

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our students and families to the 2021-2022 school year. Students and staff are excited to be back and we are looking forward to the year ahead. Please read through this information that we want to share with you as it will help your student be better prepared to have a successful year. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us!

Start of School Update

As administrators get back to work for the 2021-2022 school year we will get information about what things will look like this fall as they relate to COVID-19 guidelines. Once we have that information, we will post it under the COVID-19 Updates tab on our website. As of now, school will be entirely face-to-face with NO virtual option so please plan accordingly.

Communication

- Remind: please sign up for the messaging app, Remind. This will be used as one of a few methods to send short messages via text on mobile phones as it pertains to your student's cohort or sometimes to the campus as a whole. The beauty of this method is that it is similar to texting when a short message is appropriate. This code can be obtained by emailing Ms. Pharis at mpharis@bmtisd.com.
- Facebook: follow us! This is where we brag about student and campus achievements. We are Beaumont Early College High School on Facebook.
- Website: echs.bmtisd.com. We work diligently to update and maintain our website! We are still in the process of adding information and sharing as much as we can. Please check in regularly to answer any questions you may have. If you are using the BISD network you will need to start on the district page and find us under campuses. NOTE - the desktop and mobile sites can look quite different, but both are easy to navigate.
- Blackboard Connect: This platform is used to send call outs to parents. It is critical that the contact information on file with BISD is accurate because that is what is used to contact parents for school-wide announcements. **IN THE EVENT OF A CAMPUS EMERGENCY OR CRISIS**, this is the messaging system that will be utilized. If you need to update your contact information, you can do so during the online registration process. If you need help updating your information, please contact Angelica Cuellar-Mendez at acuella@bmtisd.com or 409-617-6610 on or after August 2, 2021.

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IDs

All ECHS students must wear their IDs at all times and a FREE ID is provided to all students that attend Running Start! Students not wearing the LIT or ECHS issued ID badge hanging around their neck, or clipped near their neck, will be issued a temporary ID for \$2. They will be charged each time a temporary ID has to be issued. BE ADVISED – temporary IDs will be issued and billed in order to keep students in compliance with dress code requirements. If a student is issued a temporary ID and then decides to put on their LIT ID, the student will still be billed. If a student has lost their official ID or did not attend running start, he/she can go to LIT (student services in the Beeson building) to have another made for \$5 or fill out a form with our receptionist for another ECHS ID for \$5. All students will receive their first ID from LIT and/or ECHS for free.

Tardies

Though we are lenient in the first week, starting the second week of school, students will be subject to our tardy policy. It is imperative for your student's academic success that he/she arrives at school on time and gets to classes on time during the school day.

- 1st Tardy.....Warning
- 2nd Tardy.....Teacher call to parent
- 3rd Tardy.....Conference with Principal/Counselor (with referral)
- 4th Tardy.....Conference with Principal, student, and parent (with referral)

Delivery of items

Please do not drop off any items to the campus to be delivered to your student(s). The campus will not deliver items to your student. This includes food. In the event your student forgets his/her lunch, lunch can be obtained in the cafeteria.

Dress code

BISD district dress code will be followed on campus. Students have been made aware of the district dress code and it can be accessed through the district's website (<https://www.bmtisd.com/Page/231>). A few tips: 1) no cut or torn garments; 2) no piercings on the face other than the ears; 3) all dresses, skirts, shorts, etc. must be no shorter than three inches above the knee (about the length of a student ID badge; 4) undergarments shall not be visible at any time. If a student is found to be out of dress code, parents will be called to bring a change of clothing for the student. If necessary, students will be issued clothing to put on over the garments that do not meet requirements. If a student refuses to wear that clothing and a parent does not bring any, the student will be placed in ISS for the remainder of the day. Again, please refer to the full dress code in the district student handbook on p. 43-44.

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Cell phones

BISD cell phone policy will be followed on campus. Students may possess a cell phone and use it in the cafeteria during breakfast and lunch (though they cannot have any media playing without the use of earbuds). Other than that, it must remain silent and in a purse or backpack at all other times. If a student's phone is taken up by a staff member, it will be held until the end of the school day when the student or a parent must pick it up after paying a \$15 fee. If a student refuses to give the phone to a staff member on campus, the student will be suspended for the remainder of the day or the following day if the incident occurs at the end of a school day.

Bullying

ECHS makes a concerted effort to quickly address any bullying that is reported to an adult. Students and parents also have the ability to anonymously report bullying online using the district reporting page at <https://www.bmtisd.com/Page/4749>. Information about bullying was provided to all students and can be found on p. 28 of the student handbook.

Blackboard and email

Blackboard is LIT's online learning platform. All students that attended summer bridge have gone through orientation on how to access Blackboard and how to access their coursework on the site. It is ESSENTIAL to your student's success that he/she logs into Blackboard and BISD and LIT emails daily. Parents can also see how students are progressing and check up on what work has or has not been submitted.

Attendance

Because our students are enrolled in LIT and BISD courses, they are subject to both institutions' policies. BISD students need to be in attendance at least 90% of the days school is in session in order to get credit. More than three absences in a LIT class can result in the student being dropped from the course and/or receiving a failing grade. When your student is absent, please send a note to school within 5 days of the absence.

Unpaid Fines/Fees

Any unpaid fines or fees during the school year will prevent your student from participating in certain activities and privileges such as field trips and school dances. It is important for students to keep up with lunch accounts, ID fees, etc.

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Campus Hours/Supervision

Doors will open to students in the morning at 6:45am. All students must be clear of the building by 4:15pm. Please be advised that before 6:45am and after 4:15pm your student will not be supervised.

Goals Night

The date for Goals Night has not been announced. We usually host a speaker from LIT to present information to parents regarding Blackboard. A date, time, and format will be announced after school starts.

Online Registration

If you have not already done so, please complete the registration process. All students must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy (part online/paper registration) and complete the Household Family Data Collection form (a separate form that needs to be completed). The AUP is required for students to have access to campus computers and the data form is used to determine additional funding for the campus.

Guidelines for Success

Each campus in the district has established Guidelines for Success. At Beaumont Early College High School we have two that we expect the students to follow at all times:

- 1) Be where you are supposed to be.
- 2) Do what you are supposed to be doing.

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