

Dear Parents and Guardians of RHS Students,

In anticipation of the National Student Walkout Day on April 20, 2018, I would like to make you aware that BISD is not changing any of its procedures or instructional plans, as the walkout is a student-led initiative. Although we have a shortened day on Friday, all students will run a full schedule of classes from 7:30 am until 11:30 am.

Our preference is to have a normal school day with uninterrupted instruction; teachers will not change any previously scheduled activities. However, some students have already indicated they may walk out. Student safety is our highest priority, and we will monitor student attendance throughout the day. Students should recognize that if they walk out of class they will be counted absent, which may affect semester test exemptions. Any student that leaves campus will be disciplined according to the student code of conduct.

BISD neither encourages nor discourages student participation in this event. While we will not violate students' right to assemble, if a walkout occurs, we will manage it in the safest way possible by designating our practice field as a place where students may safely assemble. This exercise of free speech and assembly is different from an incident that disrupts the learning environment, for which a student would be subject to the code of conduct. Students who disrupt class in any way or do not return to class will be disciplined just as they would on any other given school day.

Again, student safety is our top priority. Our hopes are that all of us are able to recognize that each person has varying views and opinions about the concerns across the country, and we respect each other's freedom of expression.

If you have questions regarding this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to call our office at 817-547-7000.

Sincerely,

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