

Reagan Middle School New Student Orientation FAQs 24-25

General Information

What time does school start and end?

- The tardy bell rings at 8:50 AM and we dismiss at 4:15 PM.
- Students should plan on arriving before 8:50 AM to give time to pass through security, eat breakfast (if they'd like to eat), and head to their Advisory class.

What are the rules regarding phones?

- Phones are to be turned off and placed in backpacks from the moment the student walks through the door until the day ends at 4:15 PM.
- If you need to pass along a message to your child, please call the Front Office at (972) 522-7300.
- Handheld gaming systems should remain at home and not brought to school.

How will students know where to go on the first day?

- We recommend that students check their schedule on the evening of Monday, August 12th to take a screenshot of Skyward before arriving at school.
- Posters will be hung in the Cafeteria and Gym with the student's name and Advisory class, which is where they will report first thing every day.
- Paper copies of schedules will also be distributed in Advisory on the first day of school.
- Staff will be available in the hallways before school and during all passing periods to direct students to where they need to go.

Are metal water bottles allowed?

- Any type of water bottle is allowed, except for glass.

Will the students be using the lockers in the hallways?

- No, we don't use the lockers located in the hallways. However, lockers are used in the locker rooms for Athletics, Dance, and PE. Please see additional information in the Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, and Fine Arts section below.

Will students have homework and how will they work on it if iPads stay at school?

- Yes, students may periodically have homework that requires a device, and we will provide options for students who do not have a device at home.

I have questions regarding AM Drop Off. Who can I contact?

- Please reach out to Mr. Herrera at Rito.Herrera@gpisd.org.

Safety and Security

Are there metal detectors?

- Yes, we have walk-through metal detectors as well as wands if the walk-through metal detectors continue to go off for a student. We do not pat-down students.

What are the backpack requirements?

- For full details, please visit <https://www.gpisd.org/backpacks>

Transportation, Drop Off, and Pick Up

How can I see if my child is eligible to ride the bus?

- Go to <https://www.infofinderi.com/ifi/?cid=GPI2RRBOOJHI> and enter your address to determine the bus route and stop information.

Special Education

What is "SPROG"?

- That stands for "Special Programs" such as CARE LS, CARE SS, and Functional Skills, which refer to our special education units on our campus.

My son will be in the SPED program, and I want to make sure discuss the procedures more privately, if possible.

- Please reach out to our Assistant Principal, Mr. Herrera, at Rito.Herrera@gpisd.org for details regarding procedures.

My student receives Dyslexia services, how are those services provided?

- Students will have "Reading MTA" on their schedules, which is a class period dedicated to Dyslexia.

How do I or my child communicate her needs or accommodations that she is receiving services for her Dyslexia?

- Your daughter's IEP will be shared with all of her teachers to make them aware of her accommodations. If you have specific concerns, please reach out to our Assistant Principal, Mr. Herrera, at Rito.Herrera@gpisd.org.

Advanced Academics

Do Advanced classes receive more homework?

- Advanced classes have a more in-depth study of subjects at an accelerated pace.

Breakfast/Lunch

Is breakfast provided for free to all students like in elementary?

- Breakfast is \$1.60 for full pay students and free for reduced pay students.

Will bus riders have time to eat breakfast?

- Yes, breakfast service will still be available after busses arrive.

Are there microwaves for the kids to use?

- There are no microwaves available for student use. We have seen parents pack hot lunches in a Thermos-style container for hot food as an alternative to warming up meals.

Dress Code

Can students wear hoodies but not have the hood up or no hoodies at all?

- Hoodies are allowed, as long as the hood is not up on the student's head.
- For full GPISD Dress Code details, please see <https://www.gpisd.org/DressCode>.

Can students wear hats to school?

- Hats must be removed before entering the building.

Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, and Fine Arts

There is a combo lock on the supply list, is that applicable to 6th grade?

- Yes, we highly recommend that all students who are in either Athletics, PE, Archery, or Dance purchase a combination lock. This will ensure that students' valuables are locked up securely in the lockers in the locker room.

If my sixth grader has an extracurricular activity that's not school related but she has to carry her bag is there an area to keep them since lockers will not be accessed?

- 6th Graders who are in Dance or Archery will have the ability to utilize a locker in the locker room.

Is there a boys basketball club for 6th graders after school?

- Unfortunately, there is no basketball club for 6th Graders.
- For regular athletic teams (Football, Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer, and Track), UIL regulations only allow for 7th Graders and 8th Graders to participate.

When will band do instrument selection?

- Ms. Milton sent communication via email to all parents of Band students last week. If you did not receive the information regarding instrument fitting, please email her at Rachel.Milton@gpisd.org.

Can students borrow an instrument, or do they have to buy one?

- Students will be able to borrow an instrument.

If students need to exit the nearest hallway, how do that get their instruments from the Band Hall or Orchestra Room?

- Students will exit the nearest hallway and then return to the exterior Band entrance (Door 22).