

## **Reagan Middle School New Student Orientation FAQs 23-24**

### **General Information**

**What is the number for the Front Office?**

- (972) 522-7300

**Can this be used to answer questions throughout the year?**

- The easiest thing to do is email your questions to us during the school year as the Google Form is unmonitored after New Student Orientation is over.

**Do we have A Day/B Day scheduling?**

- No, we run a 7 period day with periods lasting approximately 45 minutes each.

**Do students get lockers?**

- Students who participate in athletics and/or PE are assigned lockers.
- You should purchase a combination lock (NOT a lock with a key) to secure belongings.
- We do not issue academic lockers in the hallways.

**If my student didn't get his/her ID picture taken during Orientation, when will be the next opportunity?**

- During the first day, students will be called down during PE or Athletics to get their picture taken and IDs distributed.

**Can students bring water bottles?**

- Yes, as long as they are not glass.

### **Dress Code**

**Are Crocs allowed?**

- Yes, but please keep in mind that appropriate footwear is required for PE and Athletics.

**Can students wear distressed jeans?**

- Yes, but there are holes or tears that would show skin, leggings must be worn underneath.

**Can students wear smart watches?**

- Yes, but they must not be used from the moment they walk into the building up until the 4:15 dismissal bell.

## **Transportation, Drop Off, and Pick Up**

### **How do we register for transportation?**

- If you live within 2 miles of Reagan, no bus transportation is provided.
- Outside of the 2 mile radius, bus transportation is provided if you are within our attendance zone. To check to see whether or not a bus is available, visit <https://www.gpisd.org/transportation>
- Bus service starts on Monday, August 14th, 2023 (First Day of School)
- No registration is required if a bus services your area, your child is already assigned to that bus.
- No out of district transportation is provided

### **What is the earliest time that students can be dropped off?**

- 8:00 AM

### **Where do students wait if they are not picked up after 4:30 PM?**

- All students are escorted to the front of the building by Door 1.

### **Does Reagan have after school care for students?**

- Unfortunately, we do not provide after school care for students.
- Tutoring is provided by teachers on certain days, and those will be communicated by teachers once the year gets underway.
- Parents often use social media to see if there are other students who live in their neighborhood in order to set up carpools.

### **Are there extracurricular activities after school?**

- Yes, but they do not necessarily meet every day or even every week.
- Once clubs and extracurricular activities get started, we will notify parents and students of their schedule.

### **Are there crossing guards at Bardin?**

- Yes, we have staff members who are stationed at both the northern and southern crosswalks on Bardin.

## **Lunches**

### **Are parents allowed to drop off homemade meals?**

- Yes, but it must only be for your student, and NOT for their friends.

### **What time is 6th Grade Lunch?**

- Students' lunch times are organized by teacher, and not by grade level, however most 6th graders have A Lunch, which is 12:00 PM to 12:30 PM. Students will receive their lunch period on the first day of school.

### **Are outside food deliveries such as Uber Eats, Door Dash, etc. allowed?**

- No, only parents/guardians listed in Skyward may deliver food to their student and for their student only.

### **Can I eat lunch with my student?**

- Yes, as long as it is during your child's regularly scheduled lunch period. In other words, your student cannot miss instruction time to eat with a parent.
- We have designated tables at the front of the Cafeteria so that you can join your child.
- During summative and State testing, we do not allow food deliveries nor visitors to eat lunch in order to maintain a secure testing environment.

## **Academics**

### **Do students receive academic books?**

- Some teachers have classroom sets of books or the textbook can be accessed online via the students' iPads.

### **Do students change for PE?**

- Yes, coaches will provide instructions on how students should dress out for PE.

### **Which PE class is required to play 7th or 8th Grade Soccer?**

- Either the Boys or Girls Athletics class.

### **What school supplies are needed?**

- Teachers will notify students what supplies they will need during the first week of school.

### **How can I see my child's STAAR scores from last year?**

- Once official scores have been released by TEA, we will send out communication with instructions on how to access your child's scores.

**What do you hope students develop from Reagan Middle School compared to other middle schools in GPISD?**

- We develop well-rounded students to be critical thinkers, leaders, and responsible community members who are prepared for high school and beyond.
- All GPISD schools are wonderful places to learn, but I (Mr. Lee) am partial and think Reagan is the best!

### **Technology**

**My child does not have an iPad from elementary school or we are transferring from outside of GPISD. How does he/she receive one?**

- iPads will be issued to new students who do not have one as soon as possible. Please have your child go to the Library and let Ms. Cortez know that an iPad is needed.

**How can my child get a new iPad case?**

- Please have your child go to the Library and let Ms. Cortez know that an iPad case is needed. We have limited replacements at this time, but we will do our best to provide one.

**If we purchased iPad insurance last year, do we need to purchase it again for the current 2023-2024 school year?**

- Yes, insurance is only good for the academic year in which it was purchased.
- We highly recommend purchasing the optional iPad insurance via MySchoolBucks each year.

**What's the deadline for my child's GT nomination?**

- Please reach out to our Advanced Academics Coordinator, [Shelia.Bean@gpisd.org](mailto:Shelia.Bean@gpisd.org)

**Artificial Intelligence will have a huge impact in the future of our children, much like the internet with generation Y and millennials. Since it's best to learn practically anything at a very young age, what steps is Reagan Middle School prepared to take to prepare our children for their future with artificial Intelligence?**

- Teachers use a variety of instructional strategies in the classroom, some of which involve technology. We encourage teachers to teach their students appropriate use of technology and also encourage parents to do the same.
- Our teachers not only teach content, but also critical thinking skills and responsibility to ensure our students are prepared for high school and beyond.