



Bay Colony Elementary School

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Bay Colony Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year! We're thrilled to have you and your child join us for another exciting year at Bay Colony Elementary. Our passionate team of educators is dedicated to fostering a safe, supportive, and inspiring learning environment where every student can thrive.

Homeroom lists will be posted inside the school beginning Monday, August 11 at 3:00 p.m.

- If you have not registered or turned in your proof of residency, your child will not have a homeroom assigned.

Registration Information

- Make sure you have completed [online registration](#) for each child in DISD; this must be completed each year.
- A proof of residency is required; you may either upload your proof of residency, bring it to the front office of the school, or email it to Angelina McElroy, Registrar/Attendance Clerk, at amcelroy@dickinsonisd.org.
- The due date for online registration is August 6. This must be completed before your child will receive a homeroom and first day bus transportation.

Monday, August 11, 2025

- All students and parents are invited to drop in for our come-and-go "Meet the Teacher/School Supply Drop Off" event from 3:00-5:00.
- The PTO will be available to sell [BCES Class t-shirts](#) for \$15.

Campus Information

- Campus doors open at 8:00 a.m. to receive students each morning. Please do not leave your child unattended outside of the building prior to 8:00.
- If you drive your child to school, do not drop him/her off in the bus circle, on the street, or on the sidewalk. For the safety of you, your child, and other children, students should ONLY be dropped off in the front car rider circle, or in the back car rider line by the gym prior to the 8:30 start time. Students who arrive after 8:30 a.m. must be signed in by an adult in the front office.

1st Day of School

- For Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten students: Wednesday, August 13, 2025
- For 1st grade, 2nd grade, and 3rd grade: Thursday, August 14, 2025
- Doors will open at 8:00 a.m.
- Parents may escort students into the building.
- Breakfast will be available at no cost to students in the cafeteria.
- Students will report to their homeroom teacher's classroom upon arrival. (They may eat breakfast first if they choose.) Homeroom lists will be posted in the halls, and staff members will have homeroom lists in the hallways and will help direct students.
- If you choose to walk your student to class, please be prepared to show your ID. We want to ensure the safety of all students. This will take some extra time, so you will need to arrive closer to 8:00.

- All students should be in their homeroom classes by **8:30 a.m.**
- If you do not attend the “Meet the Teacher/Supply Drop-off” event on August 11, your student should bring all school supplies to the homeroom teacher.
- School will be dismissed at 4:00 p.m.

Drop Off/Pick Up Guidelines

- Follow the graphics on the map for drop off and pick up.
- In the mornings, drop off may be in the front circle OR in the back car rider line by the gym.
- Pick-up car rider line is **ONLY** in the back by the gym. You may access the back car rider line from Meadow Bay where it connects with the back car rider entrance.
- Do not block driveways or stop signs!
- Do not cut in front of others.
- Buses **ALWAYS** have the right of way. Yield to buses so they may stay on schedule.
- Follow directions of staff members and officers directing traffic.
- If you drive your child to school, do not drop him/her off in the bus circle, on the street, or on the sidewalk. For the safety of you, your child, and other children, students should **ONLY** be dropped off in the front circle or in the back car rider line by the gym.
- Any changes in the way your child will go home **must be communicated with the front office** as soon as possible and no later than 2:00p.m. on the day of the change. This is to provide ample time to make the change and ensure your child gets home safely.



Follow the yellow arrows for dropping off and picking up in the PM.

★ Access the PM car rider line from Cross Colony Dr.

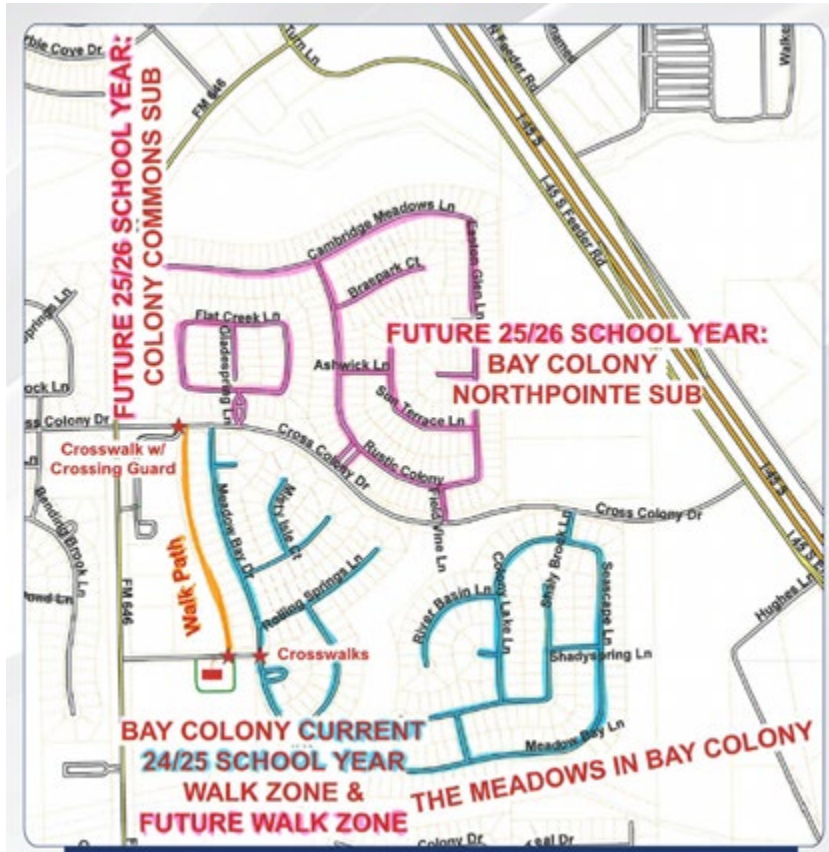
■ All vehicles **MUST** have a car rider tag to enter the driveway.

🚌 Do **NOT** block buses. Buses **ALWAYS** have the right of way.



Walker/Bike Rider Guidelines

- Students who walk or bike ride to/from school are those who live in the walker zones as indicated by the map. (*The Meadows, The Commons, Bay Colony Northpointe*) All others are car riders, bus riders, or daycare riders.
- Parents must complete the [Walker/Bike Rider Acknowledgment Form](#) BEFORE their child will be released as a walker/bike rider.
- Walkers/Bike Riders will be dismissed from the car rider line on rainy days. A call out, email, and Class DoJo message will be sent out when this occurs.
- Pre-K and Kinder age students will not be released without a parent/guardian to meet him/her.
- Any changes in the way your child will go home **must be communicated with the front office** as soon as possible and no later than 2:00p.m. on the day of the change. This is to provide ample time to make the change and ensure your child gets home safely.



Food and Nutrition

- Breakfast will be available to all students at no cost to families.
- Lunch will be \$2.50 per meal.
- Please fill out this [meal application](#) for internal purposes; regardless of the results, your student will continue to receive free breakfast. Eligible students will also receive free or reduced lunch.
- To add money to your student's lunch account, go to [Lunch Money Now](#).

Lunch Visitors

- There is a designated area for parents/visitors to have lunch with their child.
- Parents will call the front office receptionist at their child's campus to make a reservation at one of the designated tables.
- Reservations will be first come, first served, and no more than two people per family will be permitted.
- Any parent/visitor during lunch must be registered as an authorized contact for the student. If the visitor is not listed in Skyward Family Access as a contact or authorized lunch visitor, he/she will not be allowed to enter the campus.

- Parents will have the opportunity to sign up for lunch once per week. This is to allow as many parents as possible the opportunity to sign up and have lunch with their child in the designated area of the cafeteria. We will begin accepting reservations Monday, September 8, 2025.
- While on campus, parents/visitors may only interact with their own child at the designated table, and parents/visitors must leave campus at the conclusion of their child's lunch period.

Personal Communication Devices

- Please be aware that The State of Texas passed new legislation regarding personal communication devices. The law states that students **may not use** any personal communication device during the school day. This includes mobile phones, smart watches, tablets, and air pods/earbuds. If a student uses a device during the school day, staff are required to pick up the device and contact parents. Student discipline will follow the Student Code of Conduct.

School Safety Information

- DISD is committed to the safety of all staff and students. We will be in compliance with Governor Abbot's charge to TEA and the Texas School Safety Center.
- All staff and students will be trained in the Standard Response Protocol.
- Galveston County Sheriffs are assigned to each elementary campus.
- All exterior and interior doors will remain locked; frequent perimeter checks will be implemented to ensure campus security.
- Students and staff will participate in ongoing drills throughout the year to practice what to do in emergency situations.
- Please review [DISD's Preventative Safety Measures](#).

Bus Information

- If you have not requested bus transportation by the August 6 registration cut-off date, your student will not have a bus route until the second week of school, or later.
- Bus route times and stops may be found by reviewing the [Bus Route Information](#) on the DISD website.

Attendance

- School doors open at 8:00 a.m., and dismissal is at 4:00 p.m.
- Students who arrive after 8:30 must be signed in by an adult and will be given a tardy pass to enter class.
- If you must pick your child up at the end of the day, please do so by 3:30 p.m. Any early dismissal will count against perfect attendance unless there is a doctor's note.
- If your child is absent or misses any part of the day for a doctor's appointment, please provide a doctor's note for the absence to be marked as excused.
- Any absence without a doctor's note is included in the 10 day absence limit. Letters will be sent home as unexcused absences are accrued.
- Students who have not been absent, tardy, or left early (unless documented with a doctor's note for the tardy or leave early), will be awarded a Perfect Attendance Award for the nine week period. Students with perfect attendance all year will be awarded a Perfect Attendance Award for the year.
- Absence notes may be sent to school with your child, delivered to the front office, or emailed to Angelina McElroy, Registrar/Attendance Clerk, at amcelroy@dickinsonisd.org.

I understand this letter includes a lot of information, but our goal is to ensure you have everything you need to start the year smoothly. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out—we're always here to help!

Our teaching staff returns on August 6 to prepare for what we believe will be our most meaningful and successful year yet! We are thrilled to welcome your child to Bay Colony, and we are dedicated to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment. We truly look forward to partnering with you for your child's success!

Kind Regards.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Julie O'Gea". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'J'.

Julie O'Gea, Principal