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District Updates
Work Session/Regular Meeting
Dr. Thomas J. Duffy, Superintendent
May 11, 2026

Thank you 5/11/26

Education Updates

Our twice annual curriculum evaluation and review was completed in April. Each April (and October) under the direction of our department heads, our written curriculum is evaluated and reviewed. Revisions and adjustments are ongoing, this is an opportunity to make sure recent changes are memorialized in the curriculum drive. Department leaders also complete an input summary and provide and update to their departments.

[Example curriculum template](#)
[Evaluation Input Summary](#)

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated May 4- May 8. In addition to recognition on our website, digital sign on Hildebrandt Ave, and district-wide messaging, building level celebrations included breakfast (bagels, muffins) lunches (pizza, hoagies, tacos,) snacks (cookies, cakes, fruit, ice cream) and more. Teachers participated in themed dress up days, the DMS Coffee Cart went on the road to Wycallis and student created cards and drawings were presented to teachers.

The remainder of the school year is packed with events and opportunities for students including field trips, enrichment activities, concerts and ceremonies. The [District Website](#) and building level websites as well as text message reminders are resources for parents, families and the community. Graduation is set for Friday, May 29, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in Mountaineer Stadium.

Back to School - Meet the Teacher 2026-2027

Wycallis Primary Center

Monday, August 17, 2026 — 2 White: 4:00 PM–5:00 PM

Monday, August 17, 2026 — 2 Blue: 5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — Kindergarten Open House: 1:00 PM–3:00 PM
1:00 PM–1:30 PM

1:45 PM–2:15 PM

2:30 PM–3:00 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — 1 Blue: 4:30 PM–5:30 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — 1 White: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Dallas Intermediate School

Monday, August 17, 2026 — Meet the Case Managers/Related Services Providers: 6:30 PM–7:30 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 — 3A Meet the Teacher Night: 4:30 PM–5:30 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 — 3B Meet the Teacher Night: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 — 4A Meet the Teacher Night: 4:30 PM–5:30 PM

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 — 4B Meet the Teacher Night: 6:00 PM–7:00 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — 5A Meet the Teacher Night: 3:30 PM–4:30 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — 5B Meet the Teacher Night: 5:30 PM–6:30 PM

Dallas Middle School

Friday, August 21, 2026 — 6th Grade Orientation: 1:00 PM

Wednesday, September 9, 2026 — Back to School Night: 6:00 PM

Dallas High School

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 — Freshman Orientation (PAC): 1:00 PM

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 — Back to School Night (PAC): 6:00 PM

The PDE required Educator Induction Program was implemented successfully with all first year Dallas teachers. Long term substitutes and first year teachers receive support from mentor teachers, grade level and department colleagues and administration with the program. A Year End Report is attached.

Policy Updates

In concert with PSBA's policy review service, the following policies will be under review for a period of not less than 30 days with tentative recommendation for board action at our June 22, 2026 meeting.

Policy 140. Charter Schools. Updated to provide clarification pertaining to the requirement of the school district to provide transportation to charter school students and the district's responsibilities. Based on a recent court ruling, the school district must provide a free mode of transportation to charter school students, not an identical one to district students. Additional minor edits were made throughout the policy and the Purpose statement was revised for better clarity and conciseness.

Policy 810. Transportation. Updated to provide clarification pertaining to the requirement of the school district to provide transportation to charter school students and the district's responsibilities. The district must provide free transportation for charter school students but the mode of transportation does not need to be identical to the mode of transportation provided for traditional public school students.

Policy 221. Dress and Grooming. Updated due to the passage of the CROWN Act which provides protection for individuals from discrimination based on hairstyles historically associated with an individual's race as well as religious creed including head coverings and hairstyles historically associated with religious creeds.

Policy 325. Dress and Grooming. Updated based on the new requirements of the CROWN Act to protect employees from discrimination based on hairstyles historically associated with an individual's race as well as religious creed including head coverings and hairstyles historically associated with religious creeds.

Policy 236.1. Threat Assessment. Updated after new requirements were added to the PA School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 1302-E regarding the established procedures for threat assessment teams. Threat assessment teams must now include in their established procedures the protocols for timely consultation between the threat assessment team and law enforcement, juvenile justice agencies, county agencies, health care providers or behavioral service providers, as appropriate, when referring students whose behavior indicates a potential threat for additional interventions or supports. The protocols must also address the need for the exchange of relevant information being done in accordance with applicable federal and state laws. The list of optional personnel to be part of the district's threat assessment team has also been expanded to include an individual who serves on a local or county threat assessment team, if applicable.