

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
JARRELL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JARRELL, TEXAS**

Date: September 24, 2025

Reported by: Bob Mabry

Subject: Consideration and Possible Purchase of a New Student  
Information System presented by Bob Mabry

**Discussion/Action**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

A Student Information System (SIS) is a software platform designed to manage and centralize student data and key administrative functions, including admissions, enrollment, course scheduling, attendance, grades, and communication with parents and students.

An effective SIS automates routine processes, strengthens communication among staff, parents, and students, enhances data security, and supports data-driven decision-making to improve student success and operational efficiency.

Currently, the district utilizes Ascender as its SIS. Last spring, we began evaluating alternatives to identify a more robust and efficient solution. As part of this process, we gathered feedback from neighboring districts regarding their SIS platforms, formed a review committee, and hosted vendor presentations. A formal Request for Quote was issued in August, and Skyward was selected based on the established evaluation criteria.

If approved, the district will begin planning for the transition, with full implementation scheduled for the fall of the 2026–2027 school year.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:**

To implement a new Student Information System (SIS) that enhances functionality, improves operational efficiency, aligns with stakeholder expectations, provides scalability to support district growth, and offers a more user-friendly experience for staff, students, and parents.

ITEM ADDRESSED:

Providing the JISD staff, students, and parents with an improved Student Information System.

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Initial investment = \$124,10

Annual fee is \$45,585 while the annual fee for Ascendar is \$100,000

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Staff recommends the Board of Trustees approve the purchase of Skyward as Jarrell ISD's new Student Information System.

Suggested motion:

I move to approve the purchase of the Skyward Student Information System as presented.