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BEAR NECESSITIES

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Stay Connected

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Principal Message

Bailey Families,

Welcome to the 2025–2026 school year! Whether you are joining us for the first time or are returning for another year, we are thrilled to welcome you and your student(s) to Bailey Middle School. The beginning of a new school year is always a time filled with anticipation, excitement, and opportunity—and we are ready to make this year a great one!

At Bailey, we are committed to fostering a safe, supportive, and engaging environment where all students can grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Our dedicated teachers and staff have been working hard over the summer to prepare meaningful and enriching learning experiences for your children.

Communication and collaboration with families is a cornerstone of our success. We encourage you to stay connected through our school website, newsletters, and social media, and to reach out whenever you have questions or concerns. Together, we can ensure a positive and productive year for every student.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming Back-to-School Night on Aug 27th, where you'll have the chance to meet our teachers, explore classrooms, and learn more about what's ahead. See you soon!

–Mr. Lancaster



Upcoming Events

Aug. 19- First Day 🐻

Aug. 20- Football Practice

Aug. 20-22
Volleyball Tryouts
7th grade 6:30-8am
8th grade 4-5:30pm

*must have physical form turned in to coaches to participate in tryouts or practice.

Important Links

- [Austin ISD Dress Code](#)
- [BMS Student Success Guide](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Parent Information Hub](#)
- [Opt-in Forms \(coming soon\)](#)

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AWAY FOR THE DAY

House Bill 1481:
During the most recent legislative session, Texas lawmakers passed, and Gov. Greg Abbott signed into law, House Bill 1481, which prohibits students from using personal devices on district premises during school hours.

EFFECTIVE THIS SCHOOL YEAR,

House Bill 1481 requires all Texas school districts to prohibit the use of "personal wireless communication devices"—defined as any wireless electronic communication device, other than one issued by the school for instructional purposes, that is capable of transmitting or receiving data.

Items that must now be turned off and put away on Austin ISD campuses from bell to bell:

- Personal cell phones
- Tablets
- Gaming devices
- Smart watches
- Bluetooth headphones or earbuds
- Fitness trackers that can send or receive messages
- Personal (non-district-issued) computers (laptops and Chromebooks)
- Two-way radios
- Pagers
- Any other device capable of digital communication

District issued student devices

If your student previously used their personal device, please contact your school district to request a district issued student device.