

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our 9th grade students and families to the 2020-2021 school year. Beaumont ECHS has grown tremendously over the last two years and we are excited to welcome the class of 2024! Please read through this information that we want to share with you as it will help you and your student be better prepared to have a successful year. This is not an exhaustive collection of campus/district policies and procedures, but a selection that is highlighted for your reference. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us! For a full listing of campus and district handbooks and policies please refer to the websites at [www.bmtisd.com](http://www.bmtisd.com) and [echs.bmtisd.com](http://echs.bmtisd.com).

### **Start of School Update**

As many of you know, the district has released a re-entry plan. In the coming days, Beaumont ECHS will work through the details of what the start of school will look like for our campus. Please stay tuned to our website for further information. We will post it under the COVID-19 Updates tab.

### **Class of 2024 Communication**

- Remind: please sign up for the messaging app, Remind. At the back of this packet is a code to subscribe to the Class of 2024 group. This will be used as one of a few methods to send short messages via text on mobile phones as it pertains to the class of 2024 or sometimes to the campus as a whole.
- 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](http://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](mailto:acuella@bmtisd.com) or 409-617-6610 on or after July 27, 2020.

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### **Summer Bridge Agenda**

Due to changes resulting from COVID-19, the entire week will be spent on the ECHS campus.

Remember to bring a sack lunch. There will be no other option for food on our campus. Drop-offs will not be accepted and students may not leave campus for lunch. Students need to report in the morning with all snacks and food for the day.

Date	Morning	Afternoon
July 20/27	Getting to know you/team building	TSI prep, Career Inventory, BISD login
July 21/28	TSI prep, BISD/LIT email	TSI prep, Google Classroom, learning styles, email etiquette
July 22/29	TSI prep, Goal Setting, MLA formatting	TSI prep, Careers and majors
July 23/30	LIT Orientation, Blackboard, Freshman Basics	LIT Orientation, Blackboard, Freshman Basics
July 24/31	TSI Pre-Assessment Activity, email, TSI prep	9th Grade Running Start
Aug 3-7	Normally, we would test every student in TSI Reading and TSI Writing and only those that need it in TSI Math. Due to the evolving health crisis and the need to minimize interactions, we will only test those students that need to pass a section for this year's coursework. For example, most students take World Geography in the 9th grade, but if a student had World Geography for high school credit while in the 8th grade, that student will need to pass TSI Reading in order to take the next social studies course → HIST 1301/1302 (United States History dual credit). In this example, that student will be scheduled to come back to campus during the week of August 3-7 to take TSI Reading. If that is the case for your student, the test date and time will be sent home no later than the last day of his/her summer bridge week.	

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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! When we return to on-campus learning, and for those students that choose to come face-to-face, 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 to get a FREE one, 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. \*\*COVID UPDATE - no visitors are allowed on campus, including parents, during the 2020-2021 school year. Please call the school to inquire about how to meet with staff and teachers virtually. Appointments must be made in advance.

### **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

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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.

### **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**

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 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.

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### **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. It is important for students to keep up with lunch accounts, ID fees, etc.

### **Campus Hours/Supervision**

When school resumes face-to-face, 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**

Goals night will take place September 14, 2020. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. We DO NOT yet know what this will look like, but please add it to your calendar! We will likely be hosting a speaker from LIT to present information to parents regarding Blackboard. A 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. *\*\*COVID UPDATE - During online registration, parents must choose whether they intend to send their student to school face-to-face or online as the primary means of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year. This is critical for adequate planning.*

### **Foundations**

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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## Registration -

Online registration is **now open**. Log in to parent self-serve and look for the “Registration” tab at the top. If you do not have parent self-serve, there are directions under the “Online Registration” tab on the district’s website.

- Returning BISD students (Registration opens July 20, 2020)
  - Complete registration online through the BISD website, parent self-serve. If you do not have a parent-self serve account, email Angelica Cuellar-Mendez at [acuella@bmtisd.com](mailto:acuella@bmtisd.com) for assistance.
  - Complete the Media Release form (paper provided last week and in this packet)
  - Complete the Field Trip/Emergency form (paper provided last week and in this packet)
- Students **NEW** to BISD (Registration opens July 27, 2020)
  - Complete registration online through the BISD website, parent self-serve. If you do not have a parent-self serve account, email Angelica Cuellar-Mendez at [acuella@bmtisd.com](mailto:acuella@bmtisd.com) for assistance.
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Complete the Media Release form (paper provided during summer bridge)

- We work diligently to spotlight our campus activities and student achievements. In order to do so we need to ensure that each student has a media release form allowing us to post pictures to various media outlets both within and outside of the district. Please carefully consider allowing us to include your student in these highlights! These forms will need to be updated each year.

Complete the Field Trip/Emergency form (paper provided during summer bridge)

- We find it more effective and efficient to have this form done at the beginning of each school year so parents are only asked for it one time. This form gives the campus permission to take your student on school sponsored trips during the school year. Please complete this form and send it back ASAP.

**\*\*ALL online registration needs to be completed no later than August 3, 2020. If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact us.**

Sincerely,

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