

Temeka Brown, Principal

August 2025

Dear Dickinson JH Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year at Dickinson Junior High! We are excited to welcome back our returning Gators and extend a heartfelt greeting to all the new students and families joining our school community.

A new school year brings fresh energy, renewed purpose, and endless opportunities. This year, we proudly embrace our theme: **"Building on Our Success!"** Over the past two years, we've worked together to create a strong culture of learning and growth. We've overcome challenges, celebrated achievements, and remained focused on our mission—serving students and families with excellence. That momentum continues as we look ahead to a year filled with connection, progress, and purpose.

To support our incoming 6th graders, the district has scheduled a special transition day on **August 13th**. During this day, students will build relationships, learn routines and procedures, explore the campus, and celebrate the exciting start of their junior high journey. We couldn't be more excited to welcome our newest gators!

At DJH, our core values are captured in the acronym **G.R.E.A.T.**—**G**ive your personal best daily, **R**espect yourself and others, **E**ngage in learning, **A**ct with kindness, and **T**ake personal accountability. These guiding principles shape our school culture and empower students to grow into compassionate leaders and responsible citizens.

As we begin this new chapter, I encourage you to stay actively engaged in your child's education. Your partnership is vital to their success. We are committed to open, consistent communication and will keep you informed through our website, Facebook, and email updates.

Please review the following pages for important information to help your child start the year strong. If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Once again, welcome to Dickinson Junior High! I'm looking forward to an incredible year ahead—filled with meaningful experiences, academic growth, and continued success.

With Gator Pride,

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Registration Information

- **New to DISD-** Centralized Registration will be held at Dickinson HS **July 31 and August 1**. Each campus will have a table set up to help parents get their students enrolled.
- **July 22 - August 6-** 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 6th. **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>

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).
- DJHS provides Chromebooks and headphones for instructional use; personal technology is not required.
- Failure to comply will result in progressive disciplinary action.

We appreciate your support in promoting student success and compliance with state law.

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. See the important dates below.

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.

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- **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.

School Wide Fundraiser

- We're excited to announce our first school wide fundraiser, kicking off on August 22th 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 courtyard games for incentives and supplies and materials to start up clubs and activities (video gaming/programming/coding, cameras for yearbook club, supplies for robotics, etc).
- As a special incentive, the top 5 students who raise the most money will receive a prize! More details to come.

Student Schedules

- Student schedules will be posted in Skyward on August 11th.
- 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/mdzRPHwkxtqvT6hw9>
- 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.
- Hard copies of student schedules will be distributed on the first day of school.
- We will post the first-period teacher list on Monday, August 13th for 6th grade transition day and the first official day of school, August 14th to assist those students who could not access via Skyward.
- We appreciate your patience as we make any changes. Our goal is to work through the list as quickly as we can.

Bus Information

If you have not requested bus transportation by August 6th, 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 up 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 members who will guide you, keep traffic moving, and greet you with a smile each morning.

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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 \$2.75 for students.

- **Please fill out [this](#) meal application for internal purposes; regardless of the results, your student will continue to receive breakfast.**
- 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/0020/Dress%20Code%202025-2026.pdf> Please access this link and visit with your student about his/her clothing choices.

Water Bottles

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

School Supply List

- See below or using this link- https://www.dickinsonisd.org/upload/page/0950/Junior%20High%20Supply%20List_1.pdf
- Elective Classes, such as Theatre, Art, Band, and Choir, will provide a supply list on the first day of school.
- New for 2025-2026 One-time \$30 mandatory art fee for junior high art elective students. Students will be charged via Skyward on August 25, 2025.
- Athletics: 1 uniform to be purchased at school for \$20.

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

- July 28th-August 1st: 10am-1pm summer band in DJH band hall
- August 1st: 12pm-1pm parent performance in DJH auditorium
- August 4th-5th: 10am-1pm - Honors Band sectionals in DJH band hall
- August 6th-7th: 7:15am-8am and 4pm-5:30pm - Honors Band sectionals in DJH band hall

Volleyball Tryouts

- 8th grade: August 14-15
- 7th grade: August 18-19
- After school until 5:30pm
- Students must have physical and rankonesport.com documents completed.
- Direct questions to Girls Athletic Coordinator, Karina Alvarado-kalvarado@dickinsonisd.org

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Football Information

- No tryouts for football. All interested can participate.
- We will pass out equipment and assign athletics/football lockers on August 11th 4:00-5:00 p.m. (Must have a Physical)
- Football Parent Meeting on August 11th at 5:00 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 11th - Back to School BLITZ - Any DJHS student

- This event is scheduled for Monday, August 11th from 5:30-6:30 pm and is structured as a come-and-go event so feel free to arrive when it works best for your schedule.
- This event is focused on our 6th grade students and students new to the campus.
- 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 13th -Transition Day-6th Grade Only

- Wednesday, August 13th
- 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.
- 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.

August 14th -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 13th, 14th, and 15th.

August 26th

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

September 1

- Labor Day - No school

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DICKINSON ISD JUNIOR HIGH SUPPLY LIST

2025-2026

FOR ALL JUNIOR HIGH CAMPUSES : DICKINSON JUNIOR, KRANZ JUNIOR, AND MCADAMS JUNIOR | GRADES 6-8

- 10 plastic folders with pockets and brads (2 of each color: red, yellow, blue, green, black)
- 24 pencils
- 4 glue sticks
- 2 boxes of colored pencils
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 package of Expo markers
- 1 package of multi-colored highlighters
- 4 packages of wide ruled 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
- 4 boxes of tissues
- 1 package of copy paper
- 1 graph paper (1in)

The lists on this page are generic lists of supplies needed. Individual teachers may request additional items during the first week of school or as needs arise during the school year.

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.

A vibrant graphic for "Back to School Blitz". The central focus is a white, fluffy cloud shape containing the text "BACK TO SCHOOL BLITZ" in bold, black, stylized lettering. Above the main title, a black banner with blue text reads "JOIN OUR". The entire graphic is surrounded by various school supplies and stationery items, including scissors, glue bottles, pencils, pens, notebooks, books, rulers, protractors, compasses, erasers, paper clips, and stars, all set against a background of large blue star shapes.

**PLEASE PARK IN THE
BACK OF THE SCHOOL.**

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2025 DJHS VOLLEYBALL TRYOUTS



8th: AUG 14 & 15

7th: AUG 18 & 19



3:30 -5:30pm

MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS



Must have a physical on file dated after April 1st & all Rank One paperwork must be complete



Deadline to turn in physicals is on the first day of school, Aug. 14



If you make the team, first day of practice will be Aug. 20th

**USE QR CODE
TO SIGN-UP**



EMAIL QUESTIONS TO KALVARADO@DICKINSONISD.ORG

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DICKINSON JH SUMMER BAND

Week 1 (July 28-August 1) is **required** for Honors, Symphonic, and Concert band.

Week 2 (August 4-7) is **required** for Honors band and optional to others. Only attend your instrument's sectional.

JULY 28-AUGUST 1

10.00 AM - 1.00 PM | EVERYONE

PARENT EXHIBITION ON AUGUST 1ST AT NOON IN THE AUDITORIUM

AUGUST 4-5

10.00 AM - 11.00 AM | Flute, Trumpet, Saxes

11.00 AM - 12.00 PM | Clarinet, Tuba/Euph, Horn

12.00 PM - 1.00 PM | Trombone, Percussion, Oboe/Bassoon

AUGUST 6-7

7.15 AM - 8.00 AM | Flute, Trumpet, Saxes

4.00 PM - 4.45 PM | Clarinet, Tuba/Euph, Horn

4.45 PM - 5.30 PM | Trombone, Percussion, Oboe/Bassoon

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ADDITIONAL INFO



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Effective 2025-2026

**NEW TEXAS LAW
REGARDING**

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES



House Bill 1481 prohibits students from using personal communication devices during the school day. The new law applies to:

- Cell phones
- Non-district issued electronic devices
- Smartwatches
- Air Pods and all Bluetooth-enabled devices including headphones.
- Tablets or iPads
- Any device that connects to wifi.

Personal devices must be turned off and put away during the school day.
Devices must be stored in a backpack, bag, or a purse. Devices cannot be stored in clothing pockets. The school day is defined as the first bell to the dismissal bell.

Use in the Hallways

The use of personal communication devices is prohibited at all times.

Use at Lunch

Lunch is considered part of the school day therefore the use of electronic devices is prohibited under Texas Law.

REQUIRED CONSEQUENCES

The Texas Law requires school districts to administer disciplinary consequences if students violate the personal communication device policy in schools.

Dickinson ISD has progressive disciplinary consequences for violation of the personal communications device policy.

Disciplinary consequences include confiscation of the device, required parent pickup, or other student code of conduct consequences.

If you have questions, please contact your campus administrator.