



A Message from Mr. Little, Principal of YES Prep Northbrook High School

Dear Raiders,

It's hard to believe we have come to the end of our 2019 – 2020 school year. Though the past few months have brought new challenges and are not how we expected to end the school year, I am proud of the resilience and passion of the Raider Nation as we transitioned to online learning. We are also proud of our seniors, who are now alumni of YES Prep!

Despite the setbacks this year from the floods of Imelda to the coronavirus, YES Prep Northbrook has continued to grow and provide our students with the education that they deserve. Here are a few highlights:

- **# 1** for academic growth amongst YES Prep campuses!
- **Increased** attendance rates for all grade levels (**one of the largest** increases in the district)
- **8% increase** in the number of students reaching the SAT College Readiness benchmarks
- **All** of our AP courses increase their performances compared to last year
- **Keep our students learning despite a global pandemic!**
- **A donation of over \$2000 to our campus from our Raider Family Association**

We have so much to celebrate this year and while it might be easy to rest on our wins, we know that we must continue to grow as a campus to ensure that all of our students receive the education they deserve.

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, I'm excited to let everyone know that we will be welcoming our **largest** freshman class in our school's history, with majority of our students coming from YES Prep Northbrook Middle and KIPP Courage @ Landrum. We are excited to welcome all of our freshman!

We have added a number of courses that our students will be able to take advantage of as an elective. These courses include AP Psychology, Mexican American studies, and African American studies.

As we closeout the 2019-2020 school year, report cards will be mailed to you in the coming weeks and are will be available in Skyward in mid-June. Please call the front office if you need help logging in to review grades or need to update contact information.

Though we don't yet know what the summer or fall will hold for being back together on campus, we commit to staying in contact to inform you over the summer. Please stay on the lookout for information from the Raider Family Association about meetings throughout the summer by texting @rfasn to 81010.

Finally, we hope you get an opportunity to rest and spend time with family in the coming months. Stay safe and have a wonderful summer!

Respect. Excellence. Power.

Mr. Little

Summer 2020 Front Office Hours

During the summer our campus hours are adjusted to allow for our staff to prepare for the upcoming school year. Families should note our campus office hours to make sure they are able to reach someone when needed.

During the month of June and July we will only be open to assist families via phone call during the hours listed below. Due to COVID-19 and building limitations we will not be open for families to come to campus. Please monitor our social media channels in the event that this policy changes.

Front Office Number: 713-251-4250

June:

- Monday -Thursday 8 AM to 12 PM
- The week of June 29th - July 2nd we will be CLOSED.

July:

- July 1st - 2nd: Closed
- Monday - Friday, July 6th - July 24th: 9 AM to 1 PM
- Monday - Friday, July 27th - July 31st: 9 AM to 2 PM

August:

- Monday - Friday, August 3rd - 12th: 9 AM to 3 PM

Retention / Promotion Decisions

High School:

High School Promotion, Placement and Retention decision will be made by the campus and communicated to parents/guardians by Thursday, May 29th. A 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 2020-2021 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 not be offered. 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, July 1, 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. Students that attend Summer Credit Recovery will be required to attend a live online training during the week of June 1 with a parent or guardian. More information will follow for students that are registered.

Date: Monday, June 8 – Wednesday, July 1

Time: Office Hours provided by Credit Recovery Teachers will be communicated at the start of the Program

Guardians can find out additional information and register their student at [YES Prep Credit Recovery](#).

Summer Assignments

At YES Prep Northbrook course-specific summer assignments are limited to AP Courses. Please see attached information about summer assignments by course.

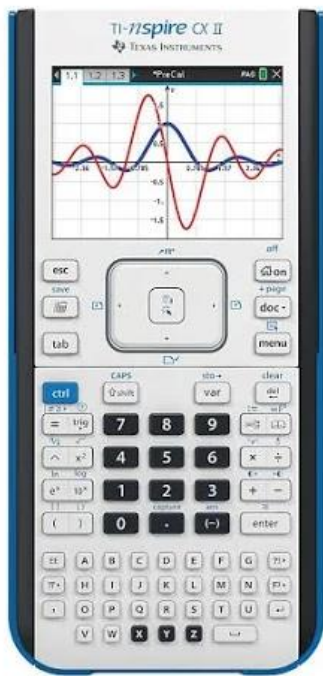
By June 15th students who are enrolled in these courses will be invited to a Microsoft Team called "YP Northbrook AP Summer Coursework". There they will find a channel for each course and the designated assignment, including all instructions, attachments, and links. The team will be monitored by teachers and administrators throughout the summer so students should feel free to post any questions they have!

Student Calculator Requirement for Students in Grades 8-12

YES Prep Northbrook we believe in and embrace the power of technology to ensure that our students are prepared for college and as such we will continue to require that all students in grades 8-12 to have access to their own TI Inspire CX or CX II.

These calculators are critical for success in class, on all district exams, STAAR exams, and SAT/AP College Board testing. These calculators range in cost and are available at a variety of retailers. Great used calculators are also available on sites such as Amazon for a reduced price.

During the 2020-2021 school year we will only be able to loan out a limited number of school calculators to students with documented needs, so it is imperative that students secure their own calculators.

Calculators Allowed	Not Allowed
TI-Nspire CX TI-Nspire CX II	TI-Nspire CAS
	

2020-21 School Hours

Please be on the lookout the 2020-2021 academic calendar for YES Prep Northbrook during the summer.

Key dates: Subject to change due to COVID-19, families will be informed if dates are impacted

- All new students will attend orientation August 12-14, 2020 8am-12pm.
- The first day of school for all students is August 17, 2020.

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.

2020-21 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 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.

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)

Please remember that Spring Branch ISD and Northbrook High School electives may have fees outside of YES Prep's student fees. This includes fees for students who participate in extracurricular activities (band, orchestra, cheer, Bandoleras, etc.), athletics, elective courses fees, library fees, and ID fees and fines.

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/parents/atlas>

2020-21 School Supply List

School supply list will be posted to our campus website and sent out via social media by June 15th.

All 8-12th 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.)

2020-21 Online

Online verifications are now available to be completed through Skyward. All families must log into Skyward with a parent’s credentials to verify important information (including emergency contacts, lunch applications, phone numbers, etc. for your student(s).

If you need assistance in completing online verification please reach out to Ana Palomares (ana.palomares@yesprep.org) or Tania Perez (tania.perez@yesprep.org).

Uniforms

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.

YES Prep Public Schools uniform policy is centered around values of equity and school pride. A school uniform allows for community building and options within the uniform selection allows for student and family choice. Uniforms should be worn each school day and should meet the expectations of district and campus guidelines. Similar to all YES Prep policies, if a student’s uniform, dress, or accessory choice poses a concern for student physical or emotional safety, a campus administrator has the discretion to disallow the uniform item.

A uniform shirt is defined as either a campus polo, sold by YES Prep Public Schools, containing the current school logo, and is the correct color for the student’s campus or additional shirts distributed by the student’s school for specified days.



YES Prep Public Schools also has winter jackets, sweatshirts, and cardigans for sale to provide multiple options for outerwear. A student's outerwear may only be YES Prep and may also include outerwear sold by the athletics department on campus.

We will share more on our uniform options, purchase processes, and daily policy expectations in July, 2020. Please know that given the unknown nature of COVID and potential financial implications, we are committed to being flexible with the uniform policy in order to be responsive to family needs during this time.

Student Portal Access

2020 TELPAS results will be the only results available on Student Portal for spring administration. See schedule below for availability. You can access your student's TELPAS results online using the code assigned to your child.

- TELPAS: 7/18
- TELPAS Alt: 7/7

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 STAAR scores, please contact the front office.

Transportation 2020-2021

Transportation information for the 2020-2021 school year will be updated on the Spring Branch ISD Transportation department's website:

<https://www.springbranchisd.com/about/departments/operations/transportation>

You can find bus route information on this website as well.