Mission Statement
Katy Independent School District, the leader in educational excellence, together with family and community, provides unparalleled learning experiences designed to prepare and inspire each student to live an honorable, fulfilling life ... to create the future.
Safety & Security

Visiting Your Campus
For the safety and security of students and staff, all visitors must provide a valid driver’s license or passport to check in at the campus front office and sign in through Raptor, the visitor tracking system.

Checking Students Out of School
Procedures have been established for releasing students from campus. For details regarding identification, permission and verification for releasing students, speak to your campus administration.

Closings and Emergency Notifications
Information regarding school closings and emergency notifications can be found on the Katy ISD website, local TV and radio stations, and on social media (Facebook and Twitter).

Student Safety
Each campus has a safety liaison who is responsible for planning, mitigating and responding to safety and security issues. To report a safety or security concern related to school property or a school-sponsored event, call your child’s campus principal or safety liaison.

Bullying
Bullying of any type is not tolerated in Katy ISD. The definition of bullying, as written in the Texas Education Code, can be found in the Katy ISD Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct.

SpeakUP
SpeakUP is an anonymous reporting system for submitting student and school-related safety and well-being tips and concerns. All tips are thoroughly investigated by campus personnel, police, and/or a crisis management team. SpeakUP is a mobile app that is available through the Apple Store and Google Play.

KatyConnect Hotline
KatyConnect is a crisis hotline staffed by mental health professionals available 24/7 to secondary students who need to talk to someone about a problem they are experiencing. Parents may contact the hotline to report a concern about a student. Access information for KatyConnect is printed on the back of all ID badges for secondary students as follows: KatyConnect at (281) 234-2326.

Katy ISD Police
To report a crime occurring on school property or at a school-sponsored event, call the Katy ISD Police Department at (281) 237-4000, 24 hours a day. If a life-threatening emergency occurs, call 9-1-1 immediately.

Responsible Use Guidelines
Katy ISD makes a variety of communication and information technologies available to students through computer, network and internet access. Responsible Use Guidelines are intended to minimize the likelihood of harm by educating students and setting standards which will serve to protect the District. View the Responsible Use Guidelines, Discipline Management Plan and the Student Code of Conduct online at www.katyisd.org.

Truancy Enforcement
Truancy enforcement officers work closely with campus administrators to prevent unexcused absences. However, when all interventions and truancy prevention measures fail, charges may be brought against parents or students who intentionally violate the state compulsory attendance statutes. Additionally, fines may be levied against parents and students. For more information about compulsory attendance laws, call the Katy ISD Police Department at (281) 237-4000 or the Campus Administrative Support Department at (281) 396-2357.

Discipline Management Plan and Student Code of Conduct
This handbook covers important topics including student conduct, compulsory attendance and problem resolution steps. It can be reviewed online at www.katyisd.org.

Safety and Emergency Management
The Office of Emergency Management develops and oversees the implementation of the comprehensive safety program. An important part of this program is the emergency operations plan, including emergency drills. Contact the designated safety liaison for your campus if additional assistance is needed.

Parent Resources

Home Access Center (HAC)
The HAC allows parents to access their student’s schedule, homeroom teacher, grades, assignments, test scores, and absences. Parents can also update basic parent/guardian contact information. The HAC username and password can also be used for “OnTheGo” and Canvas Parent as an Observer.

Before- and After-School Programs
Several elementary campuses have before- and after-school programs provided by the following:

Busy Bee
For information, contact (281) 656-9439.

Monty Ballard Family YMCA
For information, contact (281) 392-5055.

Online Registration
Online Registration is an easy to use electronic registration system that allows parents to annually update their returning student’s information; thus eliminating many of the paper forms required at the start of school. Parents will receive a unique snapcode for each student in early August. It will provide instructions on how to go online to update and electronically sign the required forms for the school year.

Discipline Help Desk
The Discipline Help Desk is a resource available to parents who have questions and/or concerns related to student discipline. A coordinator is available to assist parents in understanding the policies and procedures that govern student discipline, the potential consequences for disciplinary infractions, infractions that mandate removal from a campus, and due process procedures that are available. The Discipline Help Desk can be reached at (281) 396-2218.

Katy ISD “OnTheGo” Mobile App
Stay connected with the District mobile app “OnTheGo.” Parents can access bus route information, student assignments and grades, campus calendars and more. Information and instructions on downloading the app can be found online at www.katyisd.org.
Bell Schedule
Katy ISD’s regular bell schedule is as follows:

- Elementary Group 1
  8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Elementary Group 2
  8:20 a.m. – 3:40 p.m.
- Junior High
  8:45 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.
- High School
  7:25 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.

For special bell times during testing and other events, speak to campus administration or visit the campus website. To identify your Elementary Group, visit www.katyisd.org/pages/campus-directory.aspx.

Technology

Bring Your Own Device
Katy ISD offers a wireless filtered network (Wi-Fi) to provide students in grades 2 – 12 with the best academic resources available. Students can take advantage of equipment that parents may have already provided by bringing their Wi-Fi enabled devices to school for educational activities. More information regarding responsibility for devices and appropriate use is available in the Katy ISD Public Wi-Fi Parent Guide and can be reviewed online at www.katyisd.org.

Technology at Home
If you have at least one child receiving free and reduced meals, your family may qualify for an affordable home internet service and discounted computers through Internet Essentials. For more information, visit online at https://internetessentials.com/ or call (855) 846-8376.

Digital Responsibility/Citizenship

Living Life Online
Students are living in a powerful digital world that requires them to interact in non-traditional ways. These interactions require new social expectations, safety precautions and literacy. For more information on Internet safety, review the Living Life Online publication at www.katyisd.org.

Parent & Student Technology Support Center
Parents or students can receive assistance from the Technology Support Center on district issues such as: online registration, Katy “OnTheGo” (the Katy ISD App), Canvas, Home Access Center, online textbooks or resources. Submit a ticket using the following URL: http://www.katyisd.org/Parent-Student-Tech-Support beginning August 1, 2019.

Health

Health Services
For a list of immunization requirements and exemptions, special medical procedures, medication administration, and other health-related concerns, contact your campus health care professional, online at www.katyisd.org/dept/healthservices, or call (281) 396-2629.

Voluntary Student Insurance
Parents or guardians have the option to purchase accident insurance for their student. For more information or to enroll a student, visit the Katy ISD website online at www.katyisd.org.

Food Allergy
It is important to disclose and notify your child’s campus and the District when your child has been diagnosed with a severe food allergy. The District has developed, and annually reviews, a food allergy management plan which trains employees to deal with students diagnosed with severe food allergies. Contact your campus healthcare professional regarding any known food allergies. For additional information, please review the student handbook.

School & Community

Volunteer Opportunities
Katy ISD offers a variety of volunteer opportunities that can match your interests, talent and schedule. For information on VIPS, KEYS Mentors, School-Business Partnerships, Junior Achievement and more, call (281) 396-2468.

Communicate with Katy ISD
Katy ISD communicates with parents, students, staff, and community through various platforms including social media, online newsletters, and the Katy ISD website. Parents and community members can subscribe to the Katy ISD Update e-newsletter on the District website home page. Campus notifications are also sent to parents of students who have registered an email address with their child’s campus.

For additional information, visit the Katy ISD website at www.katyisd.org.
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