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2024 - 2025 SCHOOL YEAR 

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS: TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024

Elementary Schools 7:30 am - 3:00 pm • Middle Schools 8:10 am - 3:45 pm • High Schools 8:55 am - 4:25 pm



Cullen Elementary School, pictured here under construction, was completed and opened for students this August.

HAYS CISD OPENS 27TH CAMPUS!
New Jim Cullen Elementary Helps with Rapid District Growth

On August 2, 2024, Hays CISD will cut the ribbon on Jim Cullen Elementary School. It's the 16th elementary school campus in the district and the 27th overall campus. For the 2024-2025 school year, the district is projected to have 24,607 students. That's up about 1,100 from last year, which was up about 1,100 students from the previous year. The district continues to grow rapidly, and the growth is only expected to accelerate for the rest of the decade. More and more families are choosing Hays CISD as their school district.

Cullen Elementary, home of the Cubs, is 117,611 square-feet with a 900 student capacity. Construction was approved by voters in May 2022 and completed in time for the 2024-2025 school year. The school colors are navy and gold.

Jim Cullen - A Hays CISD Legend

Jim Cullen Elementary School is named after a Hays CISD legend and a true Texan! He was born in San Antonio near the Alamo on March 2nd (Texas Independence Day), and he grew up in La Porte near the San Jacinto Monument. Following high school and college, he served in the United States Army, rising to the rank of sergeant. It was during his Army years that he married his college sweetheart, Luanne Pruitt.

From 1980, and for the next eleven years, Jim and Luanne both taught at Alpine Independent School District. In 1991, they moved to San Marcos. Luanne taught for Comal ISD for two years and then for Hays CISD until her retirement in 2004. Jim taught for 14 years for Hays CISD. He began teaching Texas History in Hays CISD in 1991, at Dahlstrom Middle School; then helped open Barton Middle School in 1993, and taught there until moving to Wallace Middle School in 2000.

Throughout the 1990s and 2000s, Jim was president of the Hays Educators Association (the local Texas State Teachers Association – TSTA – chapter). In 2001, he was selected as the Wallace Middle School Teacher of the Year and the district’s Secondary Teacher of the Year, eventually being named the Texas Education Agency Region 13 Secondary Teacher of the Year. Jim was an early and longtime member of the Hays Education Foundation, and he was honored by five former students as their choices for their most influential teacher at the district’s annual Linebarger Top Ten Percent banquets.

In 2005, Jim retired from the classroom, but continued to foster his district connections. He first worked as a reporter covering the district for the Hays Free Press. Then, he contracted with the district from 2009 to 2020, to serve in a critical new role – the district’s first official photographer. Websites, social media, and other new and emerging technologies demanded photographs of the great things happening in the district. Jim captured so many important memories for students, parents, colleagues, and the community. Many of his award-winning photographs are still used and displayed around the district and in businesses in the community.

Jim’s educational focus has always been on building positive, personal relationships – a trait that helped lead to many positive outcomes in his classroom. Giving back to his community—specifically the students and staff of the Hays CISD educational community—remains a driving force in his life.

In 2020, Jim received the first Hays CISD Lifetime Achievement Award.

A Message from the Superintendent

We’ve known for some time that Hays CISD is a fast growth district. By adding more than 1,000 students each year for the past several years, and anticipating an increase in that annual growth, we could see an additional 20,000 new students in Hays CISD by 2033 - less than 10 years away. Our latest demographer’s report predicts, on a moderate growth scenario, Hays CISD could have a student population of 45,423 students in 2033. If growth is faster than expected, we could see 48,150 students by 2033 - or double what we have today in just nine years.



The thought of this growth may seem daunting, but I consider it a good problem to have. We will need to prepare, work diligently, and navigate some growing pains. However, the larger our district gets, the more opportunities and choices we, as a community, will be able to offer our students. It’s based on the economies of scale model. As a smaller district we might not have enough interest in a particular program to justify its cost. As a larger district, not only will we have more interest, but we will have more of a tax base to spread out costs. Many of our CTE programs are great examples of specialized programs we can offer - like the firefighter academy, aerospace, or barbering.

I’m looking forward to continuing our success as a district in 2024 - 2025. We are well positioned to continue to surpass the performance of our neighboring school districts in Region 13, and outpace the state averages in terms of test scores. From a governance perspective, we continue to keep the focus on what is best for students. We are a diverse community where most people have moderate, common sense views. Our fight is not left vs. right, but keeping politics and bureaucracy from distracting us or slowing us down. We consciously concentrate on what makes sense; what works for our parents, students, staff, and taxpayers; and what keeps us a community in which we can all be proud.

This year is going to be a great year. Welcome back!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Wright".

Dr. Eric Wright
Superintendent of Schools





Hays CISD middle school students participate in football camp as the 2024-2025 school year draws near.

Registration is Underway

Welcome back to our existing students and families and a big Hays Howdy to our new students and families. If you haven't already done so, there's still time to register for the 2024 - 2025 school year. You can find out all of the information you need to register online at: <https://www.hayscisdn.net/registration>.

Schedules and Back-to-School Events

Back-to-school is an exciting time! Hays CISD campuses have autonomy to create exciting back-to-school activities and they will vary. Be sure to check with your child's campus for specific information about back-to-school event schedules.

Some key dates as they related to all students in the [parent](#) and [student](#) portals are:

August 5, 2024	Transportation (bus) assignments will display in parent and student portals (in the desktop versions of the portals, not the mobile version). For a full transportation experience, download the Smart Tag app to check the status of a bus, get push notifications for late buses, check whether students are on or off the bus and which stop they used, and much more. The Transportation Office has two in-person sessions for people who need help setting up the Smart Tag app. They are at the district's Performing Arts Center on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 4:00p - 6:00p, and August 10, 2024, from 9:00p - noon.	
August 7, 2024	Middle school schedules will display in parent and student portals for students who are registered. Check with each campus for specific dates and times for back-to-school events.	
August 8, 2024	Elementary school teacher assignments will display in parent and student portals for students who are registered. Meet the teacher night for all elementary schools is Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Check with campuses for exact times for each grade level at your child's home campus.	
August 9, 2024	High school student schedules will display in parent and student portals for students who are registered. Check with each campus for specific dates and times for back to school events.	

Pre-K Back-to-School Information Sessions

Parents who have students eligible for pre-K are invited to attend one of two upcoming Pre-K Back-to-School informational meetings. They are:

- Monday, August 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Blanco Vista Elementary School Cafeteria
- Tuesday, August 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Sunfield Elementary School Cafeteria

High School Meet the Teacher

High Schools are inviting parents and guardians to meet their child's teachers and to learn more about the campuses. High schools will be sending more information soon. Contact the campuses with any questions you may have at the start of the year and we'll be happy to help.

- Tuesday, September 17, 2024: Lehman HS - 5:15p to 7:00p; Johnson HS - 6:00p - 7:30p; Hays HS - 6:00p - 7:30p; Live Oak Academy HS - time and date to be determined.



All Hays CISD regular route school buses have seatbelts and new stickers to remind students to wear them.

The Seatbelt is Your Buddy on Hays CISD Buses

Hays CISD has been working diligently to convert its bus fleet to one in which all buses have seatbelts. Because of new buses put into service at the end of last school year and because of work converting some older buses to buses with seatbelts, the district is happy to report that all regular route buses for students are equipped with seatbelts for the start of 2024 - 2025. Additionally, many of the support buses which serve field trips and as backup route buses are now seatbelt equipped. The [full seatbelt plan](#) is online.

With seatbelts on buses now comes the task of ensuring students wear them at all times. To help remind everyone of the importance of wearing seatbelts, the district will be prominently displaying stickers from the “Seatbelt is your Buddy” campaign. Also look for additional information about seatbelts when the 2024 - 2025 parent student handbook is published. When a bus is in motion, the primary focus for drivers is driving the bus. That means we all need to reinforce to students that they must ensure their seatbelts stay on.

Bell Times Change for Elementary School

Note that the ending [bell schedule](#) for elementary schools in Hays CISD have changed for the new school year. The new elementary school end time is now 3:00 p.m. (compared with 2:55 p.m. in recent previous years). The additional minutes on each of the school days helps flexibility of the calendar, banking inclement weather minutes, and accommodating required duty-free teacher conference time. The new bell schedule is: Elementary Schools 7:30 am - 3:00 p.m.; Middle Schools 8:10 am - 3:45 pm; High Schools 8:55 am - 4:25 pm.



Send Us Your First Day of School Photos

We’re continuing a fun idea - something we started years ago - First Day of School Facebook photos! Send us your best first day of school picture, and we’ll share it with everyone on the [Hays CISD Facebook page](#). We will start posting the photos in the morning on the first day of school. You can submit your child's photo (.jpeg preferred) via our [Facebook page](#) message button, or email it as an attachment to photos@hayscisd.net.

Some photo editing may be required. By submitting a photo to Hays CISD you are acknowledging these photos may be used in Hays CISD publications, including the district website and social media.



Lady Lobo Volleyball Camp recently welcomed students interested in the sport in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Sales Tax Holiday Weekend August 11th - 13th

This year’s state Sales Tax Holiday is August 9th through the 11th. As in previous years, the law exempts most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under \$100 from sales and use taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend. Read more about this State of Texas program for parents and school children on the [website of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts](#).

Student School Supply Lists 2024-2025

Hays CISD uses standardized school supply lists based on grade levels for elementary school students. The lists are downloadable, and readable or printable as PDFs at the [Hays CISD School Supply Central webpage](#). Hays CISD does not have a standardized school supply list for middle and high school students. Middle and high school students should come to class the first day with basic supplies including pencil, pen, and paper. Teachers assign additional supplies.



Consider Donating Student School Supplies

Back-to-School time can be very exciting! It can also be very stressful, particularly for families who may be experiencing difficult financial times. Because of generous support from people like you, the district is able to provide school supplies and backpacks to students in need. Any items you can donate will be of great help and will be much appreciated. You can drop off donated school supplies and backpacks at the [Hays CISD Clothes Closet](#) at 3839B E. FM 150 in Kyle (next to Simon Middle School) or at the Hays CISD Central Office at 21003 IH 35 in Kyle. The supplies are collected and distributed to campuses. Donations are tax deductible. To coordinate large batch school supply donations from groups, please contact Elizabeth.Bracamontes@hayscisd.net. To request assistance with school supplies, [please use the online help form](#), or contact the counselor at your child’s campus.

Upcoming Ceremonies will Honor District Contributors

The 2024-2025 school year will be an exciting year as the district continues the tradition of celebrating district contributors and icons with facilities, or parts of them, named in tribute. In the fall, look for the dedication ceremonies for the Helen Alcala Child Nutrition Center and the Merideth Keller Board of Trustees Meeting Room. In August 2025, when the school opens, the district will dedicate Lamont Ramage Elementary School.

Alcala was a longtime district cafeteria worker at Buda High School. Following her retirement with the district, at the age of 57, she opened a successful restaurant of her own on Buda’s Main Street – Helen’s Casa Alde. Ramage was a longtime justice of the peace, a former school board member and board president, and the former mayor of the City of Hays. He had a deep connection to the district not only serving in his position on the Board, but also as a longtime volunteer. Keller, the longest serving female Hays CISD school board member and past Board president, made tremendous leadership contributions during some of the district’s most critical development years.



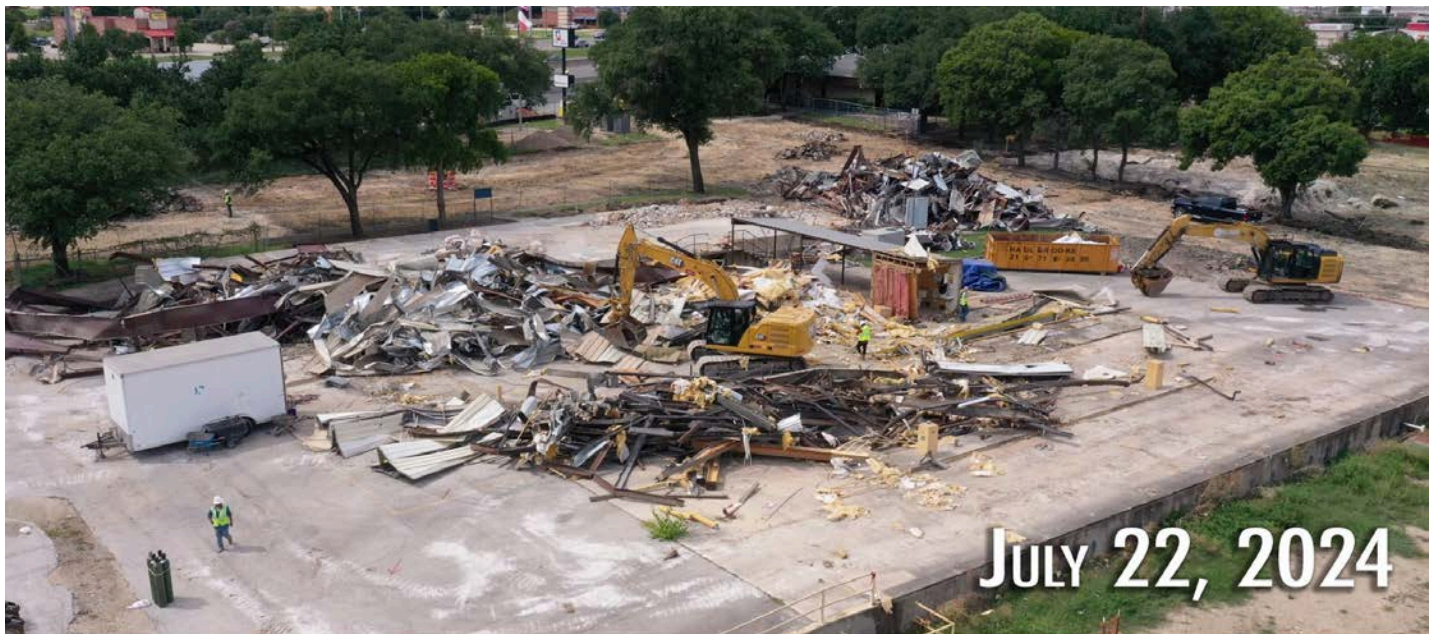
ALCALA



RAMAGE



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Portions of the old Hays CISD Central Office have been demolished to make room for parking and green space at the new Hays CISD Central Office.

New Hays CISD Central Office Opens - Same Address

During the summer, the new Hays CISD Academic Support Center (ASC) opened - replacing the much smaller central office complex that the district purchased from a heavy equipment dealership in the 1990s. The old main central office building will now house the Hays CISD Education Foundation and the Hays CISD Athletics Office. The old metal buildings that were rusty and deteriorating have been demolished. They most recently housed the operations and technology divisions of the district, along with various families of squirrels, raccoons, and other critters who liked to make their homes in the ceiling. The new ASC building allows all central office services to be at the same location, providing better customer service to parents, employees, taxpayers, voters, and community members. Most school board meetings will now take place at the new ASC in the Merideth Keller Board of Trustees Meeting Room. The building will also serve as a vote center in most Hays County elections. School district voters approved the construction of the ASC in the May 2022 bond. The address for the new ASC Building is the same as the old central office because it is located at the same location on the northbound access road of Interstate 35 between exits 213 and 215. The address is 21003 IH 35, Kyle, Texas 78640. Phone numbers also remain the same.

District Bond Committee Eying May 2025 Bond

Hays CISD didn't have a bond election in 2024, but will likely need one in 2025 to keep pace with the growth the district is experiencing. The district's citizen-based Facilities and Bond Oversight Committee (FBOC) meets regularly to review data and consider potential future needs. This group makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

During the fall of 2024, the FBOC is expected to prepare a recommendation for a bond that would be presented to voters for consideration in May 2025. Preliminary items being considered in the proposed bond include additional elementary schools, a potential seventh middle school, and even the district's fourth comprehensive high school. Additionally, school buses, technology, safety and security items, and maintenance items are usually discussed. The FBOC is considering what could go on a bond without triggering the need for a school district property tax rate increase.



Follow the work of the FBOC online at: www.hayscisd.net/fboc. And, look for more information from the district as the school year gets underway. The deadline for the Board to call a bond election for May 2025 would be February 14, 2025.



Johnson High School Class of 2024 graduates.


Graduation Requirements Now Include Volunteer Hours

Students in the Class of 2027 or later will be required to earn 40 volunteer service hours prior to their graduation. The specific graduation requirements are listed in policy [EIF \(Local\)](#). Students will submit documentation and verification of their service hours through the SchoolLinks platform. In addition to volunteer service from organizations outside of the school district, the district volunteer program also has volunteer hour opportunities available. Students with questions should contact their high school counselors.

Become a Hays CISD Volunteer (& Get a Cool New ID)

Community engagement is an important component of the success of Hays CISD. From an active mentoring program to a successful Education Foundation, to participation on district committees and membership with PTAs and booster clubs - there are a number of opportunities for parents and community members to be involved in our schools.

To become a volunteer, you must register in the district's VIPs (Volunteers in Public Schools) system.

 [Click here to begin the registration process for Hays VIPs \(Volunteers in Public Schools\)](#)

With the Hays VIPs system, the district will be able to communicate with volunteers, help them track their service hours, and easily conduct the required criminal background check necessary to become an approved volunteer. As a volunteer you can select the schools where you want to volunteer and the types of activities that interest you. Once you set up your account you will be able to login and choose specific volunteer activities from the schools where you want to volunteer and record your hours after volunteering.

To receive your official volunteer badge, please contact your primary campus volunteer coordinator.



ID Badges are Key for Safety on Campus

The district will continue to rigorously enforce the requirement that students, staff, volunteers, and visitors wear ID badges that are clearly visible while on campus. The IDs must be prominently displayed at the neck or chest level at all times during the school day with no exceptions. This is a critical first-line security measure that allows people on campus to know right away whether someone belongs on campus or may be a threat. Please help us keep campuses safe by reinforcing the ID requirement.



Hays High School's Color Guard gears up for a new marching season during the annual Hawks Guard Camp.

Reminder - Shelton Stadium Requires Clear Bags

Hays CISD values your safety and the safety of guests at events. To provide a more secure environment and to expedite entry into Shelton Stadium, the district will continue its clear bag requirement at Shelton Stadium, limiting the size and types of bags allowed at the stadium during games and events. Guests attempting to enter a venue with nonconforming bags will be asked to return the items to their vehicles. For more information, visit: <https://www.hayscisd.net/bags>.

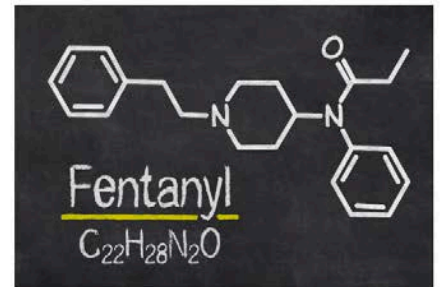
Fall Athletic and Fine Arts Tickets

The box office is open. Don't miss the fun! You can purchase most tickets to fall events on the Hays CISD website at: <https://www.hayscisd.net/boxoffice>.



Third through ninth graders enjoyed the annual Lehman Athletics Football Skills Camp during the second half of the summer.

FIGHTING FENTANYL



INFORMATION & RESOURCES FOR HAYS CISD PARENTS & STUDENTS ABOUT FENTANYL

Fentanyl Still a Danger in the Area

Since the summer of 2022, Hays CISD has been leading the way on having the fentanyl conversation. Sadly, since July 2022, seven current Hays CISD students died from fentanyl poisoning and many more experienced overdoses that required the administration of NARCAN. We are incredibly grateful that at the time of publication of this newsletter, the district isn't aware of any current Hays CISD students who died from fentanyl since early fall of 2023 - almost a year ago.

Through outreach, awareness, diligent work by our partners in law enforcement, important conversations individually and in assemblies, and attention from policy makers at the state and federal levels; we appear to be seeing some progress in our communities. Sadly, this danger is in no way gone, so it will require us to keep the conversation going.

Visit our [Fighting Fentanyl webpage](#) to see all of the material and resources we have created or collected so far and look for more information this school year.

See Something, Say Something, Do Something!

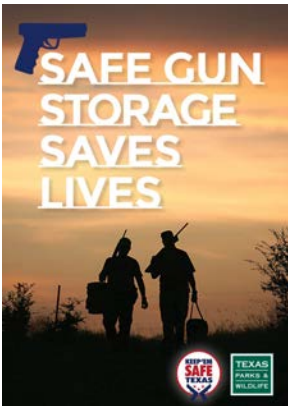
Hays CISD is committed to safeguarding the people in our school district family, regardless of the threat. The district has a number of ways for you to reach out and report any concerns. Below are links to some of the key ways to report. You may also speak directly with any campus official and we will immediately investigate any danger.

<div>Mental Health Outreach</div> <div></div> <div>LEAVE A TIP NOW</div> <div>Hays HopeLine is a convenient and confidential way for students and parents to report bullying, harassment, or any other personal or mental health crisis.</div>	<div>School Threat Reporting</div> <div></div> <div>LEAVE A TIP NOW</div> <div>The Texas Suspicious Activity Reporting Network iWatchTexas website is a place you can report suspicious activities or behaviors that may indicate criminal, terroristic, or school safety-related threats.</div>	<div>Campus Crime Stoppers</div> <div></div> <div>LEAVE A TIP NOW</div> <div>The Crime Stoppers program is a partnership between law enforcement and our community which enables the public to share crime or safety related information anonymously by phone or by using the online P3 platform.</div>	<div>District Safety Ideas & Policy Concerns</div> <div></div> <div>START A DIALOGUE</div> <div>The district's Hey Hays?! web feature allows you to start a conversation with the director of safety and security. Use this feature if you have an idea or policy concern.</div>
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Initiative Aims to Help With Gun Safety

As part of the most recent legislative session, Texas lawmakers have asked districts to share information from [Keep 'Em Safe Texas](#), which has many resources to assist with making homes safe with regards to firearms, including a Safe Gun Storage Checklist, tips for ammunition storage, gun safety coloring sheets for children, informative videos, detailed descriptions of gun storage devices, as well as answers to frequently asked questions.

<https://safegunstoragetexas.com/>



Be Sure to Get the Required Immunizations for School

Article includes information and text from the Texas Department of State Health Services website

Back-to-school means a long to-do list in a short time. That's why it's smart to make an appointment to get your child immunized now. Not having the right shots or appropriate immunization exemption documentation can mean your child won't be able to go to school on the first day. Ask your healthcare provider about your child's protection against vaccine-preventable diseases including diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, and others. Proof of immunization or valid exemption documentation is required for students to come to school on the first day. When your child is immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases, it helps prevent outbreaks in their schools and contributes to better health for all children in Texas.



[View the state's Required Immunizations for 2024 - 2025.](#)

Hays CISD Cafe Menus Online; Breakfast Now No Cost for Students on Reduced Price Status

Applications for Free and Reduced Meals are open. Students need a new application on file to receive free or reduced meals for the 2024-2025 school year. You may use one free and reduced meal application for all students in your household. Information is confidential. Apply online or on paper in English or Spanish. <https://www.hayscisd.net/childnutrition>



For the 2024 - 2025 school year, the menu prices for breakfast and lunch at all Hays CISD schools will remain the same, except that breakfast for students who qualify for reduced prices will now also be no cost to the student. Five Hays CISD campuses will continue to offer no-cost-to-student breakfast and lunch for all students under a federal program called CEP – Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). They are: Camino Real, Hemphill, Science Hall, and Uhland Elementary Schools; and Simon Middle School. For students who attend a Hays CISD campus that does not participate in the CEP Program, visit <https://www.schoolcafe.com/HAYSCISD> to apply for free or reduced-price meals.

Some handy child nutrition tools include: the [School Cafe App](#) as a one-stop shop for all of your child nutrition account needs; and for menus, the district's [Nutrislice](#) page: <https://hayscisd.nutrislice.com>.

Hays CISD 2023 - 2024 Cafe Meal Prices for Students*						
	Elementary Schools			Secondary (Middle & High Schools)		
	Regular Price	Reduced Price	Free	Regular Price	Reduced Price	Free
Breakfast	\$1.25	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1.35	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lunch	\$2.70	\$0.40	\$0.00	\$2.90	\$0.40	\$0.00

*Students at the following five Hays CISD campuses will not be charged for breakfast or lunch in 2024 - 2025: Camino Real, Hemphill, Science Hall, and Uhland Elementary Schools; and Simon Middle School. These campuses qualify to offer no-cost-to-student meals under a federal program called CEP – Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Hays CISD Clothes Closet & Hays Hope2Go Serving Students

Hays CISD is proud to continue the district's Clothes Closet and HaysHope2Go supplemental nutrition program this year. Both of these transformational social service initiatives are invaluable in the district's efforts to eliminate socio-economic barriers that prevent students from succeeding. The Hays CISD Clothes Closet provides no cost new and gently used clothing to Hays CISD students and their siblings. The HaysHope2Go project works to alleviate hunger among district students who are most in need. Food insecurity is a major barrier to having students focus on their work in class and reaching their full academic potential. Clothing insecurity can negatively affect self-esteem. To donate, volunteer, or access services, visit: www.hayscisd.net/clothes or <https://www.hayscisd.net/hayshope2go>.





Hays CISD bilingual educators returned to school a week early from the summer for a professional development workshop at McCormick Middle School in an effort to better serve ESL and multilingual students. The theme of the workshop was “unlocking equity for all multilingual learners.” The objectives of the training are to: better understand who our educators serve in the bilingual programs; determine routines and schedules to strengthen the language of instruction; plan strategic use of language that will set the foundation for strong literacy instruction; discuss the importance of multilingual perspectives within writing instruction; review the strategic use of cross-linguistic connections; and to review dual language program and framework to foster parent and community engagement.

Meet Your New Principals for 2024-2025

We’re excited to welcome a number of new principals to some of our campuses for the 2024-2025 school year. Every year, school districts generally experience a change in campus leadership with the normal rhythms of people retiring, being promoted into other positions, or relocating. This year, we were fortunate to draw from a tremendous bank of talent from within our district to fill the openings, either through reassignment of current principals or promoting talented leaders to the role of principal.

Campus leadership is critical to student success. Principals set the climate and expectations for each campus, cultivating a culture to empower both students and staff to thrive. Please help us congratulate the following Hays CISD leaders in their new roles and campus assignments!

Lucia Nerio - Principal Buda Elementary School	Shea Howard - Principal Hemphill Elementary School	Amanda Muro - Principal Tom Green Elementary School
Lizette Salinas Rodriguez - Principal Blanco Vista Elementary School	Danielle Sandoval- Principal Pflugler Elementary School	Homero Gonzalez - Principal Uhland Elementary School
Elizabeth Lara - Principal Cullen Elementary School	Alejandra Valdez - Principal Science Hall Elementary School	Sean Fox - Principal Simon Middle School
Jennifer Hanna - Principal Elm Grove Elementary School	Alisa Dipalma - Principal Sunfield Elementary School	Rob Hensarling - Principal Johnson High School
Kristin Seibel - Principal Fuentes Elementary School	Melissa English - Principal Tobias Elementary School	

Teachers & Staff Working Hard; Send a Hays High Five!

Hays CISD is proud of its staff, particularly those who go above and beyond to provide outstanding service to students, families, and the community. If there is someone who has provided you with excellent customer service, send them a "Hays High Five" ([submit one online](#)). Anyone can nominate a Hays CISD employee and that employee will receive a small token of appreciation, along with your kind words.





The Hays High School Hawks drumline practices for an award-winning upcoming season!

Nominees Wanted for the District Leadership Team (DLT)

Hays CISD’s District Leadership Team (DLT) serves as an advisory committee to provide input to the superintendent throughout the school year. The committee is composed of teachers, non-teaching professionals, parents, and business and community members as outlined in board policy. Committee members serve staggered terms. The committee is seeking nominations from the following categories for 2024-2025: three parents (one from each comprehensive high school feeder pattern), two business members, two community members (residents who do not have children enrolled in Hays CISD schools).

Nomination forms and more information may be obtained online at: <https://www.hayscisd.net/DLT>, or from Federal Program Director, Stephanie Norris, at the Hays CISD Central Administration Building located at 21003 Interstate 35 Frontage Road, Kyle, Texas 78610. You may also call 512-268-2141, ext.45156 or email stephanie.norris@hayscisd.net for more information. Principals are also looking for these same positions on their campus-level leadership teams. To apply for a campus-level position, please contact the campus at which you are interested.

Become a Hays CISD Guest Teacher

Do you enjoy working with children? Interested in being more involved in our schools? Want to make a positive difference in the education of our children?

Substitute teaching may be the answer! As a substitute, or guest teacher, you can set your own schedule and work at the locations of your choice.

[For more information and to apply, please visit our website.](#)

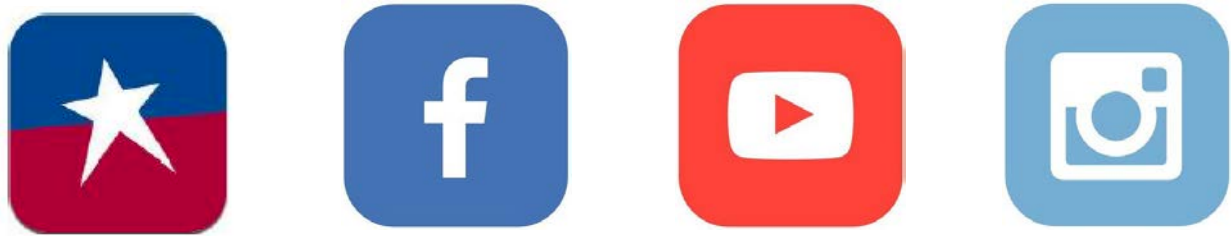


Hey Hays?!

Hays CISD is committed to listening and responding to your ideas, concerns, questions, and praise. “[Hey Hays?!](#)” is a web-based feature that allows you to communicate directly with district leaders, leave a comment, or check out the places you can find information about the district. Join the conversation. Hays CISD is committed to building a user-friendly school district. We pledge to do our best to keep bureaucracy at bay and make your experiences with the district easy, enjoyable, and satisfying. A lot happens every day within our 221 square miles and at our 27 campuses. Procedures, processes, and practices abound. Some work well; and, well, some don’t. If you had a bad experience with one of our systems or processes, or you question the way we do things - we want to know. Help us spot ways we can make your life easier.



We're on our APP, Facebook, YouTube, & Instagram



Be among the first to know. The district can quickly post general news and pictures as they happen, and emergency information on social media. You can also share information and give feedback and comments on district social media. Use the icons above to connect to social media. The district app is available from [Apple](#) and for [Android devices](#) through the various app stores.

Check Your Campus Drop Off & Pick Up Traffic Plans; Be Careful on the Roads

With information from our friends at the [National Center for Safe Routes to Schools](#)

Parents and caregivers who drive on campus and in neighborhoods near schools can play an important role in enhancing safety by following safe driving practices. Drivers are often in a hurry and distracted which can lead to unsafe conditions for students and others walking, bicycling and driving in the area.

Campuses will include individual traffic plans on their websites. Be sure to check your campus for this year's drop off and pick up plans. These may have changed from last year.

School zone traffic lights in Hays CISD will be on and enforced one week prior to the start of school.

In general, drivers should always:

- Slow down and obey all traffic laws and speed limits especially in school zones.
- Comply with local school drop-off and pick-up procedures.
- Avoid loading or unloading children at locations across the street from the school. This forces youngsters to unnecessarily cross busy streets.
- Prepare to stop for a school bus when overhead yellow lights are flashing.
- Stop for a school bus with its red overhead lights flashing, regardless of the direction from which the driver is approaching.
- Watch for children walking, bicycling, and gathering near bus stops.
- Don't use cell phones, including in school parking lots, while a vehicle is in gear.



The district enjoys a strong relationship with all of its law enforcement partners - officers, deputies, and troopers are parents too. They will be watching school zones and enforcing traffic rules to make sure children are safe.

One last tip: Remember to allow yourself extra time for parent drop off and pick up during the first week of school. We will have many parents learning the routines at their new campuses. We look forward to a great year!

We're on a Mission!

The mission of Hays CISD is to educate, value, and nurture students through innovative and personalized educational experiences while celebrating our diversity.

We take this mission seriously and appreciate your choice to trust the district with your children. Check out the district's [mission, vision, beliefs, and goals](#) online.

At Hays CISD, we strive for the best - with no exceptions. We are 100% committed to excellence and success. We want all students to be excited, engaged, and inspired. We want all parents to feel welcome, included, and supported. We want all teachers and employees empowered to make a difference. We want all community members, taxpayers, and business partners to be involved and informed. Together, we are unstoppable. Together, we have the power to change the world. Together, we are 100% Hays CISD!