30th
STAAR ALT TESTING WINDOW	(6th-8th) March 3rd -April 17th	

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#### Strategies to Support Your Child:

• Timely Assignment Submission: Encourage your child to submit assignments on time, fostering responsibility and preventing last-minute stress.

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- Concept Review: Regularly reviewing class materials reinforces learning and aids in long-term retention.
- Active Participation: Encourage your child to ask questions in class to clarify doubts and deepen understanding.
- Utilize Tutorials: Attending tutorial sessions provides additional support and reinforces classroom learning.
- Online Practice Tests: Utilize online resources to strengthen understanding and prepare for assessments.
- TEA Released Test Questions: Access previous STAAR test questions to familiarize your child with the test format and question types.
- IXL Learning Platform: Explore personalized learning in various subjects to reinforce skills and concepts.

#### **Collaboration for Success:**

Working together significantly impacts student achievement. If you wish to discuss your child's progress or need additional support, please reach out to your child's grade-level counselor to schedule a parent conference.

Sincerely, Tasha Hamilton MCMS Principal

## Upcoming <u>Testing</u> Dates

### **STAAR DATES \***

STAAR ALT DATES March 3 - April 17

**STAAR TEST DATES** April 14 - 16 Reading

April 22 Science April 23 Social Studies April 28 - 30 Math

### School Report Card Information

The school report card (SRC) combines accountability ratings, data from the Texas Academic Performance Reports (TAPR), and financial information to give a broad view of campus performance. Available for each campus in Texas, the SRC is intended specifically to inform parents and guardians about a school's individual characteristics and its academic performance. Find the School Report Card for any campus or district via TEA. See the letter below.

\*See Attached Flyer

Winning Artwork by Jaden Denmon

## **Cougar Highlights**



Jaden Denmon Wins 4th Place in the Rodeo Quick Draw Contest.

#### **Choir Wins 2 Sweepstakes Awards**





#### **Girls Track Winners**





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## Upcoming Events

**Progress Reports** April 4 April 28

**Youth Leadership Conference** 

April 12

**Deadline for PROM Payment** 

April 17

May 29

8th Grade Field Trip \*

May 1 8th Grade Prom \* May 2

Transition Resource Fair \* May 10 Memorial Day Holiday May 26

**Term 4 Grade Report** May 29 **Last Day of Classes** 

### Purchase Yearbook \$40

MCMS Yearbook Online Purchase

• See Attached Flyer

Teacher of the Year Tiffani Boston

## **Important Reminders**

#### **Book Fair is Here!**

The Book Fair is open March 24 – March 28 from 9am 4pm. Students may visit the library during their lunch, with a teacher or with a pass from class. Parents are welcome to visit as well. See Flyer below.

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#### **HP Loaner Laptops**

Students with broken or missing laptops are issued a loaner HP laptop that must be returned every day before going home. Please check your child's laptop and have them return the HP laptop to the library. Thank you. (Dell Laptops are regular District issued laptops and may be taken home.)

#### **Eighth Grade End of the Year Celebration**

Students need to make final payment for PROM and Main Event Field Trip by April 17. If you have any questions, please contact the front office or MCMS PTO. See the Flyer below.

#### **Closing Acheivement Gaps in Reading and Math**

Every student has an individual learning plan in IXL based on their NWEA MAP Scores. This plan will assist students in closing personal achievment gaps in Math and Reading. Students should login to IXL daily and complete a lesson in Reading and Math in order to complete their learning plan. This will greatly improve test scores for STAAR. Students may also practice STAAR testing in the app. See the flyers below for more information about NWEA MAP.

#### **Student ID Badges**

All FBISD students <u>are required to wear badges at all times at</u> <u>school, on buses, in the cafeteria, to check out books and</u> <u>attend school events.</u> If the badge is lost, they must get a replacement badge. There will be a fine of \$5 placed on the student's Skyward Account for each badge reprint due to loss or damage.

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## Homework **Help Tips**

- We encourage parents and families to commit to 30 minutes a day of reading texts of their choice. Research suggests that this simple commitment provides growth in vocabulary, fluency, background knowledge, and overall comprehension. For helpful hints to support your child's reading, please review <u>Helpful Hints for Supporting</u> Literacy at Home. (Literacy at Home-<u>Spanish)</u>
- Improve math skills by completing 5 lessons a week in Dreambox. Dreambox is a digital math platform that provides students with lessons and games that foster the development and understanding of math skills. Dreambox provides personalized engaging math experiences for each student based on strengths and needs. Dreambox is located in Clever.
- Check Schoology and Skyward for missing grades and assignments for your child each week. Work with your child to complete all the assignments. Check the classroom teacher's webpage for days and times for tutorial sessions.

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## **Important Reminders**

#### **Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness**

The State of Texas (HB3908) requires school districts to annually provide to students in grades 6-12 research-based instruction on fentanyl abuse prevention and drug poisoning awareness. The required instruction in fentanyl prevention and drug poisoning awareness must include the following:

- Suicide prevention
- Prevention of the abuse of and addiction to fentanyl
- Awareness of local school and community resources and any processes involved in accessing those resources
- Health education that includes information about substance use and abuse, including youth substance use and abuse.

Please see the letter below for more information. This is a link to the District page about Fentanyl Poisoning.

#### Students' Cell phones/Electronic Devices

The possession of cell phones/telecommunication devices on school property is allowed, however, they must be turned off and in students' backpacks or pockets until dismissal. If a student violates this policy, the device may be confiscated. See the handbook for more details. No personal devices in classrooms.





### Important Numbers

 Counselor's Office
 281-634-3449

 Parent Educator
 281-634-7236

 8th Grade Principal
 281-634-3443

 7th Grade Principal
 281-634-3446

 6th Grade Principal
 281-634-3493

## **School Hours**

#### **Instructional Hours**

Elementary School: 8:05 a.m. - 3:25 p.m. Middle School: 8:50 a.m. - 4:10 p.m. High School: 7:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.

#### **Email Absence Excuse Note**

Submit excuse<u>here</u>.

• See Attached Flyer

## **Important Reminders**

#### How to Sign Up for Laptop Insurance

Girls Choir Winners

## NEW Students enrolled after the insurance open enrollment period ended and today:

Parents can now purchase the optional laptop insurance with this link >>> <u>Purchase New Student Insurance Here</u>

We are going to give these students two weeks to purchase insurance with **NO INSPECTION NEEDED**. This is to make up for the fact that they had no option to purchase insurance when they enrolled.

## LATE INSURANCE PURCHASES REQUIRE AN INSPECTION BEFORE COVERAGE IS ACTIVATED

Students **DO NOT** have coverage until the inspection occurs – visual inspection looking for any major physical damage or corrosion to parts. After the inspection, the student will receive an email at their district email address with the inspection results and confirmation that the insurance policy is activated.

#### **Student Laptop Care**

- <u>Students are required to bring their laptop to school each</u> <u>day fully charged</u>. They must bring their charger to school as well to recharge the laptop as needed.
- Cases may be labeled and decorated, but <u>must remain on</u>
   <u>the laptop at all times to prevent damage to the device</u>
- Laptops are checked out to one student and only that student and may not be used by anyone else.
- No changes to software may be made to the laptops--no deleting of software or downloading of software is permitted.
- Keep the laptop in a secure place do not leave it unattended inside the car, please secure it in the trunk.

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### Parent Resources

#### **Skyward Family Access**

How to obtain access to Skyward to view grades, schedules and more. Cick<u>here</u>

#### **Schoology for Parents**

Parents will be able to view any assignments, discussions, completed assessments, calendar updates, or content that is shared by their child's teachers. Click <u>here</u>

**Parent Mass Notification System** 

This system is used to send emergency, attendance and general notifications from your child's campus and Fort Bend ISD. Click <u>here</u>

#### Free/Reduced Meal Application

Every family can assist our District and your child's campus by completing a Free and Reduced meal application each school year. Click <u>here</u>

#### **Bus Route Locator**

For specific routes, contact us at: <u>Transport.Support@fortbendisd.com</u>. For special program routes, contact our Customer Care Line at (281) 634-4077. For Locator Tool, click <u>here</u>

#### **Medical Forms**

For students with specific medical needs, forms are provided for your convenience. Click <u>here</u>

MCMS Cheerleaders @ MHS

### **Important Reminders**

#### **Reminders for School**

<u>DOORS OPEN AT 8:10AM</u> - Students being dropped off must remain in their cars until the doors open. Students will enter the building in a single file line.

<u>Students Enter the Building from 8:10AM - 8:45AM</u> -- During this time only students may enter the building. Visitors must wait until 9:15 to come to the building.

<u>Entering the Building</u> -- Students will report to their grade level area when entering the building. 6th grade to Boys Gym, 7th Grade to Girls Gym, 8th Grade to Commons.

<u>8:10AM - 9:15AM</u> -- During this time all Administrators, Counselors and Staff will be assisting students.

<u>Start of Class is 8:50AM</u> -- All students not in the classroom at this time will be marked TARDY.

Front Office Opens at 9:15 -- The Front Office will be open for visitors.

<u>Appropriate Dress</u> - Students must follow the FBISD Dress Code when attending school. For more information go to the following link. <u>https://www.fortbendisd.com/Domain/16341</u>

<u>No Cell Phone Policy</u> -- Cell phones and other telecommunication devices are not to be used during school hours. Students must keep all devices powered off as they enter the building and put away for the duration of the school day.

Online Enrollement can be accessed at the following link. <u>https://www.fortbendisd.com/newstudent</u>



**GOOD TO GREAT... WHATEVER IT TAKES!** 

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### Parent Resources

#### **Attendance Matters\***

Attendance Policies and Procedures

- The district attendance policies and procedures can found in the FBISD Student/Parent Handbook.
- Tardies
  - If the student arrives to a class period up to 20 minutes past class start, the student will be marked Tardy for that class period.
- Arriving Late to School
  - Students are considered tardy if they arrive after school has started and have missed a class period and/or more than half of the period once arrived will be marked absent for those periods by their teacher.
  - Repeated tardies may be subject to a disciplinary referral.
- Leaving School Early
  - No student may be picked up within 30 minutes of dismissal.

#### **Email Absence Excuse Note**

Submit excuse here.

### **Counselor's Corner**

#### Summer School @ MCMS

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Summer School for middle school students will be held here at Missouri City this Summer from 06/09-06/26/2025. Classes will be held Monday - Thursday from 9am - 2:45pm. Click here for more information about Summer School Programs in Fort Bend ISD.

#### **Check Grades in Skyward**

Please check grades in Skyward regularly. Students must maintain a 70 or higher to avoid Summer School.

#### **Structured Conversations**

Academic conversations are important because they provide a space for students to actively engage with course material, develop critical thinking skills, practice using academic language, solidify their understanding of concepts and build on ideas by listening to and responding to their peers. \*See the attached flyer for more information and example conversations.

#### **Counselors Win CREST Award**

This Texas Counselor's Association designation helps us to highlight our Counseling Program and demonstrates how we support our students' academic, career, and social development.



\*See Attached Flyer



Dear Parents/Guardians/Caregivers,

There is a growing threat to the health and safety of our youth that we want to bring to your attention. Fentanyl is a man-made, Schedule II narcotic that has reached a growing number of communities of all sizes across Texas and has impacted so many lives. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), within the last two years, teen overdose deaths related to Fentanyl have tripled. Over half of all overdose deaths are related to Fentanyl use. Death from Fentanyl overdose happens when the respiratory system slows, or not enough oxygen gets to the brain.

Fentanyl is a manufactured opiate drug that is generally used in the medical field to treat severe pain. It is often used in emergencies and given by paramedics and in emergency rooms. Sadly, an underground market has developed for this drug, and it is often marketed to youth. Fentanyl can come in many forms and even the smallest amount can be lethal. It is often mixed with other drugs such as cocaine and heroin. Prescription medications can also be laced with it. There have been some cases where the Fentanyl pills were made to look like candy. Oftentimes, the teen has no idea that what they are taking has Fentanyl in it.

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What can you do as a parent to prevent your teen from falling prey to this deadly trend?

1) Talk to your teen. Talk about the dangers that they may face at parties and social events. Let them know that

they can talk to you about things that are concerning them.

- 2) Monitor their social media and app usage. This is a common way that teens get access to this drug.
- 3) Encourage your teen to get involved with extra-curricular activities, church, service projects, community, and

school organizations. Keeping your teen involved can help battle loneliness, isolation, and hopelessness.

4) Know how to access the district's anonymous reporting tool, See Something, Say Something. It can be found on the district's website. Report any suspicion that Fentanyl use may be occurring in the schools or that someone may be abusing it. Encourage your child to do the same. You could save a life.



Always call 911 for emergencies

5) Monitor your child's behavior. Has their behavior changed lately? Do they have a new set of "friends"? Are they keeping to themselves more often than usual?

6) Seek help if your child is facing a mental health challenge or if you suspect they are using any substance.

FBISD Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Webpage

CDC Protect Yourself From the Dangers of Fentanyl Video

Together, we can help our youth make better choices to avoid this dangerous drug and to keep it out of our schools and communities.

Sincerely,

Fort Bend ISD

## 2025 END OF YEAR EVENTS MISSOURI CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL 8th Crade Celebration

PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA CASH, CHECK, OR CASHAPP DURING LUNCH OR TO FRONT OFFICE

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## 7PM-10PM

Missouri City Community Center 1522 Texas Parkway, 77489 PER PRSON Prom Only

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Main Event Only

TRANSPORTATION IS PROVIDED

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#### STANDING ON BUSINESS: LEVELING UP YOUR LEADERSHIP

249 S, Houston, TX

### Are you ready to stand on business?

At Imagine Excellence, we're passionate about shaping the leaders of tomorrow! Our STEAM Youth Leadership Conference offers an exciting, hands-on journey into Science, Technology, Engineering, Agriculture, and Mathematics. We're here to ignite curiosity, fuel ambition, and equip young minds with the skills to thrive in a fast-changing world. Join us as we empower the next generation to lead with confidence and creativity!

#### What To Expect

Workshops **Panel Discussions** Leadership Skills Farm-To-Table Lunch

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Join us at the FBISD Transition Resource Fair where families of individuals with disabilities can connect with state agencies, local organizations, and community providers offering valuable resources and support to meet their unique needs.

Saturday, May 10, 2025

9 A.M. - 10 A.M. Guest Speakers 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. Vendors



James Reese Career and Technical Center 12300 University Blvd. Sugar Land, TX. 77479

GUEST SPEAKERS, DOOR PRIZES, AND MORE!



The Arc. Fort Bend County



For more information:

Debbie.Jebbia@fortbendisd.gov or Abigail.Jacobson@fortbendisd.gov



## You are invited to attend the FORT BEND EDUCATION FOUNDATION

## *Auxiliary Spring Recruitment* Luncheon

Attend this complimentary luncheon and learn more about the Fort Bend Education Foundation

## Volunteer and Grow with Us!

### Thursday, April 24th 11AM

The Seth Event Space 6920 Brisbane Ct., 3rd Floor Sugar Land, TX 77479

### **RSVP by April 21st**

victoria.gonzal\_fbefefortbendisd.gov

Sponsored by: THE SETH EVENT SPACE Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

## When a student misses days a month...

They will miss **20 DAYS** a year.

They will miss <u>30 HOURS</u> of math over the school year.

They will miss <u>60 HOURS</u> of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over <u>**1 YEAR**</u> of school by graduation. When a student misses days a month.

> They will miss 40 DAYS a year.

They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.

They will miss <u>120 HOURS</u> of reading & writing over the school year.

They will miss over <u>2 YEARS</u> of school by graduation.



#### August

July 29th – 30th	District Professional Learning Days/ No Students
	No Students
July 31st	Teacher Work Day/No Students
1st – 6th	Professional Learning Day/No Students
7th	Teacher Planning Day/No Students
8th	First Day of Classes 1st Semester

#### September

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4th .....Student/Teacher Holiday 10th – 14th.....Student/Teacher Holiday 15th .........Teacher Planning Day/No Students

#### November

1st ......Student/Teacher Holiday 11th .....Student/Teacher Holiday/Veterans Day 25th – 29th ....Student/Teacher Holiday/Thanksgiving Break December

 19th
 Early Release – MS/HS

 20th
 Early Release/All Students

 23rd – 31st
 Student/Teacher Holiday/Winter Break

 January

1st – 3rd	Student/Teacher Holiday/New Year's Day
6th	Professional Learning Day/No Students
7th	
	Teacher Work Day/No Students
9th	First Day of Classes 2nd Semester
20th	Student/Teacher Holiday/Martin Luther King Jr . Day
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#### **February**

13thEarly Release-Elem . 14thProfessional Learning Day/No Students 17thStudent/Teacher Holiday/Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
28thTeacher Planning Day/No Students
March
10th – 14thStudent/Teacher Holiday/Spring Break
31stStudent/Teacher Holiday
April
18th Student/Teacher Holiday
21stStudent/Teacher Holiday/Inclement Weather
Make-Up Day
26thStudent/Teacher Holiday/Memorial Day
28th Early Release-MS/HS
29th Early Release- All Students
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30th District Office and Campuses Closed
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Teacher Work Day Beginning/End

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First Day of Semester	Early Release HS/MS
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This Calendar Reflects the Following	ES	MS	HS	
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Total Teacher Contract Days	187	187	187	
Operational Minutes per Full Day	440	440	440	

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Operational Minutes per Full Day	440	440	440
Operational Minutes per Early Release Days	240	270	245
Total Operational Minutes Pre-Waiver	74,440	74,560 74	I,460
Waiver Minutes for Professional Learning	2,100	2,100	2,100
Total Operational Min . w/ Approved Waivers	76,540	76,660 76	5,560
Bank of Operational Minutes	940	1,060	960

HB 2442 requires a minimum of 75,600 operational minutes with any applicable waivers and at least a minimum bank of 840 operational minutes. The bank of operational minutes can be used in the event of bad weather and other issues of health and safety . FBISD reserves the right to revise the calendar, pending Board approval, to meet the minimum required operational minutes each year .

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	2nd Semester Gradin	g Period	88 Days
-	3rd Nine Weeks	1/9 - 3/7	38
	4th Nine Weeks	3/17 - 5/29	50

Cultural and religious observances of families in FBISD can be accessed on the Diversity Calendar at www.fortbendisd.com/diversity. Board Approved 1/22/2024



#### Agosto

Julio 29 - 30 . . Día de capacitación profesional del Distrito/No hay clases Julio 31 .....Día de preparación para maestros/No hay clases 1 - 6 ......Día de capacitación profesional/No hay clases 7 ......Día de planificación para maestros/No hay clases

.....Primer día de clases del 1er semestre/ 8 .....Primer día de Comienzo de las 1as nueve semanas

#### Septiembre

2 ......Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/ Día del Trabajo 26......Día de capacitación profesional/No hay clases

#### Octubre

#### Noviembre

**NOVIEMBIE** 1......Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros 11.....Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Día de los Veteranos

25 - 29 ......Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Receso de Acción de Gracias Diciembre

19.... Salida temprano para Intermedia/Secundaria (MS y HS) Invierno

#### Enero

1 - 3 ......Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Año Nuevo
6 .......Día de capacitación profesional/No hay clases
7 .......Día de planificación para maestros/No hay clases 8 .....Día de preparación para maestros/No hay clases 9 .....Primer día de clases del 20 semestre/ Comienzo de las 3as nueve semanas

20..... Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/ Día de Martin Febrero Luther King Jr

Marzo

10 - 14 .... Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Receso de Primavera

.....Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros Abril

18 ......Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros 21 .....Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Día recuperaciónpor mal tiempo

#### Mayo

- 26 .. Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/ Día de los Caídos
- Salida temprano para Intermedia/Secundaria (MS y HS)
   Salida temprano para todos los estudiantes
   Día de preparación para maestros/No hay clases

#### Junio

19 ...... Día feriado para estudiantes/maestros/Juneteenth

<sup>30</sup> Julio .....Oficinas del Distrito y escuelas cerradas

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	Primer día de clases del semestre	}	Salida temprano para Intermedia/Secundaria (MS y HS)
	Día de capacitacion profesional del Distrito		Salida temprano para todos los estudiantes Día de recuperacion por
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Este calendario refleja lo siguiente:	Prim.	Int.	Sec.
Total de días de clases	171	171	171
Total de días trabajo para maestros	187	187	187
Minutos de Servicio por día completo	440	440	440
Minutos de servicio en días de salida temprano	240	270	245
Minutos de Servicio sin contar capacitación	74,440	74,560 74	1,460
Minutos autorizados para capacitación profesional	2,100	2,100	2,100
<del>Minutos de servicio contando capacitación —</del> profesional	76,540	76,660	76,560
Reserva de minutos de servicio	940	1,060	960

La ley HB 2442 exige un mínimo de 75,600 minutos de servicio sin contar cualquier permiso vigente y una reserva mínima de 840 mínutos de servicio. La reserva puede utilizarse en caso de cancelaciones por mal tiempo en otros casos por salud y seguridad. FBISD se reserva el derecho a revisar el calendario, sujeto a aprobación del Consejo Directivo para cumpir con el mínimo de mínutos de servicio.

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Se puede consultar las prácticas religiosas y culturales de las familias de FBISD en el Calendario de Diversidad

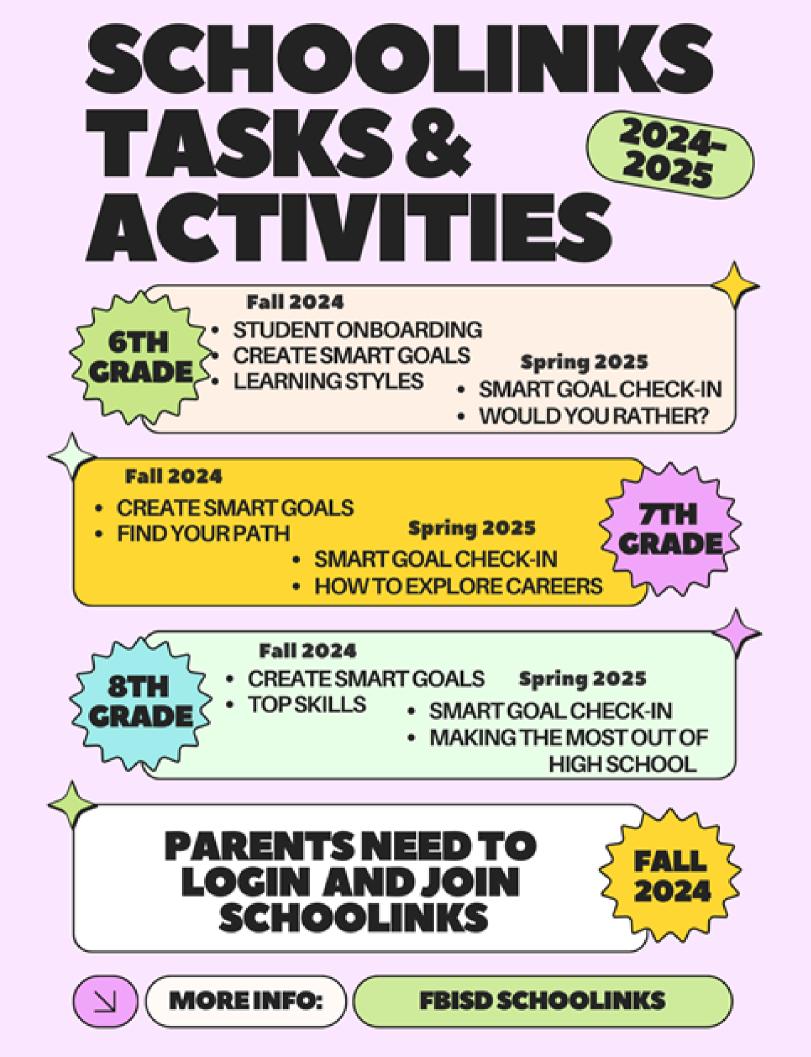
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Board Approved 1/22/2024

MCN	MANS 2024-2025 MCMS Bell Schedules					
REGULAR BELL SCHEDULE				Baser CP Contraction		
PD	8th grade	PD	7th grade	PD	6th grade	
1st	8:50-9:50 (60)	1st	8:50-9:50 (60)	1st	8:50-9:50 (60)	
2nd	9:55-10:45 (50)	2nd	9:55-10:45 (50)	2nd	9:55-10:45 (50)	
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ADVISORY BELL SCHEDULE TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY					
PD	8th grade	PD	7th grade	PD	6th grade
1st	8:50-9:45 (55)	1st	8:50-9:45 (55)	1st	8:50-9:45 (55)
2nd	9:50-10:35 (45)	2nd	9:50-10:35 (45)	2nd	9:50-10:35 (45)
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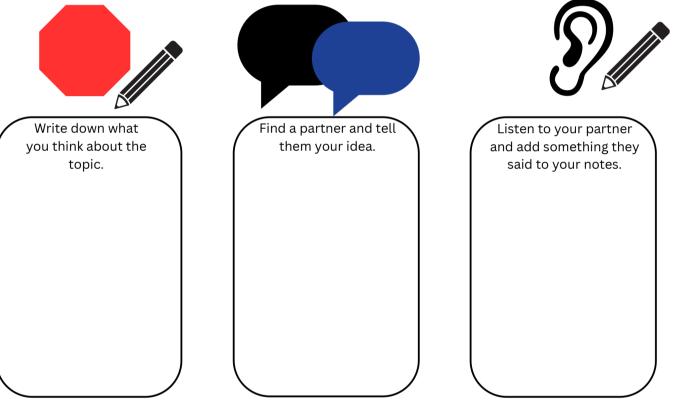
## Together in the Pursuit of Excellence



# Structured Conversations

Use your notes to write down your ideas about the topic. Then, find a partner to collaborate with and add to your notes based on the ideas they share.

## **STOP - COLLABORATE - LISTEN**



Choose to respond to the question by using one of the following statements:

What amendment do you feel is most important and why?

Amendment # \_\_ is most important because

\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_.

I agree/disagree with your answer

because\_\_\_\_. I feel \_\_\_\_.

## Mental Health CHOICE BOARD

Use this choice board when you need something to cheer you up or distract you during a hard time. You can always reach out to your counselor, teacher, or librarian if you need help.



## PTO MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETING INVITATION

MCMS PTO would like to extend an invitation to the parents of MCMS students to join our monthly meeting on Zoom. We will be updating, discussing, and collaborating with parents on school events, student celebrations, and much more! This will be a great opportunity to be involved with the happening at MCMS. We value your participation! Thank you!



Ö	6:00 PM - 7:00 F	PM Meeting
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	2/11/25,	
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For any questions please reach out to the PTO at mocitymspto@gmail.com

Zoom Link: https://us05web.zoom.us/j/83619977893? pwd=FHSjXITXO3yINZlpCCk23o7TeJ5D73.1 Meeting ID: 836 1997 7893 Passcode: 807959

## **REUNIÓN VIRTUAL MENSUAL DE PTOINVITACIÓN**

La Asociación de Padres y Maestros de MCMS quisiera extender una invitación a los padres de los estudiantes de MCMS para que se unan a nuestra reunión mensual en Zoom. ¡Estaremos actualizando, discutiendo y colaborando con los padres sobre eventos escolares, celebraciones estudiantiles y mucho más! Esta será una gran oportunidad para participar en lo que sucede en MCMS. ¡Valoramos su participación! ¡Gracias!

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Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con el PTO a mocitymspto@gmail.com

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# How to Help Prepare Your Child for Testing

## Practice Resources:

**IXL-** All Subjects

Dream Box-Math



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### Assessments to help guide your students' education.

NWEA-All Grade Levels for RLA, Math & Science (Fall, Winter & Spring)

TTAP-8th Grade Social Studies (Fall, Winter & Spring)

PSAT-8th Grade (Fall)

STAAR Interims-All Grade Levels and Subjects (Fall & Spring)

TELPAS-All Grade Levels (Spring)

STAAR- All Grade Levels and Subjects (Spring)



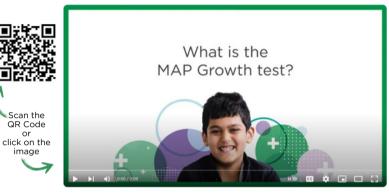
https://www.texasassessment.gov/families.html

Beginning this year, students in Fort Bend ISD will complete NWEA MAP computeradaptive assessments three times a year to gain information about what students know and what they are ready to learn next. MAP also gives insight into how students are growing academically, allowing you to track your student's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Families will have access to their child's results after each testing window. NWEA MAP is replacing Renaissance 360. For more information, visit the NWEA Family Toolkit linked <u>here</u> or contact your child's teacher.

**NWEA MAP** FORT BEND ISD'S UNIVERSAL SCREENER

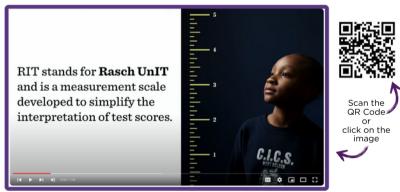
#### How MAP Growth Works

MAP Growth is designed to support student learning and data-informed decisions. View the video below for an overview of what you can expect when students take the MAP Growth Assessment. All students in grades K-8 and students enrolled in specific high school courses will take MAP Growth assessments.



#### **Understanding RIT Scores**

After each MAP Growth test, results are delivered in the form of a RIT score that reflects the student's academic knowledge, skills, and abilities. Think of this score like marking height on a growth chart. You can tell how tall your child is at various points in time and how much they have grown between one stage and another. View the video linked below for more information about RIT scores.



#### MAP Reading Fluency (Elementary Only)

MAP Reading Fluency assesses early reading skills—including letter and word recognition, oral reading fluency, and literal comprehension—to support students on their journey to independent reading. To see the assessment from a student's perspective, watch the video linked below.



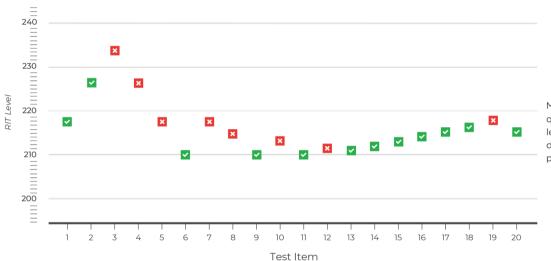
Visit NWEA's Family Toolkit at https://www.nwea.org/family-toolkit/ for more information

## A family guide to MAP Growth

Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what star better and how they are growing academically. That's why a group of educators and researchers founded NWEA®, a not-for-profit organization that has created some of the most trusted and reliable assessment solutions available. More than 13 million students in the US and in 140 countries worldwide use MAP® Growth<sup>™</sup>.

#### How it works

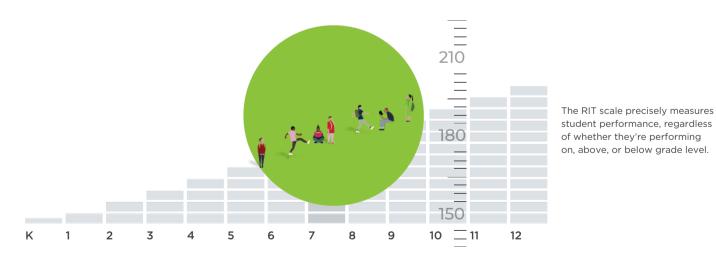
MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.



MAP Growth begins with a question at each student's grade level and adjusts the level of difficulty based on individual performance.

#### What it measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.



**MOP** GROWTH

#### Your child's RIT score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time.

You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter. You can also ask your child's school about educational resources that use MAP Growth RIT scores to provide personalized learning resources. "MAP Growth is important because it allows my teacher and me to see how much I know and my percentile growth. In math, my score used to be 227 (70th percentile), but it is now 240 (87th percentile). I didn't know I was capable of so much growth, but in the end I was."

> Kayla, 6th grade Santa Ana, CA

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?	Teachers can use the scores to identify learning areas that their class should focus on, as well as monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.
Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?	Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing. Please discuss any questions that you have about your child's performance with their teacher.
How often will my child take MAP Growth tests?	Most schools give MAP Growth tests to students at the beginning, middle, and end of the school year (in the fall, winter, and spring). Some schools choose to administer tests only twice a year.
What are norms?	NWEA provides schools with norms by utilizing anonymous data from more than 10 million students around the US. Knowing the top, middle, and bottom scores of all these students combined allows teachers to compare where your child is to other students and help them grow. In addition, NWEA provides comparison data for private, accredited, English-based, international schools using MAP Growth outside the US.
Is MAP Growth a standardized test?	MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.
What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?	The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions. For sample tests, visit <u>Warmup.NWEA.org</u> .

#### COMMON QUESTIONS

For tips on getting ready for MAP Growth testing, check out our blog:

nwea.org/blog/category/supporting-families

Find more family resources at nwea.org/familytoolkit

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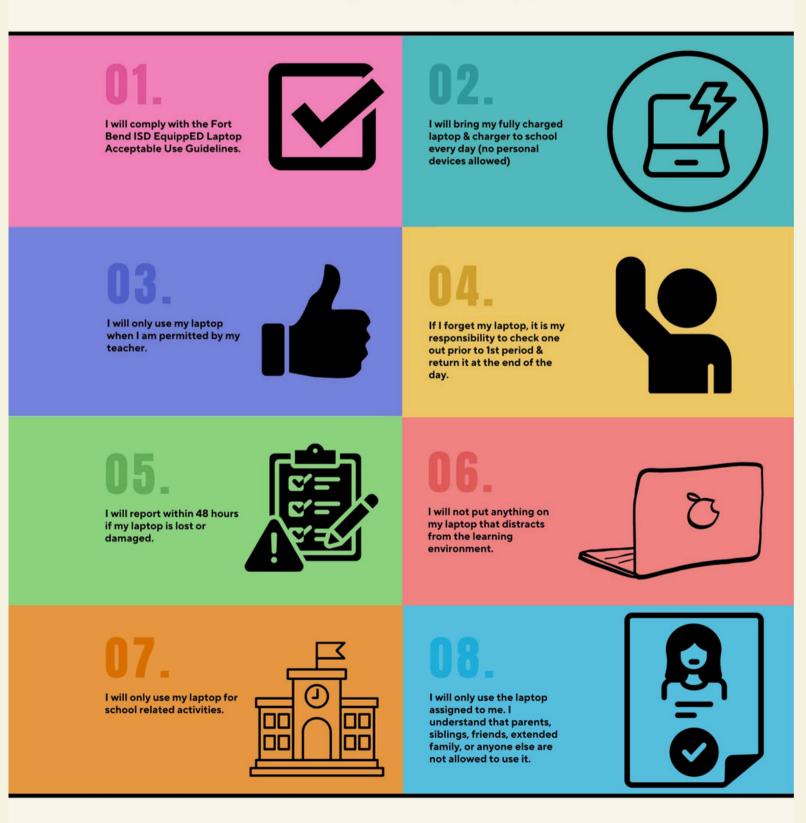


## Parent Job Aid: Accessing NWEA MAP Parent Score Reports

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	Online Grading Report - Parent Instructions			
	Helpful "How To" Documentation	SKYWARD'	allow	
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		Academic		
		History		
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Score Report(s) to view. (PDF file)				
	Description	eSigned		
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	NWEA MAP Reading Fluency	N/A		

## **SCHOOL ISSUED** Device Responsibilities

Classroom Expectations for EquippED 1:1 Laptops



## **Missouri City Middle School**

# No Cell Phone Policy

No cell phone usage throughout the school day! Phones must be powered off and put away. Students must be prepared and ready to learn. Students may only use their district-issued device. In case of an emergency please get in touch with the front office at 281-634-3440



# Sin teléfono celular Política

¡No se permite el uso de teléfonos celulares durante la dia escolar! Los teléfonos deben estar apagados y guardados. Los estudiantes deben estar preparados y listos para aprender. Los estudiantes solo pueden usar el dispositivo que les proporcionó el distrito.

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