

**TAG New Student Orientation (F.A.Q.)
2019-2020 School Year**



1. How do I contact the school during the summer?

Main Office*	Dr. Jensen, Cluster Coordinator	Ms. Marberry, Counselor**
Phone: 972.925.5970 Hours: 8am – 5pm (Mon – Th)	Phone: 972.925.5970 Email: rjensen@dallasisd.org	Phone: 972-925-5970 Email: hmarberry@dallasisd.org

***Note:** TAG will be closed from June 27 – July 16. No one will be in the office or on campus.

****Note:** Counselor will be busy closing out and graduating current seniors and will not be available to meet/discuss schedules or other questions until after May 30 (last day of school). In the meantime, please direct any questions to the TAG office or Dr. Jensen.

2. How can I contact the music teachers with questions regarding Band, Choir, or Orchestra?

Band	Choir	Orchestra
Director: Dean Hill Email: dhill@dallasisd.org Phone: 972.925.5918	Director: Devlin Decutler Email: ddecutler@dallasisd.org Phone: 972.925.6301	Director: Anna Kloc-Rodriguez Email: akloc@dallasisd.org Phone: 972.925.6033
Asst. Director: Carlisa Washington Email: cwash041@dallasisd.org Phone: 972.925.6140		

3. What are the school hours?

School hours for 2019-2020 are 9:05am – 4:25pm. We are on an A-day / B-day block schedule, meaning students will take four 95-minute classes on A-days and four different 95-minute classes on B-days. A-days and B-days rotate back and forth.

4. How does bus transportation work at TAG?

You MUST fill out the 2019-2020 Transportation Request Form and get your students' name on a bus route list or your student will not be permitted to ride the bus. This is a new policy beginning this year. On Monday, July 29, 2019, bus route information will be provided on our website: <https://www.dallasisd.org/Domain/164> or through the school. If you are having difficulty finding your stop or your route, please call the TAG office and we will help get your questions answered.

Daily Buses: Regular daily buses will drop students off at Townview by 8:50am and will depart Townview each day at 4:35pm.

Activity Buses: These buses will leave Townview each Monday – Thursday at 5:30pm and take students home to local high schools. This allows Townview students to participate in after-school activities and still have transportation home. The complete schedule for these buses will be provided at Flight School.

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5. What is the dress code at TAG?

Full dress code is provided on the TAG website at www.tagmagnet.org/resources.

While doing any 'Back to School' shopping, please note that Townview students are not allowed to wear shorts, see-through shirts, or very short skirts. Straps on shirts must be at least as wide as a normal ID badge.

6. Can I play sports at TAG / Townview?

TAG / Townview does not offer sports, however you can play sports at your local, home high school. You need to contact the coach of the sport you wish to play at that high school to make arrangements.

7. Can I get P.E. credit if I play sports at my home high school?

Not usually. The only sports that are able to earn PE credits are swimming, golf, or tennis if they are taken part in year-round. Seasonal sports are not eligible for credit because they do not take the entire year (1 credit). If you do swim, play golf, or play tennis year round, you may be eligible for PE credit. You would need to fill out the Athletic Substitution documents located on tagmagnet.org/resources.

8. What supplies do I need to have when I come to school?

Unless otherwise specified by summer assignments provided in your Welcome Folder, you only need to bring paper and something to write with on your first day. You will receive supply lists with the syllabi on the first day of school.

9. Do TAG students get laptops to use during the school year?

We have Chromebooks for our students to use and take home during the school year. These will be for student use for their entire four years at TAG, including the summers. These computers will either be distributed during Flight School or early in the school year.

10. How do I get my ID badge, locker, and lock for the school year?

During Flight School, you'll receive your ID badge, locker, and lock. This is included in your \$20 Flight School fee which also includes your TAG flight school T-shirt!

11. What do I do if paying the Flight School or Laptop fee is a financial burden on my family?

Email or talk to Ms. Alfaro in the TAG office! At TAG, we never want a family's financial situation to impact whether they can participate in TAG-related activities and money is available to cover students' fees where the cost of the activity may be a burden on the family. This is always kept confidential with the office staff.

12. How do I get on the PTSA and TAG mailing list?

You will automatically be added to the PTSA and TAG email lists. You don't need to do anything except complete the computerized PTSA Directory form during this orientation! If you aren't at orientation, you may access the link to the Google Form to get on the mailing lists at www.tagmagnet.org/resources.

13. Where can I find any forms and information for anything talked about tonight that I may need before the year starts?

General Resources: www.tagmagnet.org/resources

Flight School: www.tagmagnet.org/flight-school

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First Bell: 7:50 a.m.

0 Period: 7:55 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.

Warning Bell #1: 8:55 a.m.

Warning Bell #2: 9:02 a.m.

1st and 5th Periods: 9:05 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. (100 minutes)

2nd and 6th Periods: 10:50 a.m. – 1:05 p.m. (100 minutes)

3rd and 7th Periods: 1:10 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. (95 minutes)

4th and 8th Periods: 2:50 p.m. – 4:25 p.m. (95 minutes)

Dismissal: 4:25 p.m.

Activity Buses (Mon-Thurs) --- 5:20p.m.

Lunch Schedule:

A-Lunch: 10:50 a. m. – 11:20 a.m.

B-Lunch: 11:25 a.m. – 11:55 p.m.

C-Lunch: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

D-Lunch: 12:35 p.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Note: TAG classes generally eat at D lunch, but if a student is in a Townview shared class (PE/fine arts/world languages) during 2nd or 6th period, they may have a different lunch period.

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SEMESTER 1

August				
[19 A	20 B	21 A	22 B	23 A
26 B	27 A	28 B	29 A	30 B

September				
2 Holiday	3 A	4 B	5 A	6 B
9 A	10 B	11 A	12 B	13 A
16 B	17 A	18 B	19 A	20 B
23 A	24 B	24 A	26 B	27 A

October				
[Sep. 30 B	1 A	2 B	3 A	4 B
7 A	8 B	9 A	10 B	11 PD
14 A	15 B	16 PSAT (B)	17 A	18 Fair Day
21 B	22 A	23 B	24 A	25 B
28 A	29 B	30 A	31 B	Nov 1] A

November				
[4 B	5 A	6 B	7 A	8 B
11 A	12 B	13 A	14 B	15 A
18 B	19 A	20 B	21 A	22 B
Thanksgiving Break				

December				
2 A	3 B	4 A	5 B	6 A
9 B	10 A	11 B	12 A	13 B
16 (A) ACP ₁	17 (B) ACP ₁	18 (A) ACP ₁	19 (B)] ACP ₁	20 PD

1st Semester – 40 “A” and 40 “B” (including ACPs)
2nd Semester – 45 “A” and 45 “B” (including ACPs)
PSAT Day – Neither A nor B; Alternate Schedule

- ^ AP Testing Dates
- ~ STAAR Testing Dates
- * Inclement Weather Day
- [] Beginning/End of Six Weeks

SEMESTER 2

January				
6 PD	[7 A	8 B	9 A	10 B
13 A	14 B	15 A	16 B	17 A
20 Holiday	21 B	22 A	23 B	24 A
27 B	28 A	29 B	30 A	31 B

February				
3 A	4 B	5 A	6 B	7 A
10 B	11 A	12 B	13 A	14 PD
17 Holiday	18 B	19 A	20 B	21 A
[24 B	25 A	26 B	27 A	28 B

March				
2 A	3 B	4 A	5 B	6 A
9 B	10 A	11 B	12 A	13 B
Spring Break				
23 A	24 B	25 A	26 B	27 A
30 B	31 A	Apr. 1 B	2 A	3 B

April				
6 A	7~ B	8 A	9~ B	10 Holiday
13* TBD	[14 A	15 B	16 A	17 B
20 A	21 B	22 A	23 B	24 A
27 B	28 A	29 B	30 A	May 1* TBD

May				
4~ B	5~ A	6~ B	7~ A	8~ B
11^ A	12^ B	13^ A	14^ B	15^ A
18 B	19 A	20 B	21(A) ACP ₁	22(B) ACP ₁
25 Holiday	26(A) ACP ₁	27(B)] ACP ₁	28 PD	Summer Break



Summer To Do List

- 1) Mail or bring in required documents (front.office@tagmagnet.org)
by June 14
 - This year's final report card
 - Transcript (non-DISD school students only)
 - Immunization records (non-DISD school students only)
- 2) Fill out the Flight School form (tagmagnet.org/flight-school) by June 14
- 3) Summer assignments by Aug 19
- 4) Have fun and enjoy your summer!
- 5) Attend flight school from Monday, July 29 – Friday, August 2
- 6) First day of school is August 19 – see you then!!!

The A/B schedule is attached so that you can see ahead of time which days your student will have off.