

DATE: 10/12/2026

TITLE: Information Services

TYPE: Information

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BACKGROUND:

The mission of the Information Services department is to support the district mission and strategic priorities by building capacity through research, evaluation and the application of data to inform school improvement for student success. We provide support and expertise to schools and staff through:

- Providing expertise in the area of measurement and delivering accurate and timely information to building and district staff
- Providing support to district and schools through a systematic evaluation process of district programs
- Reviewing and summarizing data related to student learning and instruction
- Providing professional development on assessment practices, data analysis and interpretation

Support and resources to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment

- Info Services is committed to a safe and welcoming learning environment by providing the technology, systems, and resources that help students, staff, and families connect, communicate, and engage with our schools. A key component of this work is the Infinite Campus **Campus Parent Portal**, which provides families with timely access to important student information, including attendance, grades, assignments, schedules, and school communications. For the 2026–2027 school year, **97.4% of our students have at least one active parent/guardian** connected to the Campus Parent Portal. This high level of family participation demonstrates the important role technology plays in keeping families informed, connected, and engaged in their students' education.
- Austin Public Schools successfully launched the **Infinite Campus Workflow Suite** at the start of the 2025–2026 school year. This suite includes the **Absence Request** and **Hall Pass** tools, both of which are enhancing our operational efficiency and supporting our strategic priority to ensure a safe and welcoming learning environment. This fall, since the first day of school on 08/19/2026 through 10/06/2026, there have been **9932 submitted Absence Requests**. That is approximately 331 digital requests daily through the Campus Parent Portal, providing schools with timely and accurate attendance information while improving communication between home and school and reducing phone calls and emails to attendance staff.

Packer Profile for all learners

- Austin Public Schools participated in the **MN Direct Admissions initiative** again this fall, an effort designed to expand post-secondary access by offering eligible students direct admission to participating Minnesota colleges and universities based on academic achievement and readiness. Information Services successfully managed the complex process of assigning admission tiers and generating Direct Admission letters for **291 seniors**. This work ensures that each student receives personalized college admission opportunities aligned with their academic record. The process culminated in our Direct Admissions Day on October 2, 2026, where students celebrated their acceptance offers and received a survey from the MN Office of Higher Ed to document their interest in the colleges and universities they have been directly admitted to. This initiative reflects Austin Public Schools' ongoing commitment to supporting every student's college and career readiness.

District-wide multi-tiered systems of support for all learners

- Fall Benchmarking** (STAR and FAST Assessments)
 - Staff and students completed Fall Benchmarking on the STAR and FAST Assessment Platforms from Aug. 31 – Sept 18, 2026.
 - Students in Grades KG-08 are assessed in Computer Adaptive Tests and Curriculum Based Measures based on the [District Assessment Program](#).
 - Fall 2026 Results Summary:** (more detailed report coming to 10/26/2026 Study Session.)

Fall 2026 Gr.KG-01 STAR Early Literacy Results

	At/Above Benchmark	294	49.6%
	On Watch	99	16.7%
	Intervention	112	18.9%
	Urgent Intervention	88	14.8%
Total		593	100%

Fall 2026 Gr.02-08 STAR Reading Results

	At/Above Benchmark	1024	43.0%
	On Watch	435	18.3%
	Intervention	286	12.0%
	Urgent Intervention	635	26.7%
Total		2,380	100%

Fall 2026 Gr.01-08 STAR Mathematics Results

	At/Above Benchmark	862	31.5%
	On Watch	473	17.3%
	Intervention	787	28.7%
	Urgent Intervention	617	22.5%
Total		2,739	100%

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Excellence in Resource Management

- We continue to advance our strategic priority of Excellence in Resource Management by leveraging integrated tools within the **Renaissance Learning ecosystem**, including **Freckle**, **Lalilo**, **eduCLIMBER** and **FAST / STAR Assessments**. These platforms work together seamlessly to provide a data-informed cycle of instruction. Results from STAR assessments automatically connect to Freckle and Lalilo, allowing teachers to deliver targeted, purposeful practice that meets each student's individual learning needs in reading and math. This integration helps ensure that instructional time is focused, relevant, and aligned to student growth goals.