



Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

September, 2026

Professional Learning

- New teachers have been trained on district wide screening instruments and benchmarking systems as well as curriculum resources and documents.
- We will develop a plan to implement the required Texas Math Academies at the beginning of the school year 2027-2028. We are sending representatives from each elementary campus through the academy this year to inform our decisions as we roll it out the following year.
- Our teachers will participate in ongoing literacy professional learning throughout September, including training in HMH, Reading Academies, and Reading Horizons. At the end of the month, grade-level representatives will attend half-day planning sessions focused on deepening their understanding of HMH, aligning writing instruction, and collaboratively planning for the next nine weeks.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Our department will begin sending out our “HISD Essentials” series this month where we focus on research based instructional practices and strategies to improve Tier 1 instruction. Similar to our past technology challenges, teachers will receive a treat for submitting evidence of them putting these best practice strategies into effect with students!
- Leader in Me - our District Student Lighthouse Team will make monthly videos to send out to all campuses to highlight one of the habits. This month is Habit 1: Be Proactive. Be sure to check out their first video and encourage them as they lead the way district wide with reinforcing the Habits and organizing district wide service learning projects! <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/KFngW3sylvE>

Assessment

- State required screeners will conclude mid September to include: IXL, StemScopes, TPRI, Circle, RGR, and Fueling Brains.
- State Accountability and Assessment Report given to the board in a public forum.
- Campus Testing Coordinators will be trained by TestHound this month in preparation for district and state assessments.