



Hallsville ISD Department of Special Education

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Update for September School Board meeting:

- 1.) We have had a great start to the school year! Everyone has handled the ARD software transition well and we are full steam ahead!
- 2.) Our Pathways 18+ program is adding more work sites to the mix. Today, the Pathway group went to Milano's and folded pizza boxes and were shown how to make pizza! They will be going to Milano's every week. We appreciate their support and willingness to take the time to support our students!
- 3.) We kicked off our common planning time meetings with all of our structured learning teachers and paraprofessionals. This is our 2nd year to provide this support to campus staff and it has been beneficial to campus administrators as well as teachers and paraprofessionals.
- 4.) I am meeting with every special education team by campus by the end of September. With the addition of new technology and new staff members, I feel like it is important to touch base with the staff to see how our department can support them through some of these changes. Our lead special education teachers are truly excellent and take care of the campus staff on a daily basis.
- 5.) TEA has enacted a new funding formula for Special Education services. It is a big shift in thinking compared to what we have been used to. We are submitting the first round of data to TEA on 10/8. Principals and AP's know how this may influence ARD meeting discussions.
- 6.) Currently, TVAHS and "brick and mortar" are working together to clarify SPP data for Indicators 11, 12, and 13. We will submit additional information this week and should know sometime this fall if we have any compliance areas to address.