

# Baird Athletics Board Report

October 2026

## Baird Athletics: A Strong Start to the Season

Baird Athletics is in full swing, with Cross Country, Football, and Girls Basketball all underway. Our student-athletes and coaches have continued to work hard and represent Baird ISD with pride.

### Cross Country

- **Abby Allday** has qualified for the **Regional Cross Country Meet for the second consecutive year**.
- Abby will compete at the **University of Texas at Arlington** campus tomorrow.
- We are proud of Abby's continued success and dedication to the Baird Cross Country program.

### High School Football

- Varsity Football is currently **2-4 overall and 2-0 in district play**.
- The Bears will travel to **Paint Rock this Friday** for their next district contest.
- The Bears will then travel to **Highland during the first week of November** to close out the regular season.
- The new **video scoreboard at The Bears Den** is up and running and has received excellent feedback from our students, families, and community members. We appreciate everyone's support of this project.

### Junior High Football

Junior High Football continues to have a very successful season and is currently **undefeated**.

Due to our strong participation numbers, we have divided our Junior High players into **two teams** to provide additional opportunities for our athletes to participate and develop their skills.

Our district currently has only one Junior High football team, which creates some scheduling challenges. We continue to work with neighboring schools to find opportunities for our athletes to compete and, when necessary, adjust our travel arrangements to accommodate additional playing opportunities.

### Girls' Athletics

Junior High and High School Girls Athletics had a very productive offseason and officially began basketball practice on **Wednesday, October 21**.

Due to low participation numbers at the Junior High level, we will utilize **6th-grade girls** in Junior High Girls Basketball this season. This will allow us to provide a team opportunity for our students while continuing to build participation within the girls' basketball program.

### Community and Program Initiatives

Baird ISD was once again selected as a winner of the **T-Mobile Friday Night Lights contest**, receiving a **\$5,000 award**. We are very appreciative of T-Mobile's continued support of Baird Athletics and our community.

Although we received notification that we were not selected to advance to the next round of the competition, we are proud of our community's support and participation and look forward to entering the contest again next year.

## **Student-Athlete Opportunity**

On **October 31**, we will be taking a group of Baird students to attend a **Tarleton State University football game**. We are excited to provide our students with this opportunity to experience a college football environment and continue building positive experiences outside of the classroom.

## **Closing**

Overall, Baird Athletics is off to a strong start. Our participation numbers, competitive success, facility improvements, and community support continue to demonstrate the positive direction of our athletic programs.

We appreciate the continued support of the Baird ISD Board of Trustees, administration, staff, parents, and community as we work to provide outstanding opportunities for our student-athletes.