



Hallsville ISD Technology - Departmental Report

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News & Notes

- ❖ New Website - <https://www.hisd.com/>
 - David Weaver (District Webmaster), Kenton Simpson (Database Engineer), and James Burt worked diligently with ParentSquare to transition to our new website.
 - The goal was to create a slimmer and more functional website with up-to-date information.
- ❖ Mass Communications - <https://www.parentsquare.com/> - Launching 2026/2027
 - Mass Notifications: For school- or district-wide announcements, urgent alerts, and automated notices.
 - Classroom Communications: Includes one-to-one and group messaging between teachers and families, student directories, and tools for volunteering/supplies requests.
 - Conferences: Supports scheduling and conducting Parent-Teacher Conferences (Virtual Phone option is also available).
- ❖ E-rate - We are currently waiting for the bid process to end.
 - Bid Deadline: Tuesday, Dec 23, 2025
 - Bid Opening: Tuesday, January 6th, 2025

Technology Roadmap

- ❖ Upgrade/replace the server racks in the District Network Operations Center
- ❖ Replace and upgrade the public paging system at the East Elementary School.
- ❖ Replace and upgrade the public paging system at the Junior High.
- ❖ Streamlining daily operational processes and procedures.

Long-term Projects/Goals

- ❖ Replacement and upgrade of a district-wide core servers.
 - HISD core servers have exceeded their life expectancy by several years.
 - ❖ Upgrade of the environmental cooling system in the District Network Operations Center.
 - ❖ Proactively replace legacy buried fiber optic cabling connecting multiple campuses to ensure continued network reliability and performance.
 - ❖ Replacement of the existing Telephone System with an industry-standard VOIP system.
 - ❖ Junior High Auditorium audio equipment replacement, remodel, and stage upgrades.
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