

July 2026

**Dear Barber Middle School Families,**

It is with great excitement and gratitude that I welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year at Barber Middle School! As the new principal, I am honored to build on the relationships we built last year in my previous role as assistant principal for Barber.

Our theme this year is **Like a Gator**. In Dickinson ISD, “Once a GATOR, always a GATOR!” But, what does it mean to be a GATOR? At Barber, students must develop Grit and Accountability. They must practice Teamwork everyday. They must learn that Optimism is a choice that each of us must make. Finally, each student should bring a Respectful attitude for themselves and each other.

At Barber, our focus is simple: **Growth equals Success**. Our dedicated staff is committed to providing engaging learning experiences while creating a safe, welcoming environment where every student can grow and thrive.

We know student success is strongest when schools and families work together. We’ll keep communication strong throughout the year – through our Campus Website, Facebook, e-mail, and Parent Square so you’ll always be up to date on your child’s progress and any important school news.

Inside this Back-to-School Guide, you'll find important information to help your family prepare for a successful school year, including registration, school procedures, transportation, attendance, school supplies, dress code, and other important campus updates.

Thank you for trusting Barber Middle School with your child's education. Thank you for trusting me. It is a privilege to serve your family, and I look forward to an incredible year of growth, achievement, and success. Let's get that “A” together.

**Welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!**

Sincerely,

*Justin Faith*

Principal  
Barber Middle School

### **Barber Middle School Mission and Vision**

- ❖ **BMS Mission:** The mission of Barber Middle School is to be an OPPORTUNITY-MAKER school where all students have access to high-quality Tier I instruction and the supports needed to achieve at or above grade-level.
- ❖ **BMS Vision:** We believe that every student has the potential to learn and grow. We aim for students to demonstrate academic achievement at or above grade-level and be well-prepared for success academically, socially, and behaviorally at the next grade level and beyond.
- ❖ **BMS Guidelines for Success:** At Barber Middle School, we believe education is about more than academic achievement. We are committed to developing students of strong character by fostering a positive school culture built on our core values. Every day, we encourage our students to act like a GATOR as they grow into responsible, respectful, and successful young leaders. By living these values each day, our Gators build the character, confidence, and resilience needed to succeed in school and beyond. **Acting like a GATOR means**
  - ❖ ***G** - showing **Grit** and never giving up*
  - ❖ ***A** - being **Accountable** for one's self academically and behaviorally*
  - ❖ ***T** - demonstrating true **Teamwork** at every opportunity*
  - ❖ ***O** - choosing to be **Optimistic** when facing adversity*
  - ❖ ***R** - being **Respectful** of yourself and others*

### **Registration Information**

- Families new to DISD may attend Centralized Registration on August 4th from 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. at Kranz Junior High, where Barber staff will be available to assist with enrollment.
- Returning DISD students must complete **online registration between July 21st and August 5th** at <https://www.dickinsonisd.org/page/parentstudent.enroll>.
- Visit the **DISD Back-to-School Hub** at <https://www.dickinsonisd.org/page/pi.backtoschool26> for all back-to-school information. A current proof of residency is required and may be uploaded during registration or brought to the campus office.
- **Registration must be completed by August 7th to receive your student's schedule and bus route.**
- Need help registering? Come visit us at Barber and we can help. The building will be open all next week.

### **Health and Safety**

Like you, the health and safety of our students and faculty are a top priority. We will continue thoroughly cleaning the building and will have hand sanitizer available throughout campus. Our staff and students have been trained in district safety protocols, and we will practice different drills monthly. In addition, there are many preventative safety measures in place. More information is available on our district website:

<https://www.dickinsonisd.org/page/parentstudent.safety>

### **Student Personal Device Policy – House Bill 1481**

In accordance with House Bill 1481, students are prohibited from using personal communication devices during the school day while on campus. This includes cell phones, smartwatches, earbuds, headphones, tablets, and any device capable of texting, calling, recording, or accessing the internet.

To support a focused learning environment:

- All personal devices must be turned off and stored out of sight (e.g., in a backpack or purse).
- BMS provides Chromebooks and headphones for instructional use; personal technology is not required.
- Failure to comply will result in progressive disciplinary action.

### **Attendance**

Attendance matters. Student success is proportional to attendance rate – students who come to school experience success, and students who have a high absentee rate have a more difficult time achieving academic success. Texas Compulsory Attendance Law requires every student to be in school for at least 90% of the instructional days.

- We understand that sickness and emergencies arise. If your student is out, please send a note with him/her when they return to school. Students may turn in the note to the front office or their HR teacher.
- You can also email notes to our attendance clerk, Myra Deleon-[mdeleon@dickinsonisd.org](mailto:mdeleon@dickinsonisd.org)

### **School Start/Dismissal Time**

School starts each morning at 8:30 am. We encourage you to arrive early. The building opens to students at 8:00am. First period instruction begins promptly at 8:30am. It is critically important that your student arrives at school on time each day.

- If students arrive by car after 8:30am, they are tardy and must be signed in at the front office by their parent/guardian.
- Middle School Campuses will dismiss at 4:00pm daily.

### **Bus Information**

If you have not requested bus transportation by **August 7<sup>th</sup>**, your student will not have a bus route until the second week of school. You will need to make alternate transportation arrangements until a bus route is assigned. To see your students' route, please check Skyward or call transportation at 281.229.7300. Note: Bus routes will not be updated until the week before school begins.

### **Meal Information**

Breakfast is available to all students at no cost to families. The cost for lunch at the Middle School is \$2.85 for students.

- Free and reduced lunch is an important federal program that benefits students in a variety of ways. It is important to apply early. Click here to access the application for free or reduced lunch: <https://www.mealappnow.com/mandks/splash.php>
- To add money to your child's account, you can access Lunch Money Now by clicking [PaySchools Central](#)

### Water Bottles

- Your child is encouraged to bring a water bottle filled with water each day.
- Water filling stations are available throughout the building.

### Student Schedules

- Student schedules will be posted in Skyward on August 10th.
- Course request/schedule changes will be made due to clerical errors and/or academic concerns on a case-by-case basis. Please use the link to request changes: [BMS Schedule Change Request Form](#)
- Homeroom teachers will be available to parents and students at Meet the teacher and the first day of school.
- We appreciate your patience as we make any changes. Our goal is to work through the list as quickly as we can.

### School-Wide Fundraiser

- We will be working World's Finest Chocolate again this year to raise funds for our student activities account. This money helps pay for student celebrations, awards, fieldtrips, and other supplies or material to be used by our students.
- Keep an eye out for more information in October!

### School Supply List

- Being prepared for school helps students feel confident and having the right supplies helps. While Barber does not have a specific list as a school the district does share a suggested list for our grade level. That list along with a great deal of information about back to school can be found at this link:  
[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kxkwIV9j\\_HT\\_FoVo9HnC-E\\_0XDLRZFbZ/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kxkwIV9j_HT_FoVo9HnC-E_0XDLRZFbZ/view?usp=sharing)

### Dress Code

As you know, dressing for success involves making good decisions about how we present ourselves. In an effort to avoid distractions and to ensure a positive and safe learning environment for our students and staff, our school dress code is an important component. For clarification to students and to parents, [click here for the 2026-2027 Dress Code](#). Please review this link and visit with your student about his/her clothing choices.

### Morning Traffic

Thank you to all parents in advance for helping us to keep traffic flowing each morning. When you enter the drop-off/pick up area in front of the school. Maps and instructions for parents new to Barber will be available at "Meet the Teacher on August 6th"

- Please encourage your students to have their belongings ready before arriving in front of the school.
- Students should disembark when their car pulls along the sidewalk.
- Students should not wait for their car to be right in front of the main entrance. This will increase drop-off efficiency. There will be a staff member at the entrance to greet your student with a smile each morning.

**Justin Faith, Principal**

### Supervision

- Students are supervised by Barber Middle School staff beginning at 8:00 am each morning when the doors are opened. If they are dropped off prior to 8:00 am, they are not supervised by Barber staff.
- After school, **we provide supervision outside until 4:30 pm**. Any student not picked up by 4:30 pm is not supervised by a campus adult. This does not include scheduled after-school activities.

### Thursday, August 6th - Meet the Teacher 5-6P

- This event is scheduled for Thursday, August 6th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and is structured as a come-and-go event, so feel free to arrive when it works best for your schedule.
- Please park in the main lot in the back of the building and enter the doors near the gym.
- Students may drop off school supplies in their Homeroom classes.

### Wednesday, August 12th - Transition Day-4th Grade Only

- Wednesday, August 12th
- Doors will open at 8:00 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classrooms if they choose.
- Breakfast is available at no cost to all students.
- Students will report to the cafeteria upon arrival for breakfast. First-period lists will be posted on the entrance doors to the building; additionally, staff members will have first-period lists in the hallways and will help direct students.
- All students should be in first-period classes by 8:30 am
- Students will participate in team-building activities, tours of the building, learning routines and expectations, and an assembly!
- School will be released at the normally scheduled time of 4:00 pm

### Thursday, August 13th -Official First Day of School

- First day of school for all students
- Students need to be on campus by 8:15 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classrooms if they choose.

### Monday, September 7

- Labor Day - No school

### Thursday, September 10th-Open House

- Open House and Title One Night from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.



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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2026/2027 VACATION PLANNER

We encourage families to use the dates below when planning vacations, wellness visits, and other appointments to **help support strong student attendance**.  
*Please check with your school for important state-mandated testing windows and other important dates. Thank you for your continued support!*

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|  <b>LABOR DAY</b><br>3 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>9/5 – 9/7          |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>TUESDAY,</b><br><b>SEPTEMBER 8</b>  |
|  <b>FALL BREAK</b><br>6 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>10/8 – 10/13     |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>WEDNESDAY,</b><br><b>OCTOBER 14</b> |
|  <b>THANKSGIVING</b><br>9 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>11/21 – 11/29  |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>MONDAY,</b><br><b>NOVEMBER 30</b>   |
|  <b>WINTER BREAK</b><br>18 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>12/19 – 1/5   |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>WEDNESDAY,</b><br><b>JANUARY 6</b>  |
|  <b>MLK JR. DAY</b><br>3 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>1/16 – 1/18     |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>TUESDAY,</b><br><b>JANUARY 19</b>   |
|  <b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b><br>5 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>2/11 – 2/15 |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>TUESDAY,</b><br><b>FEBRUARY 16</b>  |
|  <b>SPRING BREAK</b><br>10 DAY OPPORTUNITY.<br>3/6 – 3/15    |  <b>RETURN TO SCHOOL</b><br><b>TUESDAY,</b><br><b>MARCH 16</b>     |

★ **THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US!** ★





# BARBER

MIDDLE SCHOOL

## BE PRESENT *like a* GATOR

★ EVERY GATOR. EVERY DAY. ★

Your child's future starts with showing up.



### BE HERE

*Every Day*

Good attendance builds stronger futures.

- ★ Better academic performance
- ★ More confidence
- ★ Stronger skills
- ★ Bright future

 MISSING JUST 2 DAYS A MONTH CAN MEAN MISSING 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!



### BE ON TIME

*Every Time*

Good attendance starts with good habits.

- ★ Arrive on time
- ★ Start the day ready to learn
- ★ Build routines
- ★ Respect learning time

 DOORS CLOSE @ 7:45 AM LET'S START STRONG TOGETHER!



### STAY ALL DAY

*Every Day*

Learning happens all day long.

- ★ Improve test scores
- ★ Build good habits
- ★ Stay on track for success in all classes
- ★ Prepare for tomorrow's opportunities

 EVERY MINUTE COUNTS. EVERY DAY MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR FUTURE!

★ TOGETHER, WE CAN BUILD A STRONG FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS TODAY AND FOR A LIFETIME! ★

 BE HERE. EVERY DAY. |  BE ON TIME. EVERY TIME. |  STAY ALL DAY. EVERY DAY.

*Every Gator. Purpose. Plan. Future.*