



Bryan Independent School District

Stephen F. Austin Middle School

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August 20, 2019

Dear SFA Middle School Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to SFA Middle School, home of the Broncos! This promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all of our students as we strive to find ways that we can be even better than we have been before. We have been working hard to prepare the classrooms and hallways for the beginning of school. The following pages highlight information that is essential for ensuring a smooth, safe start to the 2019-2020 school year. Many important policies, procedures and practices are discussed. Please contact the SFA front office with any questions and concerns at 209-6700.

Please consider joining our PTSO as our students can greatly benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's programs and operations.

On behalf of the PBIS team at SFA Middle School, I would like to take this opportunity to explain the PBIS program at SFA Middle School. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports and is designed to acknowledge appropriate student behavior in school. PBIS strives to teach students consistent school expectations, acknowledge when students act responsibly, and re-teach expectations to encourage successful behavior. Our acronym at SFA for PBIS is STRONG, which stands for Strategic, Trustworthy, Resilient, Optimized, Noble, and Grateful. These are character traits we will be reinforcing throughout the school year. We will also reinforce positive behavior using lessons and models from the district program, the Essential 8. The staff of SFA uses the PBIS Rewards App to award points to students for exemplifying SFA STRONG and the Essential 8 which can be redeemed at our school store, the Bronco Mart.

Bryan ISD also utilizes the B-Safe system, an anonymous reporting system which allows members of your BISS school community to anonymously submit concerns about student safety or mental health. The B-Safe system can be accessed by downloading the B-Safe Mobile App or by going through the Bryan ISD website.

I am including a copy of our Bell Schedule, Dress Code, Tardy Policy and PBIS behavior Matrix for you to review with your student. Replacement IDs will now cost \$3 and are made in the library.

Please assist us with ensuring your student comes to school in district dress code. The most common dress code infractions are students in athletic wear, facial

piercings, and student not wearing their ID badges around their neck. Thank you for helping our students meet the district dress code expectations.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures are as follows:

Car Riders will be dropped off and picked in the front of the school on Coulter Ave. Bus pick-up occurs in the rear of the building on Ennis St. No car riders can be dropped off in the rear of the building on Ennis St. due to the Bus Zone. In addition, no student drop off/ pick up is allowed in the fire lane that separates SFA Middle School and Administration building. Thank you for adhering to these expectations so we can keep our students safe.

The front doors of the building will open at 7:30 A.M with the tardy bell ringing at 8:20. School is dismissed at 4:05, and all students that are not in a teacher-sponsored activity will need to exit the building by 4:15.

- Unless previously arranged, students cannot be checked out after 3:45.

Please join or follow SFA social media accounts using the following information:

Facebook- www.facebook.com/BryanISDSFA/

Twitter- [SFA Middle School @SFA_bisd](https://twitter.com/SFA_bisd)

Website- <https://sfaustin.bryanisd.org/>

Upcoming Important Dates:

School Pictures: August 30th

Labor Day Holiday- School closed on September 2nd

Open House- Monday, September 30th. 6 PM-8PM

PTSO will be present to sell SFA merchandise

- Athletic Schedules and Fine Arts events are located on the school website.
- All students must be picked up within 30 minutes of the end of a sporting event or extra-curricular activity.
- All middle school students attending Bryan or Rudder High School football games must accompanied by a parent who attends the game.

I look forward to a great year and working with you and your child. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Once again, welcome back and let's make it a great year!

Sincerely,

Rachel Layton
Principal
SFA Middle School