



Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

October, 2026

Professional Learning

- October 19th and 20th are staff PD days and we have scheduled: Conscious Discipline, Leader in Me (multiple campuses), Stacey Grant with math teams, HMH Writable, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds Planning, PreK Planning/Collaboration. Some campuses are using any free time on these dates to host parent/teacher conferences as well.

Curriculum and Instruction

- Our department began sending out our **“HISD Essentials”** series where we focus on research based instructional practices and strategies to improve Tier 1 instruction. We would love for you to view some of the highlights submitted from across the district [HERE](#) for the month of September. October’s Essential will focus on noticing patterns of engagement during instruction, identifying effective practices across classrooms, and examining how time is allocated throughout the day.
- Leader in Me - This month, our schools are focusing on **Habit #2: Begin with the End in Mind**, which encourages students to set goals, make thoughtful choices, and keep their future in focus. Whether it's completing an assignment, preparing for a performance, or working toward graduation, students are learning that every decision today helps shape tomorrow. By having a clear vision of what they want to achieve, they are building responsibility, confidence, and purpose—skills that will benefit them far beyond the classroom. [VIDEO HERE](#)
- We encourage our School Board to read more in our monthly newsletter: [LINK HERE](#)

Assessment

- All campus and district testing coordinators are attending the Annual Testing Coordinators Training at Region 7 together October 6th.
- HJH is giving the PSAT Oct. 7th. HHS is giving: PSAT/NASQ and SAT on Oct. 22nd, ACT on Oct. 27th.
- Fueling Brains PreK assessments will be completed October 26th-30th.
- Hoskins will share information regarding the new Student Success Tool (SST) with administrators at our October ILT and AP Collaboration. That presentation will be shared with the board in November.

