Brazosport High School

News You Can Use

2023-2024



Hello Exporter Nation,

I hope this email finds you and your family well. It is with great excitement that I write this letter to welcome our Exporters back to the 2023-2024 school year. There are a few things that I would like to share that will be helpful in ensuring that we have a successful year. I want to invite each of you to call or email me throughout the year if you see something that needs to be addressed or when you need clarity on communication from the campus. We are a partnership and communication is key. My aim for every Brazosport High School student is to receive a quality comprehensive education. Your ongoing feedback, volunteer work, and general contributions make this a reality. The leadership team has worked diligently over the summer to solidify our campus goals for the upcoming school year. These "Big Rocks" for our campus are as follows: Academics, Safety, Attendance, and Culture. You will continue to hear updates throughout the year on these key areas. I look forward to serving you as we prepare your student(s) to excel in and beyond the classroom.

Sincerely, Quinton Virgil Principal Brazosport High School

Vision

To prepare students to excel in and beyond the classroom *Mission*

Committed to challenging the mindset of ALL Exporters

2023-2024 Theme

Check your B.O.A.T. (Beliefs, Ownership, Actions, & Teamwork) "The wind is in our favor. The tide is on our side."



Academics and Attendance will be closely tied together as the data is consistent regarding student success. Students that regularly attend their classes do better in school.

Academic Agenda

Anchor Time will be used to support HB4545 students (STAAR EOC students on Monday and Friday through their homerooms) and Tier 2 instructional needs based on Tier 1 assessment data (quizzes, test, etc.).

Anchor Time will not be used as an opportunity for making up work or missing assignments. Any student that misses class, needs reteaching, mini lessons, homework assistance, makeup work, complete missing assignments, etc. will need to attend an after-school tutoring session Monday and/or Wednesday 3:30- 4:30. We will also have Saturday School once a month starting September 9th. The Saturday school dates are as follows: 9/9, 10/7, 11/11, 12/9, 1/13, 2/10, 3/2, and 4/13. Anchor Time is time borrowed from the master schedule to provide academic intervention based on data.

<u>Discipline Updates</u>

In an effort to promote academic success, Brazosport High School will utilize an after school and Saturday detention formula that holds students accountable for their behavior and that supports them academically for Level 1 and Level 2 offenses. ISS/OSS suspensions will be reserved for Level 3 discipline infractions and higher, for any student that may be transitioning to an alternative placement. We are implementing this change because we want students to be present in class and not falling behind while in ISS/OSS; so, most discipline accountability will take place outside of instructional time. The more egregious infractions that require removal will have a response aligned with the district standard and student code of conduct.

Safety Protocols

All students and staff will be required to have a school issued ID that is visible and worn on their torso at all times (between the shoulder and waist). Brazosport High School will continue to conduct random searches and use metal detectors to promote the safety of all students and staff. In addition to these procedures, Brazosport will implement a "Hoodie" protocol to create a safer culture. Any student that wears the hood portion of the hoodie will be asked to remove the garment and place it in their backpack or turn it into an AP office.

1/3/5/7 "No PASS" Periods

The data on minimizing student movement during alternating class periods resulted in a positive impact on truancy and an increase in instructional time gained. Therefore, we will continue with the "NO PASS" periods for the upcoming school year with a minor tweak. We will restrict the movement during the odd numbered class periods to make some improvements on the fluidity of 5th period (which is the same period for lunch). Students will still have the opportunity to use the restroom during every transition period (8) and the even numbered class period(s) after the first 10 minutes of each class, as a part of our 10/10 protocol. Any student that has an emergency at any time during the day will be permitted to take care of their necessities or see the nurse.

Vaping Protocols

Over the summer, the state legislature changed the expectation for students who are found in possession of any type of vape device (House Bill 114). HB 114 allows a district to send a student to the alternative campus (Lighthouse) for being in possession of any type of vape devices.

Truancy Agenda

Brazosport High School will continue to utilize the 10/10 rule (the first and last 10 minutes of class students will be required to be in their classroom) in an effort to positively impact truancy and consistently account for students by marking attendance at the beginning of each class period (Housekeeping).

<u>Dress Code Highlights for 2023-2024 that may impact your student</u>

No hats/hoods

No pajamas

No crop tops

No sagging

No holes in the jeans

No Leggings unless the shirt is fingertip length

Please be advised that the administrative team at Brazosport will have grade level assemblies with students on August 22nd (9th and 10th grade) and August 23rd (11th and 12th grade) to establish these clear expectations for the upcoming school year.

Special Announcements

Fish Camp (Freshmen ONLY) August 11th from 1pm - 3pm
Back to School Rally and Car Show August 12th from 6pm - 9pm
RED TIDE Community Pep Rally August 25th, 4:30 pm until kickoff
Meet the Exporter Night at Hopper Field 6:30pm
Meet the Teacher (Open House) August 29th, 5pm - 7pm
Labor Day Holiday Monday September 4th

