



WELCOME GUIDE

JULY 20 - 24, 2026

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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Welcome to JBA Jr. 2026!

We're excited to welcome your student to an incredible experience at the Joseph Baldwin Academy, Jr.! We look forward to a week filled with hands-on learning, exciting activities, new friendships, and lasting memories. Whether this is your student's first JBA, Jr. experience or they are returning for another summer, we can't wait to see their curiosity, enthusiasm, and excitement on campus!

We are proud to be able to host JBA. Jr. here at Truman State University. Our program gives students a fun and engaging introduction to a college environment while providing a safe, supportive, and age-appropriate experience.

As you prepare for your students' participation, you may have questions about what to expect during the week, so we hope this guide provides the information you need, including check-in details, what to bring, an overview of the daily schedules, and other important program information.

If you don't find the answer you're looking for, please don't hesitate to contact our office at (660) 785-5384 or email us at jba@truman.edu. We are happy to help and look forward to welcoming your students to campus next week!

Kind regards,



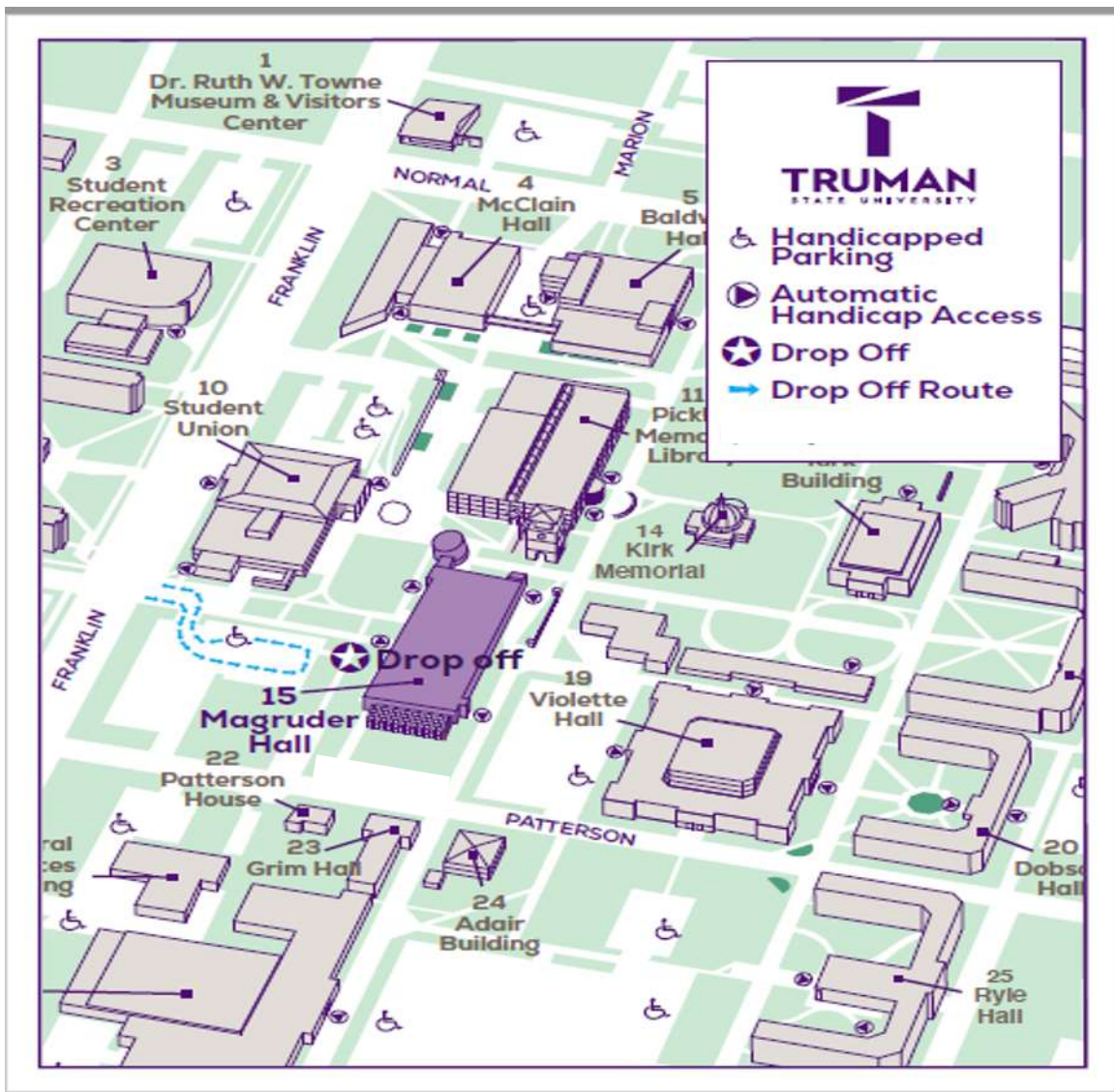
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ARRIVAL

Students attending JBA Jr. will check in each morning between **8:50 and 9:00 am, July 20– 24, and dismissal will be held between 3:50 and 4:00 pm.** Student drop-off and pick-up will take place outside of Magruder Hall located on the corner of Franklin and E. Patterson Street. Our staff will be present to take attendance curbside and escort students into the building to meet their Preceptors, who will accompany them to and from their activities each day. We will do the same in reverse for pickup.

Car Riders

If you plan to drive your student to Truman, please enter the drop-off and pick-up in the Magruder Hall parking lot Franklin Street as shown below. [Note the blue arrows.](#) Please pull up to the curb and stay in your car for both drop-off and pick-up.



Bus Riders

Some school districts with students participating in JBA Jr. have a transportation plan in place to transport students from their local school to our campus each day of the program. Some are also coordinating with neighboring schools. Please communicate with your school to determine the drop-off and pick-up times for your school bus plan.

STUDENT OVERVIEW

Introduction

We want students at JBA Jr. to learn, explore, and have fun! We also want them to believe that college is a real and attainable future goal.

JBA, Jr., gives area youth enhanced access to Truman State University. The program aims to give area students a chance to broaden their horizons by spending time learning and exploring at Truman. Our goal is to spark student interest through engaging and diverse classes and activities. Our hope is that students attending JBA Jr. will walk away encouraged and excited to learn and grow beyond the school day.

Each day, students will be engaged in fun and educational classes and activities across campus. Students will be taught by Truman Faculty and Staff, visiting faculty, as well as some of our current and former Truman education students. Students will be split into groups of about 10-12 students that will rotate through different activities together.

Cell Phones

It is essential for students to be focused and engaged in activities. Therefore, while we allow students to keep their personal cell phones with them, the use will be restricted to specific times, and students will be asked to silence their phones for calls and text messages during classes and activities. The intent of this policy is that students should use cell phones only to communicate with their families at pick-up time and to take pictures of events and activities when appropriate. Cell phones used for playing games, social media, or for inappropriate reasons will be confiscated for the duration of each day.

Additionally, JBA, Jr., Truman State University, and all personnel assume no responsibility for the loss or damage of cell phones or for their misuse. **Students caught using cell phones in ways inconsistent with this policy will have their phones confiscated and returned to their parents upon pickup.**

Custody Matters

Please indicate any complexities you believe we should be made aware of. If there are custody matters that could affect pickup and drop-off, please provide us with a copy of the pertinent legal documentation.

Daily Schedule

Students arrive on campus each morning and will be engaged in different classes and activities until their departure each afternoon. Lunch is provided, as well as some recess/free time.

Monday – Friday - example

8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Student Arrival and Check-In
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Classes / Activities
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Lunch/Recess
12:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.	Classes / Activities
3:30 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Gather, Snack, and Pack up
3:55 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Bus Dismissal and Student Pick-Up

Things to Bring

Students should show up each day ready to learn and have fun. JBA Jr. Students will provide any necessary materials for classes and will walk across campus to different classes and activities throughout the day, as well as participate in physical activity.

We encourage students to **wear and/or bring shoes that are comfortable for walking** and activities. While there is no dress code at the academy, some of the classrooms on campus can be chilly. Please have your student prepare accordingly.

Students are welcome to bring a **bottle of water**; we have filling stations and will also have bottled water available when needed. We will also provide a backpack for carrying their things each day. We encourage the students to leave these bags on campus until the final day. Lastly, we do have **sunscreen**; however, it is helpful to apply it each morning at home.

Things NOT to Bring

- weapons of any kind (including pocket knives and martial arts devices)
- any flame-producing device (including matches, lighters, and firecrackers)
- pets of any kind
- laser pointers
- computers, tablets, gaming, or laptops
- any other item(s) that may provide a distraction

In addition to the above list, we reserve the right to confiscate, for the duration of the program, any items that, in our judgment, have the potential to distract students from the goals of the program, pose an undue risk to the safety and well-being of people, or pose an undue risk to property.

Expectations for Student Conduct

We expect our students to meet the highest standards of behavior, both in personal deportment and in dedication to academic pursuits.

Students will:

- Strive to do their best work;
- Respect individuals of different races, cultures, religions, genders, disabilities, personal appearances, sexual orientations, and national origins;
- Behave in a friendly, cooperative, and responsible manner toward all persons in the JBA community and in the larger college and local communities;
- Attend all sessions/activities, meals, and observe all rules for student conduct.

We cannot accommodate students who are unable to meet these expectations.

Once students arrive on campus, they will learn about our standards for behavior, including our rules, at orientation. These include a commitment to academic integrity, respect for all community members, adherence to basic safety rules, and cooperation with adult supervision.

Students may be dismissed from the program for any of the following reasons:

- Possessing or using tobacco, alcohol, or drugs (students possessing any of these items will be immediately dismissed from the Academy);
- Not participating in a satisfactory manner;
- Cheating, plagiarizing, or committing other acts of academic dishonesty;
- Being in restricted areas of campus, or leaving campus, unaccompanied by a staff member, preceptor, or parent/guardian;
- Stealing or vandalizing property;
- Having medications in their possession (beyond rescue medications);
- Bullying or hazing;
- Undermining the safety or well-being of self or others (including threats); and/or
- Causing any behavior that disrupts the overall academy.

Students may have consequences for the following reasons:

- Disrespectful or obscene language;
- Demonstrate a lack of effort in the classroom or who engage in disruptive behavior;
- Inappropriate behavior or violations of rules.

Staff will refer students involved in repeated or serious incidents to the Summer Academies Dean, who oversees all behavioral concerns. The Dean has the authority to dismiss students for inappropriate behavior inside or outside the classroom. Students expelled from the Academy will not receive a refund, may not return to the program the following summer without a plan in place, and parents will be responsible for immediate pickup of their student.

These are general guidelines of behavioral expectations and may not include all scenarios.

Health Services

Minor first aid will be provided as needed. If more urgent, non-emergency medical care is needed for a student beyond basic first aid, families will be immediately notified. In the event of an emergency, contact with the appropriate medical personnel will be made, and family notifications will be made as soon as possible.

Meals

Students will be provided with lunch each day in the Ryle Hall Cafeteria.

The dining services on campus offer a wide selection of food at every meal, and their menus are varied enough to accommodate a range of dietary preferences, including vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, and other special diets. If a student requires special dietary accommodation or has severe food allergies, please contact us in advance so that we can plan accordingly.

Vegetarian & Vegan Meals: Meatless entrees are available on the regular menu. The meatless entrees may contain animal products such as (milk, cheese, eggs). Students who prefer not to eat animal products may choose from vegan noted items on the menu and the salad bar.

Specific Food Allergies: Most students with food allergies manage by selecting from the variety of items available on the regular menu and salad bar. Students with highly sensitive airborne food allergies should let us know in advance.

Dining services does not prepare nut based items, nor serves nut based items beyond Nutella during the summer months.

The dining hall menus provide the following information for food choices year round:

A row of small, colorful icons representing various dietary restrictions and preferences. The icons include: a red nut for Peanut, a red milk drop for Milk, a red egg for Eggs, a red wheat stalk for Wheat, a red soybean for Soybean, a red fish for Fish, a red shellfish for Shellfish, a red nut for Treenuts, a yellow wheat stalk for Gluten, a green leaf for Vegetarian, a green leaf for Vegan, a green leaf for Mindful, and a green leaf for PlantBased.

Medications

We ask that all daily medications be provided at home if possible. If a student requires medication during JBA Jr. hours, please contact us in advance. If a student is required to carry an inhaler or EpiPen, please contact us in advance so we are aware of the medication they will carry. **Please do not send a student with medications to take on their own without prior communication with the JBA, Jr. office (jba@truman.edu or 660-785-5384).**

Personal Belongings/Lost and Found

Students are responsible at all times for the safekeeping of their personal belongings. JBA Jr. is not responsible for theft, loss of, or damage to students' personal belongings. In general, we recommend that students leave all valuables at home.

JBA Jr. will maintain a lost-and-found box. Clearly labeled items are the most likely to be successfully returned. JBA, Jr., the staff, and Truman State University cannot be responsible for items left behind at the end of the program.

Additional Information

For further information, visit our website at: jbajr.truman.edu

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