



**HALLSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION
Board Report
December 2025**

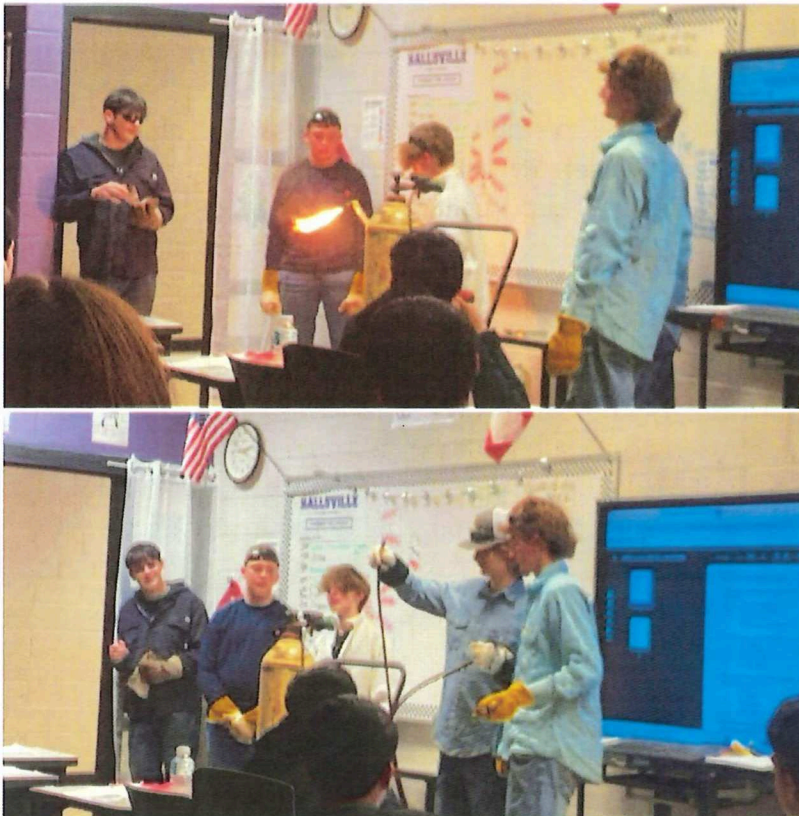


Growing All Learners to Achieve Excellence in CTE

- **HISD CTE Advisory Council Meeting Advisory meeting was held on Wednesday, November 19th**
 - Approximately 75 guests attended the meeting, including representatives from business and industry partners, workforce development, post-secondary institutions, and district staff
 - Topics addressed were:
 - ✓ CTE TEA updates provided by Carrie Chandler-Region 7 CTE Specialist,
 - ✓ CTE Marketing Tools and CTE Programs of Study provided by Amanda Farrell, CTE Marketing Instructor.
 - ✓ HVACV Presentation – Jason Jones, Kilgore College HVAC Instructor and Brayden Clark, HHS HVAC Student
 - ✓ Components of a Successful CTE Program – Panel Discussion
 - ❖ Moderator – Tracy Dewoody, Health Science Instructor
 - ❖ CTE Director – Kathy Gaw
 - ❖ CTE Teacher, Classroom and Curriculum Responsibilities
 - ❖ Work Based Learning Opportunities – Amy Harkins< HHS Education and Training Instructor
 - ❖ CTE Dual Credit Opportunities, Brian Kasper-Kilgore College
 - ❖ Principal, James Gibson
 - Possible new Programs of Study for HISD in 2026-2027 – Real Estate and Electrical
- **Career and Technology Association of Texas, Area 3**
 - CTE Directors from Region 7 and 8 attended a meeting held at Lindale ISD on Wednesday, December 3rd
 - Directors from Region 7 and 8 were presented with information relating to compliance and program growth.
 - Topics Addressed
 - ✓ TEA changes in Programs of Study and Industry Based Certifications provided by Kerri Bowles, CTE Specialist at Region 8
 - ✓ Welding Needs to Meet Industry Standards provided by Airgas
- **Ag Farm Facilities Review**
 - Held meetings with ag science teachers and the Director of Facilities to discuss the needs of the farm.
 - Developed a plan to visit other ag facilities prior to proposing significant changes.
 - More details to follow as we work as a team to develop a long term plan

- **Texas Association of Future Teachers**
 - On Friday, November 14th Amy Harkins, Jenny Seal and Sherri Brabham, TAFE sponsors took twenty five students to TAFE Area Competition held at FFA. Students competed in various categories and we are thrilled to announce that nineteen students advanced to state competition.
 - State TAFE Teach for Tomorrow Summit will be held in Dallas at the Anatole Hotel February 26th – 29th
 - More specific details to follow
- **HHS Course Guide Review**
 - Met in CTE teams to review course offerings for the 2026-2027 school year.
 - Meeting with business and industry leaders to explore adding CTE Programs of Studies in Real Estate and Electrical. Final decision will be made prior to the Christmas break.
- **Introduction to Ag Mechanics, Instructor Kourtney Lock**
- **News from the Introduction to Ag Mechanics class with Ms. Lock, Instructor.**

Students teaching students! Today in Ms. Lock's Agricultural Mechanics class 4 students, who passed their Oxy-Fuel tests, had the privilege of teaching their fellow students about setting up an Oxy-Acetylene torch.





Hallsville FFA December Board Report



Outstanding Leadership Development Event Results

Lindale FFA LDE Contest

Our chapter proudly brought home a **3rd Place finish in Agricultural Issues** at the Lindale LDE Contest.

Longview District LDE

Hallsville FFA had a strong showing at the Longview District contest with multiple top-ten finishes and two teams advancing to Area:

- **2nd – Senior Creed Speaking – ADVANCING TO AREA**
- **3rd – Junior Spanish Creed Speaking – ADVANCING TO AREA**
- **6th – Agricultural Issues**
- **7th – Greenhand Creed Speaking**
- **7th – Greenhand Quiz**
- **8th – Ag Advocacy**
- **8th – Senior Quiz**
- **9th – Radio Broadcasting**
- **11th – Job Interview**

Area VI LDE

- **Addisyn Horn – 5th Place**
- **Humberto Leal – 8th Place**, making history as Hallsville's first-ever Spanish Creed Speaker to compete at the Area level.

Major Livestock & Ag Mechanics Entries

This season, Hallsville FFA members entered **approximately 50 major show entries**, representing our chapter at:

- Fort Worth
- Houston
- San Angelo
- Austin
- San Antonio

Entries include cattle, goats, lambs, swine, breeding rabbits, and agricultural mechanics projects. Best of luck to all exhibitors this season!

Bobcat Blessings Community Service

Hallsville FFA continues to give back to our community. Through the Bobcat Blessings Project, our chapter **sponsored 8 individuals** this holiday season. Thank you to all who contributed!

Christmas Parade Participation

Hallsville FFA was well-represented at the December 2nd Christmas Parade with **around 30 chapter and junior members** riding on the chapter float. We are proud of our students for showcasing FFA spirit and leadership in the community.

Growing Leadership: Officer Candidates

We are honored to have multiple members seeking leadership positions beyond the chapter level:

- **Kylie Cotton** is our Longview District Officer Candidate
- **Jake Scasta** is our Area VI Officer Candidate

- **Addisyn Horn** is our past Longview District President and currently serving as the Area VI Vice President, now a **Texas FFA State Officer Candidate**

These candidates completed rigorous applications, testing, and interviews and will present speeches in January. Election results will be determined by a combination of quiz scores, application scoring, interview performance, and delegate votes.

Area Committee Chair Applicants

For the first time, Hallsville FFA has students applying to serve as Area-level Committee Chairs:

- Jake Scasta
 - Dimcho Mironyuk
 - Kylie Cotton
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Career Development Events (CDEs) Update

CDE season is officially underway, and teams are forming quickly! Members have **10 contest categories** available this year:

- Veterinary Medicine
- Dairy Cattle Evaluation
- Forage
- Livestock Evaluation
- Floriculture
- Forestry
- Tractor Tech
- Horse Evaluation
- Homesite
- Ag Mechanics

These not only enhance learning within the classroom and give students real-world opportunities to showcase talents and skills outside the classroom, but also allows members to explore career opportunities within the CDE. Some contests have already begun competing, and additional teams are preparing for upcoming events.

Proud of Our Bobcats!

Hallsville FFA continues to grow in student participation, community involvement, and leadership development. We are proud of all members who have represented our chapter this season—both inside and outside the show ring.