

# Banquete Junior High Parent/Student Handbook



2024 – 2025

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## Banquete Junior High Student Handbook

### 2024-2025 School Year

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### 2024-2025 Banquete Junior High Bell Schedule

1 <sup>st</sup> Period	7:45 AM – 8:30 AM
Flex	8:33 AM – 9:26 AM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	9:29 AM – 10:14 AM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	10:17 AM – 11:02AM
4 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:05 AM – 11:50 PM
5 <sup>th</sup> Period	11:53 AM – 12:38 PM
Lunch	12:41 PM – 1:11 PM
6 <sup>th</sup> Period	1:14 PM – 1:59PM
7 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:02 PM – 2:47 PM
8 <sup>th</sup> Period	2:50 PM – 3:35 PM

## General Information

### Banquete Website

Banquete ISD uses the Banquete Website to inform parents of important information pertaining to their child(ren). The website can be found at <https://www.banqueteisd.esc2.net/>

### Announcements

Announcements pertaining to Banquete Junior High activities are made each day at the start of Flex Period.

### Assemblies

Assemblies may be scheduled during the school day as deemed appropriate by the principal. The announcement of special assemblies such as pep rallies will be made far in advance of the day of the program.

### Breakfast and Lunch

Students at Banquete ISD receive free breakfast. Students wishing to eat breakfast may pick up their breakfast each morning between 7:20 AM and 7:40 AM. Banquete Junior High students will then walk to the Banquete Junior High gym to eat their breakfast. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students that are in athletics will get breakfast the last 10 minutes of athletics which is during 1<sup>st</sup> period.

Students at Banquete Junior High eat lunch from 12:41 PM – 1:11 PM. Banquete Junior High students will eat lunch in the Elementary Cafeteria.

### Breakfast and Lunch Menu

The lunch and breakfast menu may be found at the website listed above.

### Class Schedule

The first bell will ring at 7:45 AM. And a student is tardy if not in the appropriate place at 7:48 AM. Students are to leave the school grounds when school is dismissed at 3:35 PM and should not be on the campus when school is not in session unless attending a school function.

### Complaints

A student or parent who has a complaint should first take the matter up with the teacher. If the outcome of that discussion is not satisfactory, the student and/or parent who has a complaint should contact the campus principal.

### Library

The library is open for use each day during school hours for students who wish to check out materials. Teachers will provide students with information related to when they can visit the library.

### Lockers

Students at Banquete Junior High are NOT assigned lockers. All PE/Athletic students must have a lock/locker. All personal items must be locked up. Banquete Junior High will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

### Lunch Detention

Banquete Junior High staff members may assign lunch detention to students for violations of campus or classroom procedures. Students will be assigned lunch detention with a staff member. Students will be offered a sack lunch during lunch detention. However, a student does not have to take the sack lunch and may instead bring a lunch from home.

### Parent Afterschool Pickup

When the school day ends at 3:35 PM., students will wait for their parents/guardians in front of the Junior High main entrance and will be picked up in that area.

### Safety

To be prepared in case of an emergency, school personnel periodically conduct fire and other emergency drills. In accordance with new state guidelines, BISD will also conduct mandatory safety drills.

In addition, campus staff take various other precautions toward maintaining a safe and secure school. During the school day, all doors will remain locked. The school welcomes visitors through the main entrance and asks that all visitors check in at the front office.

### Weather Problems

On the rare occasions that the weather is extremely bad (high water, hurricane, snow, etc.), administration reserves the right to cancel school as deemed necessary for the safety of staff and students. Parents and students will be notified through the call outs and the REMIND app.

The following television stations will also issue the news report:

Station KIII

Station KRIS

## Academics

### STAAR Testing

Students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be required to take the STAAR tests this year. Any student that does not meet the Minimum requirement on a STAAR test may receive additional instruction. 8<sup>th</sup> graders that do not pass the Math or Reading portion of the STAAR test will be required to receive an additional 30 hours of instructional support under the new Texas HB 4545. Students will take the follow STAAR Exams at the Junior High level:

6<sup>th</sup> Grade: STAAR Math and STAAR Reading

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: STAAR Math and STAAR Reading

8<sup>th</sup> Grade: STAAR Math, STAAR Reading, STAAR Science, and STAAR Social Studies.

### BJH Accelerated Classes

Accelerated classes will be offered in ELA in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Accelerated classes will be offered in Math in 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. Algebra I will be offered in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Accelerated classes are limited to a designated number of students per school year. In order to qualify for an Accelerated class, a student must earn a score of Masters on the last STAAR taken for the corresponding class. 6<sup>th</sup> Graders that scored in the top 40% of their STAAR 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math test will be placed in an accelerated 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math class

### Grades and Grading System

The school year is divided into one and two semester courses of three six-week period each. Report cards are issued about 2-3 days following the close of each six-weeks period. Progress reports will be sent out approximately mid-way through the six-week grading period. More information on District Grading Guidelines can be found on the District Student Handbook on page 61. **All staff will respond to parent communication within 24 hours.**

## Tutorials

Any student who is failing a course or who needs help or remediation is to obtain help (tutoring) from the teacher. Teachers are available for tutoring from 3:35 PM till 4:00 PM on Monday – Thursday during a regular week. It is strongly advised that a student obtain help before he/she begins having difficulty with a subject. The student is responsible for setting up and attending tutorials as needed.

## Attendance

### Absences

According to Texas law, a student between the ages of six and eighteen must attend school. Regular attendance is of vital importance to all students. Much of the work missed in class can never be made up completely. Absences also cause our school system to lose some financial support from state funds since some state funding used to operate Texas schools is based on average daily attendance. Any student who has more than 5 absences will have an action plan created and will be monitored closely by the campus attendance clerk. After 5 written parent excuses, only Doctor's Excuses will be accepted in order for an absence to be EXCUSED.

### Excused Absences

Personal illness, death in the family, quarantine, medical and dental appointments, and school-sponsored events are considered as excused absences. Any others must be secured from the BJH administration in advance of the absence. Teachers must permit students to make up work missed during an excused absence. Students will be provided the number of days absent plus one day to complete and return any missed work. It is the student's responsibility to get any missing work from their teacher. More information regarding absences and attendance can be found starting on page 31 of the District Student Handbook.

### Unexcused

School administrators will determine whether an absence is excused. Please contact the campus Principal if you have questions regarding whether an absence may be considered unexcused. Please understand that truancy charges may be filed with the courts for excessive unexcused absences.

### Tardies

Three tardies in the same week will result in lunch detention. If a student is more than 10 minutes late for class, they will be counted absent from the class.

Persistent tardies may result in further consequences at the discretion of the Principal.

### Extracurricular Activities

Membership in one or more extracurricular activities is encouraged. Participation in the various clubs and organizations require that students meet all UIL, local, and Texas Education Agency regulations relative to, but not limited to, eligibility, attendance, and practice or meeting time.

In order to be eligible to participate in an extracurricular activity for a six-week period following the first six-week period of a school year, a student must have passed all courses for the previous six-week period. A student who fails a course for a six-week period shall be ineligible for participation in any extracurricular activity until regaining eligibility at the three-week period.



# Discipline

## Overview

A goal of the Banquete ISD is to encourage independence and responsibility. An orderly, controlled atmosphere is essential if learning is to take place. Each campus within the district shall maintain an environment that shall encourage students to behave in a manner so that he or she can learn and so that other students can learn. Each school shall teach good behavior, responsibility, and appropriate dress as part of its educational program. The schools shall promote good behavior through the staff's attempt to provide leadership and guidance in matters of propriety, appropriate dress, good conduct, self-control, respect for the property of the school and its occupants, and appreciation and respect for the rights and privileges of others.

The District has disciplinary authority over a student:

1. During the regular school day and while the student is going to and from school on district transportation;
2. During lunch periods;
3. Within 300 feet of school property;
4. While the student is in attendance at any school-related activity, regardless of time or location;
5. When retaliation against a school employee occurs or is threatened regardless of time or location;
6. When criminal mischief is committed on or off school property or at a school-related event.

Teachers are responsible for discipline in their respective classrooms, on the school grounds and at school activities. Much of the discipline is in the hands of the individual teacher; however, teachers at any time may refer a discipline case to the office of the principal. The campus principal shall take the necessary action in administering the appropriate disciplinary action.

**The Student Code of Conduct is a separate handbook on student discipline. Please refer to the Code of Conduct for additional, specific information concerning student discipline. The Student Code of Conduct is adopted by the District's Board of Trustees.**

### Detention

Lunch Detention is held daily in an assigned classroom. Lunch Detention starts at 12:41 PM and ends at 1:11 PM. A student assigned to Lunch Detention will be offered a Sack Lunch. However, a student assigned to Lunch Detention may bring a lunch from home if they choose not to take the Sack Lunch from the cafeteria. An additional day will be added to any student that misses their assigned Lunch Detention. Students will be notified by the Campus Principal when they have Lunch Detention and what classroom they will serve it in. **No Cell Phone Use Will Be Allowed In Lunch Detention.**

### Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP)

Certain behavior violations will result in referral to the administrator. The disciplinary action take will depend on the offense, frequency, previous actions, and severity of the violations. Serious offenses may result in placement in the Disciplinary Alternative Education Program.

While assigned to DAEP, students are prohibited from participating in or attending any extracurricular activity, In addition, students may not enter, at any hour, any Banquete ISD property except the Alternative Learning Center, where DAEP students are assigned.

### In School Suspension (ISS)

Students found guilty of conduct that would warrant such disciplinary action may be placed in an in-school suspension program at the discretion of the appropriate school official, who will determine the length of such assignment.

## Other Rules

### Academic Dishonesty

Any student who is caught cheating will receive a "0" for that work. A student who assists another student to obtain answers is guilty of cheating and will also receive a "0" for that assignment. Any student involved in cheating is also subject to further disciplinary action.

### Electronic Equipment

Students should not have radios, hand-held game devices, iPod's, MP3, Bluetooth speakers, laser pointers or other similar equipment in school. Students may not use these items in any capacity or have them visible during the school day. Any student caught using his or her electronic device on school grounds during the school day will have it picked up and taken to the office where it will remain until the end of the day.

**Banquete Junior High is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen items.**

### Cell Phones

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess personal mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing, unless they are being used for approved instructional purposes.

The use of mobile telephones or any device capable of capturing images is strictly prohibited in locker rooms or restroom areas while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event.

**If a student uses a telecommunications device without authorization during the school day, the device will be confiscated.** The student/parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the office.

1 <sup>st</sup> Confiscation	Fee of \$15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Confiscation	Fee of \$15 and 3 day delay
3 <sup>rd</sup> Confiscation	Fee of \$15 and 1 week delay
Over 3 Confiscations	Fee of \$15; 1 week delay and Parent <b>must</b> pick up

### Dress and Grooming

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption, and minimize safety hazards. Students may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided they comply with the following:

1. Students shall come to school looking clean and neat wearing clothing and exhibiting grooming that shall be a health or safety hazard to the student or others.
2. The district prohibits pictures, emblems, or writings on clothing or jewelry that are lewd, offensive, vulgar, or obscene or that depict or advertise tobacco products, alcoholic beverages of any kind, drugs, or any other substance prohibited under policy FNCF (L).
3. Clothing or jewelry that depicts death, drugs, violence, satanism, occult, witchcraft, or gang involvement is prohibited. Leather collars, choke collars, and necklaces with dog-like chain links are not allowed. Any clothing or articles that are determined by the administration, as gang affiliated will not be allowed to include chains, bandanas, etc. hanging from pockets.
4. Jackets with the sleeves cut off, trench coats, and pants with holes that show skin anywhere on them are prohibited.
5. All pants must be worn above the hips. Jeans/slacks that are "Sag" and/or "Bag" clothing will not be allowed to be worn. The jeans/slacks must be properly sized and fitted in the waist and crotch area. All pants must be hemmed. Full length Cargo pants are allowed.
6. Shirts may be dress or polo-type. Shirts and T-shirts of good nature must be no lower than the palm of the hands when the shirt is not tucked in. Long

shirt tails must be tucked in. Plain undergarment white T-shirts may not be worn.

7. Midriff or undergarments must not be exposed.
8. Shorts will be allowed provided that they are of proper length (no shorter than 3 inches above the knee.) Shorts must have zipper or buttons in the front and may not resemble athletic wear. Shorts with holes that expose skin are not allowed.
9. Students may not wear caps or hats into the school buildings or carry them into the classroom. Sunglasses may not be worn in the building.
10. Abnormal colored hair is prohibited. Hair coloring or dyeing of hues that does not occur in any natural human hair is prohibited.
11. No visible body piercing jewelry is allowed with the exception of earrings for girls. Items meant to preserve a piercing are not allowed. Gauges are not allowed. Covering a piercing is not allowed.
12. Warm-ups/sweats are not allowed with the exception of joggers, wind pants, and wind suits. Wind pants/suits must be worn with an acceptable top.
13. No blankets will be allowed to be brought into the school to use in place of a jacket, sweater, sweatshirt, or other cold weather attire.

#### **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR GIRLS**

1. Girls may wear skirts/dresses, provided they are no shorter than 3 inches above the knee. Slits on skirts or dresses should not be more than 3 inches above the knee.
2. Low cut shirts/dresses, blouses or clothes which expose bare midriffs, expose midriffs when arms are raised, or bare backs blouses are not suitable for school wear. Sleeveless blouses/dresses can be worn provided they are 3 inches in width from the collar.
3. Leggings, leotards, tights, exercise tights, leisure wear, or other hosiery-type leggings may not be worn as pants. Leggings can be worn with dresses, skirts or dress tops that are of the proper length (upper garment cannot be shorter than 6 inches above the knee all the way around.)
4. Black lipstick/make-up is not allowed.
5. Capri pants are acceptable

## **ADDITIONAL RULES FOR BOYS**

1. Hair shall be clean and neatly groomed. Any distracting coloring of hair is not allowed. Hairstyles that might be distracting are prohibited, including, but not limited to haircuts that are unevenly cut, mohawks, tails, designs and/or symbols sculptured in the hair; and/or cover the eyebrows. Hair long enough to be tucked behind the ear is not allowed. Hair length along the back shall be no longer than the top of a traditional shirt collar (not t-shirt collar.)
2. Long, bushy sideburns must not be worn. Vertical sideburns may not fall below the bottom of the ear lobe and horizontal sideburns may not advance more than 1 ½ “ in width.
3. No mustaches or any other type of facial hair is permitted. The face must be free of facial hair.
4. Shirts worn over a T-shirt or undershirt must be buttoned. Shirts must be buttoned except for the top two buttons.
5. Underwear T-shirts may not be worn as outer garments.
6. Earrings are prohibited and may not be worn, even if covered.

