

Federal/Special Programs Department

2026 March School Board Meeting Overview

Grant Programs

- Carryover amounts for 2024-2025 ESSA grants were released. Carryover amounts are:
 - Title I, Part A: \$862,611 and \$442,208 in Reallocation
 - Title II, Part A: \$770,699
 - Title III, Part A: \$103,604
 - Title IV, Part A: \$87,726 and \$11,741 in Reallocation
- Final amounts for the 2025-2026 ESSA grants were also released. Those resulted in the following additional funds:
 - Title I, Part A: \$147,732
 - Title II, Part A: \$26,802
 - Title III, Part A: \$6,802
 - Title IV, Part A: \$10,761

504

- 106 students have been added to Section 504 this school year; there were 86 added in 2024-2025.

Backpack Program/Homeless/At-Risk

- We are planning a day to give shoes, school supplies, and different information to our parents and community. It's tentatively scheduled for August 6th prior to the Community Pep Rally.

Counselors

- All counselors are working with special programs to plan for 2026-2027.
- Counselors at 5-11 are working on student schedules for 2026-2027.

DEIC

- Campuses are completing needs assessments throughout the semester in order to plan for 2026-2027.

Emergent Bilingual (ESL)

- TELPAS is underway and will be reported to TEA by the end of the month.
- Summer learning is being planned for and will be offered for students in elementary.
- Bilingual PK-1 is being planned for the 2026-2027 school year. Our team will be visiting with parents about the changes soon.

Gifted & Talented

- The GT department is gathering data and assessing 123 students for the GT program. The Selection Team will meet on May 7.
- 8 kindergarten students were identified as GT in February; services will begin in March.
- 8th Grade students will visit the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas on March 8th.

Health Services/Nursing Services

- Dr. Chaikin has been sent a copy of the 2026-2027 draft “Standing Orders”
- The HISD Wellness Policy is also being updated at the next SHAC and will be presented to the Board of Trustees when all stakeholders have had input.
- The next SHAC meeting will be held March 24th at 11:30 at Hallsville High School.