

# Bear Necessities



I wanted to follow up on the email I sent yesterday regarding our 2023 accountability rating and provide some additional context.

Bailey Middle School received an overall "B" rating. While we are proud of the work reflected in that rating, it's important to note that it is based on STAAR assessment results from nearly two years ago following significant changes to the state's evaluation system and ongoing legal challenges that have affected how schools across Texas are assessed.

To provide further perspective, Austin ISD as a whole shifted from a "B" district in 2019 to a "C" in 2023. Across the district, 30 schools were identified as "F"-rated—16 of which had previously been rated "B." This trend is not isolated to Austin; across Texas, the number of schools rated "F" increased by 233%.

Although Bailey maintained a "B" rating, I want to ensure our community understands the broader context, especially as these ratings may be highlighted in the media in the coming days. Please know that regardless of any label or rating, my commitment remains the same: to make Bailey a safe, supportive, and academically rigorous school for **all** of our students.

-Mr. Lancaster

## 8th Grade Panoramic Picture

Wednesday 4/30



Bailey Middle School

8th Grade Panoramic Picture  
Wednesday, April 30th  
At 8:30am

Option #1 - Online  Pre-order Code: <b>BAILEY</b> <small>**Code expires at midnight on picture day**</small>	Option #2 Bring money to lunch on <b>Thursday, May 1st</b>
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All students will pick up pictures on May 1st during lunch

We Accept Cash, Check, or Debit/Credit Cards  
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "Goldbeck Company"

\$30.00 – 1 large laminated formal <small>*Not available prepay*</small>	\$35.00 – 2 Picture Package (1 large laminated formal & 1 medium informal)
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### Upcoming Events

- 4/30- 8th Grade Panoramic Picture
- 4/30- Musical Theater Spring Showcase
- 5/1- Star Strutter Dance Showcase
- 5/2- Guitar Spring Concert

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 Recognize Outstanding Bailey Staff Here  
**RAVE AWARD**

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[BMS Student Success Guide](#)  
[BMS Bell Schedule](#)  
[BMS Staff Directory](#)  
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**If your student is interested in Playing Football as a 7th grader next year at Bailey, make sure they have a completed physical submitted to Coach Parker prior to football camp on May 14th and 15th after school.**

