

# Garza Independence High School

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!



**GARZA INDEPENDENCE**  
**HIGH SCHOOL**  
AUSTIN Independent School District

# Code of Honor

1. Demonstrate personal honor and integrity at all times.
2. Choose peace over conflict.
3. Respect yourself and others.



# People to Know

- **Mr. Nichols**, Principal
- **Ms. Eyberg**, Asst. Principal
- **Ms. Lyons**, Coordinator
- **Ms. Devaney**, Counselor (A-G)
- **Ms. Reza**, Counselor (H-M)
- **Ms. Kimmel**, Counselor (N-Z)
- **Mr. Fackler**, Librarian
- **Ms. Martinez**, Attendance Specialist
- **Ms. LeMasters**, College & Career Counselor
- **Ms. Destiny**, Communities in Schools (CIS)
- **Ms. Briones**, Teaching Assistant (TA)



# How to Succeed at Garza

- Follow the Code of Honor.
- Make a little progress in every class every day.
- Communicate your needs to your teachers, counselor, and admin.
- Maintain 90% attendance.
- Use the Attendance Hotline.
  - **(512) 808-0062**
- Follow the closed campus policy.
- Follow sign-out procedures.
- Use bathrooms for their intended purpose.
- Use technology appropriately.



# Meeting with Your Counselor

- Ask a teacher or other staff member to sign you up to meet with your counselor when she is available.
- Contact your counselor directly through email or Google Voice:
  - Ms. Devaney (last names A-G): [susan.devaney@austinisd.org](mailto:susan.devaney@austinisd.org)
  - Ms. Reza (last names H-M): [lisa.reza@austinisd.org](mailto:lisa.reza@austinisd.org) or (737) 295-5833
  - Ms. Kimmel (last names N-Z): [adriane.kimmel@austinisd.org](mailto:adriane.kimmel@austinisd.org) or (512) 387-4434
- Counselors reply to email/Google Voice communication during school hours, 8:30-4:30.
- If you're having a crisis and need help outside of school hours, you can call Austin ISD police at (512) 414-1703, 911 (Austin Police), or 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline).

# E-Cigs & Vaping

- Possession of any vape/e-cig or vaping on campus or during a school-sponsored event: a mandatory removal to the ALC is considered.
- This is a new law (HB 114) that the Texas Legislature passed in 2023.
- Do not bring these items to school or to any school event, including field trips.
- **Students who are reasonably believed to be involved in any vaping/e-cig activity may be subject to an investigation, search, and disciplinary action that could include removal to the ALC and/or a course on the dangers of vaping.**



# Bathrooms

- You must sign out of your classroom to use the bathroom during class.
- Only one student at a time can leave your classroom to use the bathroom.
- Bathrooms are not meeting areas or places to stay for long periods of time.
- Only one student can be in a bathroom stall at a time.
- If you have a concern about the bathroom, report it to your teacher, counselor, or administrator.



# Electronic Devices

- Press play & put away.
- Your phone must be left in the classroom if you leave to use the bathroom.
- Teachers can require students who are misusing devices to place them in a box/designated space in the classroom.
- If your device is preventing you from making progress in class, you may be required to meet with an administrator to resolve the problem.







# Attendance & Signing In/Out

- Consistent attendance is **critical** to your progress and success at Garza.
- All students are expected to attend school 90% of the time.
- If you're running late or can't make it to school, **call or text the Attendance Hotline.**
  - (512) 808-0062
- If you need to leave school after arriving, **you must sign out at the front office.**
  - Under 18 = parent/guardian permission must be given with a verbal phone call before you can sign out
  - 18+ = you can sign yourself out with a good reason & parent/guardian is informed afterward

# Closed Campus Policy

- Garza is a closed campus from 8:35 a.m. - 3:35 p.m.
- This includes during lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m.
- Hanging out in a personal vehicle is not allowed.
- Food deliveries are not allowed.



# Drills

- We will have 1-2 drills per month.
- We will practice different types of drills.
- We will give you advanced notice of some (but not all) drills.



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If you see something, say  
something. Show up for  
yourself.

Please provide as much specific information as possible.  
Your identity is protected.



# PSAT October 9th

10th and 11th graders please fill out the following form to let us know if you would like opt in or out of taking the PSAT this year. The test is optional.

Reasons you might want to consider taking the PSAT:

- Practice for the SAT
- Test prep feedback for the SAT
- Scholarship Opportunities

