

## News from Dripping Springs ISD

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### **NEW DISTRICT APP AVAILABLE**

A new Dripping Springs ISD app for use on mobile devices has been introduced. The free app connects with the website that was rolled out before school started in the fall and is available at the Apple store and on Google Play. For those who had the district's old app, please delete it then install the new one.

The new app has several customized features. First of all, parents should click on the **SETTINGS** icon to indicate for which campuses they would like to see Calendar and News items. Parents may click on the icon labeled "STUDENT INFO," which will prompt a log-in to their Blackboard account. Once initially logged in, two basic pieces of information will be readily available: library book status and bus stop information. Next time the app is being used, an icon with the student's name will be displayed.

A few notes on other icons...

- A **TIP LINE** feature is included that allows students or parents to report concerns about bullying or other social issues. The name of the school must be included, and it is requested that details of an incident being reported include location, time, date, and any available information about who was involved to help administrators investigate. Tips can be made anonymously or with a name.
- The **STAFF DIRECTORY** icon leads to a district-wide directory, but it can be filtered by campus or department.
- The **SCHOOLS** icon leads to campus websites, as well as addresses and front office phone numbers.
- **ONLINE PAYMENTS** connects with both PayPAMS (meal payments) and the DSISD Webstore (child care, theatre tickets, transcripts, etc.).
- The **NOTIFICATIONS** icon is tied in with the emergency notification system through Blackboard and will display both attendance alerts as well as emergency or time-sensitive messages such as school closures.

The app should make it easier to locate information from the district website while using a mobile device. The full website also has a “responsive design” so that it should adjust to various screen formats.