

Temeka Brown, Principal

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Dear Dickinson JH Families,

Welcome to Dickinson Junior High! I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits as we embark on an exciting journey together. Beginning a new school year, it is with immense pleasure and enthusiasm that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you.

The past few years in Dickinson have been defined by tremendous change and growth, and as we move forward, I want to assure you that our top priority is building a culture in which all Gators thrive personally and academically in a positive and safe environment by providing the best levels of support for Every Gator, Every Day.

Additionally, to begin their journey in junior high school, the district has scheduled a transition day on August 14th for our 6th grade students. We will spend time building relationships, practicing routines and procedures, learning the building, and celebrating the start of a new school year. Our core values are represented by the acronym **G.R.E.A.T.** In all that we do and in every area of the building, we will encourage students to **G**ive their personal best daily, **R**espect themselves and others, **E**ngage in learning opportunities, **A**ct with kindness, and **T**ake personal accountability. Consistently teaching, modeling, and celebrating these qualities will empower students to be compassionate leaders and responsible citizens.

As we embark on this journey of growth, excellence, and community, I encourage all of you to actively engage in your child's education. Your involvement and support play a vital role in our shared mission of high levels of learning for all students. We will foster open communication channels (Campus Website, Facebook, e-mail, ClassDojo, etc.) throughout the school year to keep you informed about your child's progress and any updates from the school.

Please review the following pages as they contain important information for the start of the school year. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, feel free to give us a call.

Once again, welcome to Dickinson Junior High. I am confident that your time with us will be filled with remarkable experiences and significant personal growth. Let's work together to make this a remarkable journey of discovery and achievement. Looking forward to meeting you all soon!

Warm regards,

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Registration Information

- **New to DISD-** Centralized Registration will be held at Dickinson HS **August 1 and August 2**. Each campus will have a table set up to help parents get their students enrolled.
- **July 24 - August 7-** Online Registration for returning students. Please access the link below for all information for Back to School.
 - [Back to School 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 or bring it to the front office of the school.
- The due date for online registration is August 7th. **This must be completed before your student will receive a schedule.**

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 web site:

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

Water Bottles

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

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 be in school for at least 90% of the instructional days.

School Start/Dismissal Time. School starts each morning at 7:45 am. We encourage you to arrive early. The building opens to students at 7:15am. First period instruction begins promptly at 7:45. It is critically important that your student arrives at school on time each day.

- **If students arrive by car after 7:45 am, they are tardy and must be signed in at the front office by their parent/guardian.**
- Junior high school dismisses each day at 3:15 pm after the first two days which will dismiss at 3:00pm.

Schedules. Student schedules will be distributed on the first day of school. We will post the first period teacher list on Monday, August 12th.

- 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- <https://forms.gle/GDwNP8QHK1JX364k8>
- We must first honor what students initially selected through their course requests. This data was used to provide the correct number of teachers for our campus.
- We appreciate your patience as we make any changes. Our goal is to work through the list as quickly as we can.

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Bus Information. If you have not requested bus transportation by August 7th, 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.

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 lane, you make an immediate right to move around the drop off/pick up loop. There are 2 lanes which merge at the front of the school.

- 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 doors; the sidewalk is covered and provides a safe path to the doors. This will increase drop off efficiency. There are awesome staff who will guide you, keep traffic moving, and greet you with a smile each morning.

Supervision. Students are supervised by Dickinson Junior High staff beginning at 7:15 am each morning when the doors are opened. If they are dropped off prior to 7:15, they are not supervised by DJHS staff. After school, we provide supervision outside until 3:30pm. Any student not picked up by 3:30pm is not supervised by a campus adult. This does not include scheduled after school activities.

Meal Information. Breakfast is available to all students at no cost to families. The cost for lunch at the junior high is \$2.50 for students. 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 <https://www.lunchmoneynow.com/lmndks/splash.php>

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, I have included the link to DISD expectations for student dress:

<https://www.dickinsonisd.org/upload/page/0736/24-25%20School%20Year/DISD%20Dress%20Codes%2024-25.pdf>

Please access this link and visit with your student about his/her clothing choices.

Cell Phones, headphones and mobile technology. To ensure high levels of learning for ALL students, we require that cell phones be turned off and put away **out of sight** in a purse or backpack. Cell phone messages may be checked by students during lunch. DJHS students are provided with technology resources including chromebooks and headphones as needed. Personal headphones, earbuds and other personal technology items should be either left at home or put **out of sight** in a purse or backpack. **We ask that you support our efforts to ensure your student's academic success by reinforcing our expectations regarding cell phones and other personal technology.**

School Wide Fundraiser

We're excited to announce our first school wide fundraiser, kicking off on August 20th through Vertical Raise! All proceeds will go towards supporting student events and essential instructional items. Plus, we're aiming to raise enough funds to purchase a bike rack for the side of the building, courtyard games for incentives, and supplies and materials to start up clubs and activities (video gaming/programming/coding, cameras for yearbook club, supplies

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for robotics, etc). As a special incentive, the top 5 students who raise the most money will receive a prize! More details to come.

Summer Band-August 1st, 2nd, 5th, and 6th

- Summer Band Camp 9am-1pm in DJH Band Hall

Volleyball Tryouts

- 8th grade: August 15-16
- 7th grade: August 19-20
- After school until 5:30pm
- Students must have physical and rankonesport.com documents completed.
- Direct questions to Girls Athletic Coordinator, Cat Flores-cflores@dickinsonisd.org

Football Information

- No tryouts for football. All interested can participate.
- We will pass out equipment and assign athletics/football lockers on August 6th 5:00-6:00 p.m. (Must have a Physical)
- Football Parent Meeting on August 6th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym
- Students must have physical and rankonesport.com documents completed.
- Direct questions to Boys Athletic Coordinator, Rodney Smith-rsmith@dickinsonisd.org

August 12th - Back to School BLITZ - Any DJHS student

- This event is scheduled for Monday, August 12th from 5:30-7:00 pm and is structured as a come-and-go event so feel free to arrive when it works best for your schedule.
- Students will receive their schedule.
- Please park in the main lot in the back of the building and enter the doors near the gym and cafeteria.
- Students may drop off school supplies in their first period classes.

August 14th -Transition Day-6th Grade Only

- Wednesday, August 14th
- Doors will open at 7:15 a.m.
- Parents will be allowed to walk students to their classrooms if they choose.
- Breakfast is available at no cost to all students in the cafe.
- Students will report to their first period teacher's classroom upon arrival. (they may eat breakfast first if they choose). 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 7:40 a.m.
- Students will participate in team building activities, tours of the building, learning routines and expectations. and an assembly!
- School will be released 15 minutes early at 3:00 p.m.

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August 15th -Official First Day of School

- First day of school for all students
- Students need to be on campus by 7:40 a.m.
- *Early Release at 3:00*

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday

- We will release fifteen minutes early at 3:00 p.m. on August 14th, 15th, and 16th.

August 27th

- Open House and Title One Night from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 2

- Labor Day - No school

School Supply List

- Please note that JH students will need headphones with a regular circular jack. The specific 9mm is not required.

2024-2025 Supply List for all Dickinson ISD Junior Highs

(Dickinson JH, Kranz, McAdams)

1 2-inch binder
10 plastic folders with pockets and brads
(2 of each color: red, yellow, blue, green, black)
72 pencils
4 gluesticks
2 rolls of Scotch tape
2 boxes of colored pencils
1 pair of scissors
1 package of Expo markers
1 package of highlighters
2 boxes of tissues
4 packages of notebook paper
2 packages of index cards
2 packages of 3x3 post-it notes
6 composition books (2 RLA, 2 History,
1 Math, 1 Science)
1 pair of headphones/earbuds with round
9 mm jack

Electives:

Elective classes, such as Drama, Art, Band
and Choir, will provide a supply list
on the first day of school.

Athletics:

1 uniform to be purchased at school for \$20.

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Mission

The mission of Dickinson Junior High is to provide a safe and nurturing environment in which ALL students learn at high levels.

Vision

We empower students with quality learning experiences that foster their social, emotional, and academic growth in order for them to thrive as productive members of society.

GATEWAY TO GATOR GREATNESS

Guidelines for Success

Giving your personal best daily.

Respect yourself and others.

Engage in learning opportunities.

Act with kindness.

Taking personal responsibility.

