



## JBMS Face-to-Face Parent/Guardian Q&A



The following Q&A is for James Bowie Middle School only. It will be updated regularly. For any questions District-wide information, click the buttons at the bottom of JBMS's main page that look like this:



### What do I need to do before I come to school?

Fill out the Wellness Screening in Skyward by 6:45 every morning.

### Will you check temperatures of everyone in the building?

Yes, every staff member, student, and visitor to campus will have a temperature check upon entry.

### What do I need to bring with me to school the first day?

Students are encouraged to bring a backpack that can accommodate all their materials. Within the backpack should be basic supplies of a 2-inch binder with paper, writing utensils, scissors, glue, highlighters, colored pencils, and any supplies your teacher has communicated are needed for your course. In addition to those supplies, students will also bring:

- Student ID
- Headphones for device
- Device
  - If you were issued a FBISD laptop, you must bring it every day for F2F instruction.
  - If you have a personal device, it is highly recommended you bring this daily.
- Charging cables for devices labelled with your name (if applicable)
- Back up mask (suggested)
- A water bottle large enough for the student to use for the day labelled with student's name
- Lunch (if applicable)

### Do I need to bring my textbooks to school?

Each teacher will inform students if they need to bring the textbook for that specific class.

### What devices do I need for school and why?

We will utilize technology tools to provide opportunities for students to collaborate in Office 365 and Schoology. Many teachers will also be as paperless as possible, so devices may be used for quizzes or other assignments. Any device in which a student can navigate Schoology and Office 365 will be acceptable, including all forms of laptops and tablets. Cell phones are not a district recommended Bring Your Own Device due to the size of the screen. However, a cell phone could be a suitable substitute for a device in most classes.

**How can I help my child keep their device from becoming damaged?**

We will make every effort to teach procedures to students to keep their devices secure. As a parent/guardian, it is a good idea to set your own expectations. For example:

- Refrain from placing a water bottle and device in the same part of a backpack
- Make sure to transport a device in a completely zipped backpack instead of in their arms
- Label all devices and cords with the student's full name

If you have a backpack with zippers that allow for a small combo lock, students are certainly allowed to keep their bags locked during PE. A key lock is not recommended as keys can become easily lost.

**Will we use lockers?**

Students are not being issued lockers this year. Instead, they will carry their backpacks with them throughout the day. Gym lockers will still be issued for PE.

**Can students bring their own hand sanitizer/sanitizing wipes? What about wearing a face shield?**

Yes, students can bring their own sanitizing supplies. All students must wear a mask. Students who forget their mask will be provided one. It's always suggested a student bring a backup in case a mask breaks. Face shields may be worn in addition to, not in replacement of, a mask.

**Where do I go for first day arrival?**

Before you come to campus for F2F, check your Skyward for 1<sup>st</sup> period information. Write down the name of the teacher and subject area. Have this with you do when you enter, staff can help you find your room.

If arriving by bus, students will enter through our cafeteria doors. Bike riders and car riders will enter the 7<sup>th</sup> grade entry point. If arriving by car, students will have 3 separate entrances. After drop off, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will use the right hand side front entrance, 7<sup>th</sup> graders will use the left, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will use the central entry point. *See arrival and dismissal procedures at bottom of Q&A.*

**When can I drop off my student?**

No students will be allowed to be dropped off before 8:25.

**When does class start? When does the school day end?**

The school day is 8:50-4:05.

**What will lunch be like?**

The first weeks of school, lunches are always structured as we ensure an efficient and organized opportunity for students to learn the lunch procedures. Students will be able to socialize safely while they eat. If buying a lunch, please note that lunches will be the "Grab and Go" prepackaged meals. Students who are purchasing these meals will use their ID card. At the time of writing, these meals are free but still require students to submit their ID numbers.

**Can I eat lunch with my child? Drop off lunch to my child?**

At this time, we are not able to accommodate drop off items for students or family visiting at lunch. If your child leaves lunch at home, they are able to get a lunch from our cafeteria.

## Bell Schedules for Face-to-Face and Online

ONLINE - Middle School Bell Schedule			F2F - Middle School Bell Schedule		
Class Period		Time	Class Period		Time
(A-Day)	(B-Day)		(A-Day)	(B-Day)	
1 <sup>st</sup> Period	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	9:00-10:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	8:50-10:20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:15-11:15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	10:35-12:35 (includes lunch)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	7 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:30-12:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	7 <sup>th</sup> Period	12:50-2:20
LUNCH	LUNCH	12:30-1:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	8 <sup>th</sup> Period/Adv	2:35-4:05
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	8 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:30-2:30			

## Arrival for Car Riders, Walkers and Bikers

Thank you for your patience during arrival and dismissal processes! As we refine drop off, it may take longer as our Bowie community learn our new ways during phase in of all grades. Please know your student will not be counted tardy/late to the first period of the day if the cause is our arrival car rider line.

Students who are walkers and bike riders will enter through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade entrance after having their temperature taken by a staff member outside.

