

Registration set for Pasadena schools

Registration dates have been set for new students in the Pasadena Independent School District.

Parents of pre-kindergarten students may register their child from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. July 27 at their respective campuses. Registration for kindergarten through 12th grade students will be held from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. July 28-29 at the school campuses.

Registration takes place at each individual campus. Exact times during the day may vary at each school. Call your individual campus for more details.

To enroll a child in school, the district requires that you have the following information in hand to present to school personnel:

- A birth certificate or certified copy of a birth certificate (mandatory if the child has never been enrolled in a Texas public school before)
- A record of immunizations (demonstrating that shots are up-to-date)
- A social security card or document
- School records (such as a withdrawal sheet or a final report card), along with the address of the previous school
- A current deed, a mortgage, a mortgage payment book, or an apartment lease, and a utility bill (present or previous month) to establish residence within the school district.

If you are living with another family and using their address as your residence, you and the owner or leaseholder must sign a legal Affidavit of Residence at the school. The affidavit is a formal, sworn statement made by both parties, notarized at school, in the presence of school personnel, before residency status can be accepted.

If you are not the parent listed on the birth certificate, you cannot register the child in school without an enrollment waiver. Waivers are issued only by the Office of Student Services, 1515 Cherrybrook, in the Pasadena ISD Administration Building. See office personnel or call the school for details.

If a campus principal suspects that false or misleading information was provided in order to register a child or children, or that a family has moved from the residence first reported to school personnel without notifying the school, the principal may request a residency check. If the child or family is suspected of living within Pasadena ISD, but not in the correct school zone, the principal may request that an attendance office (truant officer) investigate. If the child or family is suspected of living outside the boundaries of the Pasadena ISD, the principal may request that the district residence investigator investigate. If an investigation determines that a child is not entitled to membership in the Pasadena ISD because of residence, the student will be immediately withdrawn and the parent or guardian may be billed at a rate of \$28 dollars for every days the child/children was in illegal attendance. ●

KNOW THE CODE

Guidelines for standardized dress

When attending school, students are expected to comply with the Pasadena ISD's district-wide dress code policy.

The dress code will allow shirts worn by students to have an appropriate manufacturer logo not to exceed two inches. Under the dress code, shirts must be either a collared "polo style" or colored "oxford style" that are adequately sized with sleeves. The shirts must be solid blue, solid white or have an additional solid color specified by the campus. Turtlenecks and T-Shirts may be worn underneath the standardized shirt and the campus must specify a solid color to be worn. Spirit shirts or DARE shirts may be worn on days designated by the campus principal. The guidelines also include:

Pants

- All pants shall be either solid navy or solid khaki colored slacks, solid khaki or solid blue jeans free of design and hemmed.

Pants/Jeans must meet the following criteria:

- All pants/jeans must be appropriately sized, fitted and worn at the waist. No hip huggers are allowed.
- All pants/jeans must be fitted in the crotch and legs, not baggy or excessively tight. Pants/jeans with hammer loops or of a cargo style are not permitted.
- All pants/jeans must be of proper length and must not touch the floor.
- All pants/jeans must be free of slits.

- All pants/jeans must be one continuous solid color free of manufactured fading or bleaching.

- Pants must be one continuous solid color khaki or navy. Jeans must be one continuous solid color blue or khaki.

- Pants/jeans must be free of holes or tears.

Skirts/Jumpers

- These shall be either solid navy or solid khaki colored skirts or solid khaki or solid blue denim skirts free of design and hemmed.

- All skirts/jumpers must be appropriately sized, not baggy or excessively tight.

- All skirts must be fitted and worn at the waist. No hip hugger skirts are allowed.

- Manufacturer slits on jumpers/skirts can come no higher than two inches above the kneecap.

- All skirts/jumpers must be free of manufactured fading or bleaching.
- All skirts/jumpers must be free of holes and tears.

Other Guidelines

The guidelines also state that belts will be

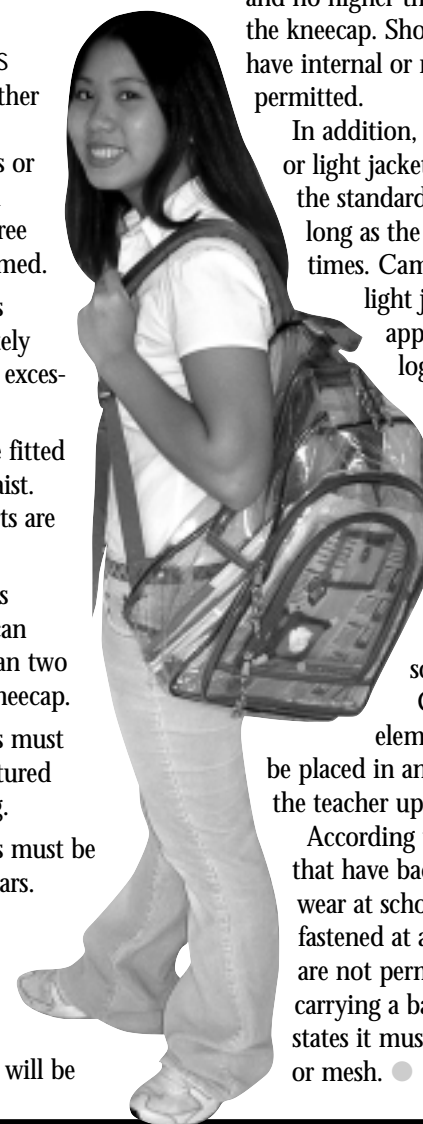
required for garments made with belt loops in grades 3-12. According to the dress code, shorts and skorts will not be allowed at the secondary level in grades 6-12. However, shorts and skorts will be allowed at the elementary levels, as long as they are solid navy or khaki with no designs or logos and no higher than two inches above the kneecap. Shorts or skorts that have internal or no pockets will be permitted.

In addition, sweaters, sweatshirts or light jackets may be worn over the standardized dress shirt, just as long as the collar is visible at all times. Campus letter jackets or light jackets with an approved campus-specific logo are permissible.

In grades 6-12, coats may be worn as long as they are placed in a designated storage area upon arrival and not removed until the end of the school day.

Coats worn by elementary students will be placed in an area designated by the teacher upon arrival.

According to the policy, shoes that have backs are appropriate for wear at school. The shoes must be fastened at all times. Skate shoes are not permitted. If a student is carrying a backpack, the policy states it must be clear, transparent or mesh. ●



New starting, dismissal times await students

After months of review and discussion by a volunteer committee of principals, the Board of Trustees approved changing the starting and dismissal times for the 2004-2005 school year.

The new schedule is as follows:

- **Elementary and Fifth Grade Centers - 7:30 a.m.-2:40 p.m. (buses will drop off students at 7 a.m.)**
- **High Schools - 7:50 a.m.-3:05 p.m. (buses will drop off students at 7:35 a.m.)**
- **Intermediate Schools - 8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. (buses will drop off students at 8:10 a.m.)**

Earlier this spring, a committee of 25 principals met numerous times to review the issue. After frequent discussion, a recommendation was made and presented to all principals at the April Administrative Council meeting. Principals were asked to take the information back to their campuses and secure feedback. ●