

2026

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

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2026 NSO DAY 1

TIME	SESSION	
8:00 A.M. -9:30 A.M.	Housing Check-In Open <i>Richard A. Castro Hall</i>	Housing Check-In Open <i>San Marcos Hall</i>
8:30 A.M. -9:45 A.M.	NSO Check-In <i>Student Recreation Center</i>	
10:00 A.M. -10:45 A.M.	NSO Welcome <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Learn what to expect and how to make the most of your New Student Orientation experience.	
10:45 A.M. -11:45 A.M.	Student Group <i>Various locations</i> Learn more about Texas State and engage with your peers to begin fostering connection in your new community.	Student Success <i>LBJ Teaching Theater</i> Hear how campus partners facilitate student success and how you can best support your student throughout their time at TXST.
11:45 A.M. –1:00 P.M.	Lunch <i>Dining Hall</i> Lunch will be provided for students to enjoy with their student group.	Lunch <i>LBJ Marketplace 2nd Floor</i> Lunch will be provided for families to enjoy together.
1:15 P.M. -2:00 P.M.	Bobcat Essentials <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Learn vital information students need about housing, dining services, ID services, and campus technology resources during their transition to Texas State.	
2:00 P.M. –2:30 P.M.	Financial Matters <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Listen and learn how to navigate financial matters while attending Texas State such as billing and payments for tuition and meal plans, as well as how financial aid offerings can assist with college expenses.	
2:30 P.M. –3:15 P.M.	Student Group <i>Various locations</i> Learn more about Texas State spirit and traditions to begin fostering connection in your new community.	
2:45 P.M. –3:30 P.M.	Health and Well Being <i>LBJ Teaching Theater</i> Identify how you can support your student’s holistic wellness journey as they navigate life during college.	
3:15 P.M. –4:00 P.M.	Student Involvement <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Find out about the wide variety of student involvement and engagement opportunities on campus and take a step toward involvement and success.	
3:30 P.M. –4:15 P.M.	Supporting your Student <i>LBJ Teaching Theater</i> Hear how you can stay up to speed and support your TXST student through programs, scholarships, and university information resources.	
4:00 P.M. –4:30 P.M.	Health and Well-Being <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Learn how students can thrive in their holistic wellness journey by utilizing helpful campus resources as they navigate life during college.	
4:30 P.M. –5:00 P.M.	NSO Next Steps <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Prepare for the second day of New Student Orientation.	
5:00 P.M. –6:00 P.M.	Student Group <i>Various locations</i> Learn more about Texas State and engage with your peers to continue fostering connection in your new community.	Family Reception <i>George’s (LBJSC 1st Floor)</i> Relax and connect with other families at George’s with ping pong, pool, Texas State trivia, and conversation. Each guest receives one complimentary beverage ticket, with additional drinks available for purchase. It’s a fun opportunity to build your TXST community together.
6:00 P.M. –7:00 P.M.	Dinner <i>Dining Hall</i> Dinner will be provided for students to enjoy together in their small groups at this on-campus dining hall.	

- Student-Only Sessions
- Parent & Family Sessions

2026 NSO DAY 1 (CONT.)

TIME	SESSION
7:00 PM. -10:00 P.M.	NSO After Dark <i>LBJSC, Student Recreation Center, Castro Hall</i> Students can connect with peers during a fun-filled night across campus. The Student Recreation Center will offer sports and yard games including volleyball, basketball, pickleball, badminton, dodgeball, 9 square, and cornhole. George’s on the first floor in the LBJ Student Center will feature snacks, karaoke, pool, table tennis, and board games. Castro Hall Lobby will host games, crafts, and activities designed to help new students meet fellow Bobcats and get to know campus!
10:00 PM. -11:30 P.M.	Late Night at Texas State <i>Castro Hall Lobby</i> Hang out a little longer! Enjoy late night activities in Castro Hall.

2026 NSO DAY 2

TIME	SESSION	
7:00 A.M. – 7:45 A.M.	Housing Check-out <i>Richard A. Castro Hall</i>	Breakfast <i>LBJ Marketplace (2nd Floor)</i>
8:00 A.M. –8:30 A.M.	Day 2 Overview <i>LBJ Grand Ballroom</i> Start the day strong as we prepare for the final day of orientation.	
8:45 A.M. –9:30 A.M.	Academic Success <i>Various Locations</i> Learn about essential academic information needed for a successful transition to the university, including advising, registration, degree requirements, academic expectations, and campus resources.	
9:30 A.M. –10:15 A.M.	College Overview <i>Various Locations</i> Connect with your college community and learn more about your major, academic departments, and support resources.	
10:30 A.M. –11:15 A.M.	Enhancing your Academic Experience <i>Various Locations</i> Explore opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom, including internships, undergraduate research, experiential learning, career preparation, and academic support resources.	Supporting Your Student’s Academic Journey <i>Various Locations</i> Learn how to support your student’s academic journey through understanding college expectations, success strategies, campus resources, and experiential learning opportunities.
11:30 A.M. –12:15 P.M.	Pre-Health Info Session <i>McCoy Hall 119</i> Learn about pre-med and pre-dent programs designed to help students understand eligibility requirements, program benefits, and application timelines for the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP), the Sam Houston State University School of Osteopathic Medicine Early Acceptance Program (SHSU-EAP), and the Dental Early Admission Program (DEAP).	
11:30 A.M. – 4:45 P.M.	Course Registration Lab <i>Alkek Library 4th floor</i> The Course Registration Lab in Alkek Library supports students who are not registered or enrolled in fewer than 12 credit hours. Staff from the New Bobcat Enrollment team will assist students in completing their fall schedules. Students needing to attend will be notified during NSO Check-In. Due to limited space, only students may enter the lab. Families and guests are encouraged to explore Alkek Library, including the Wittliff Collections and Alkek One, or attend other scheduled programming.	
11:30 A.M. –12:45 P.M.	Boko’s Browse <i>LBJ Ballroom</i> Meet representatives from university departments, programs, and services who will provide information and answer questions.	
12:00 P.M. – 4:45 P.M.	ID Card Pick-Up <i>Alkek Teaching Theater</i> Once students complete their course registration process (in advance of or at New Student Orientation), they may pick up their Bobcat Card.	
12:00 P.M. –1:30 P.M.	Housing Tours <i>Various Locations</i> Guided housing tours will be available starting in the lobby of each residence hall every 20 minutes. Individuals will be guided through our residence halls and have the opportunity to view the lobby, kitchen, bathroom, and a showroom within each residence hall.	
1:00 P.M. –2:50 P.M.	Education Sessions <i>McCoy Hall</i> Take advantage of opportunities to hear more specific information about relevant campus offerings.	

EDUCATION SESSIONS

ACTIVITY	TIME	
Concrete Industry Management <i>McCoy 119</i> Learn about the Concrete Industry Management (CIM) major and all the opportunities available to our students.	1:00 - 1:30	
Education Abroad Opportunities <i>McCoy 119</i> Discover how you can make studying abroad part of your Texas State experience! This session introduces students to global learning opportunities, including semester, summer, and faculty-led programs. Learn about program options, costs, scholarships, and how to get started early.		1:40 - 2:10
Fraternity and Sorority Life <i>McCoy 113</i> Learn about the TXST fraternity and sorority community of 42 organizations and 2,200+ students and their recruitment and membership intake processes.	1:00 - 1:30	1:40 - 2:10
Part-Time Jobs & Career Resources <i>McCoy 233</i> Career Services staff will guide students through the process of finding and applying for part-time jobs, both on and off campus, and will introduce key career resources available to support them throughout their time at Texas State.	1:00 - 1:30	1:40 - 2:10
Medical and Dental School Pipeline Programs <i>McCoy 242</i> Learn about pre-med and pre-dent programs that help students understand eligibility requirements, program benefits, and application timelines for the Joint Admission Medical Program (JAMP), the Sam Houston State University School of Osteopathic Medicine Early Acceptance Program (SHSU-EAP), and the Dental Early Admission Program (DEAP).		1:40 - 2:10
UFCU – Ready for TXST: Building Financial Independence & Resilience <i>McCoy 224</i> Join us for a fun, interactive session designed for incoming Bobcats and parents. We'll walk through how to build a realistic budget, avoid common money mistakes, and feel more confident handling day-to-day finances at TXST. Whether it's your first time managing your own money or you're a parent wanting to set your student up for success, you'll leave with simple, real-world tips you can start using right away.	1:00 - 1:30	1:40 - 2:10
University Writing Center <i>McCoy 125</i> Learn what the University Writing Center offers! We offer a range of support for students, faculty, and staff across all majors, genres, and stages of the writing process. It is dedicated to helping Bobcats develop writing as an intellectual activity integral to productivity in their scholarly, civic, professional, and cultural lives.		1:40 - 2:10
VA Benefit Processing – Veterans/Military Connected Students <i>McCoy 336</i> Learn the essentials of how veterans and dependents can use their education benefits such as applying for benefits, submitting certification requests, meeting deadlines, and monitoring your status through the VA Portal. Our goal is to help you confidently navigate the process so you can focus on a successful start at TXST.	1:00 - 1:30	1:40 - 2:10

BOBCAT WELCOME WEEK | AUGUST 16 - AUGUST 22

Look ahead to a week full of events!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

LOCATION	EVENT
LBJ Mall	Jump Start

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

LOCATION	EVENT
UFCU Stadium	Fandemonium / Class Photo
Sewell Park	First Float

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

LOCATION	EVENT
LBJ Student Center	LBJSC Takeover
Sewell Park	First Float
Various Locations	Academic Open Houses
LBJ Student Center	Academic Support Fair

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

LOCATION	EVENT
Alkek	Alkek Library Experience

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20

LOCATION	EVENT
Various Locations	Ask Me Tables

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

LOCATION	EVENT
Student Recreation Center	Rec Fest
Upper Bobcat Trail	Bobcats After Dark
LBJ Ballroom, LBJ Student Center	Ministry Fair
Various Locations	Ask Me Tables

SATURDAY, AUGUST 22

LOCATION	EVENT
Various Locations	Block Party



More events coming soon! Scan here for the official website.



FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND CAMPUS

- Alkek Library
- Castro Hall
- Harris Dining Hall
- LBJ Student Center
- McCoy Hall
- Student Rec Center
- Trauth-Huffman Hall

Bus Stops

Shuttles will be available to take you around campus from 7:00am – 5:30pm. Bus routes are marked with — — —



Dining



SCAN HERE FOR THE FULL CAMPUS MAP!

PARKING

- P1 Academy St. Garage
- P2 Matthews St. Garage
- P3 San Jacinto Hall
- P4 Edward Gary St. Garage
- P5 Tower Garage
- P6 Woods St. Garage

- P7 LBJ Parking Garage (Pay-to-park)
- P8 Speck Garage

Please note: we do not validate parking costs for pay-to-park guests.

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