



HALLSVILLE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Board Report  
January 2026



**Growing All Learners to Achieve Excellence in CTE**

- **CTE Director Collaboration Meeting with Longview Chamber of Commerce**
  - On December 18<sup>th</sup>, CTE Directors from Longview, Pine Tree and Hallsville met with Kelly Hall, Executive Director, Longview Chamber of Commerce.
  - Purpose of the meeting was to discuss CTE programming/industry partnerships.
    - ❖ Topics addressed from ISD's were
      - ✓ Current Industry Partnership Examples and Models from ISD's.
      - ✓ Challenges in Regional Employer Engagement
      - ✓ Career Fairs, Job Fairs and Work Based Learning
      - ✓ Soft Skills
      - ✓ Industry Based Certifications
      - ✓ Industry Expectations
      - ✓ Middle School Exploration
      - ✓ Coordination Across Agencies and Workforce Groups
      - ✓ AP and Dual Credit
      - ✓ Legislative Policy Considerations
    - ❖ Next Steps for Chamber
      - ✓ Map regional CTE needs and convert into business language
      - ✓ Countywide career exploration events
      - ✓ Coordinate meetings with district superintends
    - ❖ Action Items for CTE Directors
      - ✓ Share district specific 8<sup>th</sup> grade timelines
      - ✓ Identify priority programs needing additional industry partnerships
      - ✓ Provide ISD contacts and program offerings for a potential shared employer directory
- **High School - Course Guide/CTE Revisions**
  - TEA/CTE changes have been made to course guide that include CTE Programs of Study and Industry Based Certifications
  - New Programs of Study for HISD 2026-2027
    - ❖ Electrical
    - ❖ Real Estate
    - ❖ Cybersecurity
- **FFA District Convention**
  - Hallsville ISD will host Area 6 District Convention on Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Approximately 20 schools will take part in the convention
  - Area, District and State officers will be elected

- **National FFA Scholarship Opportunities**
  - These national scholarships are offered to students pursuing a trade school, vocational certificate or a two-year or four-year degree.
    - ❖ This national scholarship is open to all senior FFA members. Information has been provided to all senior FFA students
    - ❖ Currently we have seven Hallsville FFA Members that are working on applications for this scholarship. Deadline for submission is Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup>
    - ❖ Kourtney Lock, ag science teacher is providing technical assistance to each senior student that is interested in applying for this scholarship.
- **FFA Monthly Report**
  - **Growing Leadership: Officer Candidates**

We are honored to have multiple members seeking leadership positions beyond the chapter level:

    - ❖ Kylie Cotton is our Longview District Officer Candidate
    - ❖ Jake Scasta is our Area VI Officer Candidate
    - ❖ Addisyn Horn is our past Longview District President and currently serving as the Area VI Vice President, now a Texas FFA State Officer Candidate
    - ❖ These candidates completed rigorous applications, testing, and interviews and will present speeches in January. Election results will be determined by a combination of quiz scores, application scoring, interview performance, and delegate votes.
    - ❖ Area Committee Chair Applicants – For the first time, Hallsville FFA has students applying to serve as Area-Level Committee Chairs  
Jake Scasta, Kylie Cotton, and Dimcho Mironyuk
  - **Career Development Events (CDE's)**
    - ❖ CDE season is officially underway, and teams are forming quickly! Members have 10 contest categories available this year:
      - ✓ Veterinary Medicine
      - ✓ Dairy Cattle Evaluation
      - ✓ Forestry
      - ✓ Forage
      - ✓ Livestock Evaluation
      - ✓ Floriculture Evaluation
      - ✓ Tractor Tech
      - ✓ Homesite
      - ✓ Horse Evaluation
      - ✓ Ag Mechanics

**These CDE events enhance learning within the classroom and allow students real-world opportunities to showcase their talents and skills outside of the classroom. In addition, participating in these events allows FFA members the opportunity to explore various career opportunities within ag science.**

# TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS

## 42ND ANNUAL TEACH TOMORROW SUMMIT



**February 26-28, 2026**



**Hilton Anatole  
Dallas**

19 students from HHS have qualified to compete in statewide events, connect with peers from across the state, and participate in engaging workshops and breakout sessions.

Throughout the conference, students will strengthen and showcase their leadership skills while applying real-world knowledge in a professional, competitive setting that supports college and career readiness.

