



Robert P. Brabham Middle School

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Hello Bobkat Parents:

We are so excited about this upcoming school year. We've listed some general information below for you to review to prepare for the upcoming school year. Please contact us if you have any additional questions.

Immunization Requirements for all Incoming Seventh Graders

All 7th graders must have paperwork indicating receipt of the following immunizations: Tdap (tetanus/pertussis) booster, 2 Varicella vaccines, and meningitis vaccine prior to attending school.

Bell Schedule

1 st period:	7:30-8:18 (48 minutes)
2 nd period:	8:22-9:09 (47 minutes)
Bobkat Time:	9:13-9:43 (30 minutes) *Bobkat Time is an opportunity for students to receive help in a specific content area, have enrichment time or study.
3 rd period:	9:47-10:34 (47 minutes)
4 th period:	10:38-12:14 (96 minutes)
A lunch: 10:38-11:08	
B lunch: 11:11-11:41	
C lunch: 11:44-12:14	
5 th period:	12:18-1:06 (48)
6 th period:	1:10-1:58 (48)
7 th period:	2:02-2:50 (48)

Athletic Physicals (7th and 8th grade students)

If your child is participating in athletics on campus this year, a properly completed doctor-signed physical is required before an athlete can begin participation in the organization. It must be dated April 2018 or later. WISD Physical paperwork is available on the BMS website or at the BMS front desk. Students wanting to play after school sports, but not enrolled in the Athletic class, must also have this paperwork on file.

Student Drop off/Pick Up

Drop off and pick up are in the front of the school. You must go ALL the way around the car line. Please make sure your student only enters and exits the car on the curb (right) side of the car. Cell phone use is prohibited by law. Please pull all the way up to the back of each car in line. Please have your student exit the car once you have passed the *Drop Your Student Here* sign. Students may get dropped off starting at 6:55am and must be picked up by 3:10pm daily. Students may not be dropped off, nor picked up in the large parking lot between BMS and Meador Elementary. This lot is reserved for employees and busses only.

Communication

Please make sure that the school has your most current contact information (including address, phone number and email address). Our mass contact list is generated from the student information in TEAMS. Our school website has tons of information for parents, students and the community. Please follow us on Twitter, @BrabhamBobkats. Our PTO also has a Twitter and Facebook page.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education—to benefit from teacher-led and school activities, to build each day’s learning on the previous day’s, and to grow as an individual. Absences from class may result in serious disruption of a student’s mastery of the instructional materials; therefore, the student and parent should make every effort to avoid unnecessary absences. Two state laws—one dealing with the required presence of school-aged children in school, e.g., compulsory attendance, the other with how a child’s attendance affects the award of a student’s final grade or course credit—are of special interest to students and parents.

Vaping Awareness

Nationally there has been a significant increase in “vaping” among teenagers. This terminology may also be known as e-cigarettes. E-cigarettes are hand-held devices that heat liquid fused with nicotine or other substances. Students across the country can, and are, vaping many different substances. Many of the devices used by teenagers to “vape” are not easily recognizable and appear as a normal writing pen or elongated USB thumb drive. In order to deceive parents/guardians, these devices which appear to be a regular USB thumb drive even light up when plugged into a USB receptacle. This also charges the battery used to heat the liquids. Among the most popular is a device known as a “JUUL” which harbors the liquid substance at the end. Teenagers find these devices attractive to use because the vapor emitted is hard to detect and generally they do not feel as if they are as harmful as traditional cigarettes. A recent study that came out in February of 2018 has found that the vapor of these devices contains lead and other metals dangerous to all, not just the user. These devices and contents are prohibited on campus.

Lunches

Please visit the district website, go to the Parents tab and click on Cafeterias to load money onto your student’s lunch account. You may also send cash or check with your student. Deliveries of fast food for lunch will not be accepted. If you would like to have lunch with your child, we have a designated area for that in the front office.

Parent Self-Serve

The best way to keep up with your student’s grades, attendance and other information is through the Teams Parent Self-Serve application. Please sign up by going to the district website, go to the Parents tab and click on Parent Self-Serve. If you have any issues with setting up an account, please contact our campus registrar, Ashlee Burns at aburns@willisisd.org or 936-890-2312.

Relearning Policy

If a student wants to relearn the material for a major assessment, the student will have an opportunity to be reassessed. The student must complete a reflection sheet from the teacher and obtain a parent signature. The signed reflection sheet must be submitted to the teacher in order to attend a minimum of 30 minutes of tutorials before being allowed to retest. The student will be retested with a different test covering the same knowledge/skills. The tutorial session and retest must take place within one week of the failing grade being posted.

Completing test corrections for the original test will not be used for a test grade or retest grade credit.

Late Work Policy (Daily Work)

Students are required to submit assignments to their teachers on or before the assigned due date.

In all courses and elective courses, late work (daily assignments) will only be accepted for up to 5 school days after the assigned due date. The assignment will be accepted and graded, but 25 points will be deducted from the earned grade.

Electronic Device/Cell Phone Policy

Student may not use electronic devices from 6:50am until 2:50pm. Student electronic devices may not be seen or heard from 6:50am until 2:50pm. All devices must be powered off and in a backpack during school hours. If a device is seen or heard, it will be confiscated and brought to the front office. In addition to school discipline, the first offense, the student may pick up the device at the front office between 2:50pm and 3:15pm for a \$5 fee. On the second and any subsequent offenses, the parent must pick it up from 2:50-3:15pm for a \$15 fee.

Dress Code Policy

Students may not wear clothing with holes above mid-thigh. All shorts, skirts, dresses, etc. are to be mid-thigh or longer. Pajamas, house shoes/slippers and trench coats are not allowed to be worn to school. Undergarments including boxers, underwear, bras, etc. must not be visible. Please see the WISD Student Handbook for further details.

Field Trip/Extracurricular Events Criteria (non-UIL events)

Requirements for Eligibility:

- Must be passing all classes when field trip form is due.
- May not have more than 3 (not including medical) absences each semester.
- May not have more than 5 tardies for the semester.
- May not have been assigned ISS during the semester.

***If a student fails to meet any of the requirements after payment is received,
no refunds will be issued.***

Upcoming Events

8/28/18: Fall pictures

9/4/18: Open House, 6-8pm

5/22/19: Awards Night, 6-8pm