

Federal/Special Programs Department

2025 December School Board Meeting Overview

Title Programs/State Compensatory Education/Other Grants

- ESSA Title IV yearly compliance/goal review has been submitted to T.E.A.
- ESSA Title II yearly compliance has been submitted to T.E.A.

Counselors/Section 504

- Counselors are leading efforts on their respective campuses to raise funds for Bobcat Blessings and the Nutritional Backpack program.

Backpack Program/Homeless/At-Risk

- Backpack program: Additional food/snacks will be sent home over the holiday break.
- Homeless students: A care package will be given to these students prior to the break. They are also being served through the Bobcat Blessings.

Community Engagement

- HISD Bobcat Blessings:
 - 202 families at this time (up from 202 families in 2024)
 - 528 students at this time (up from 476 last year)
- The district also assisted with “Purses With A Purpose” to support the families who participated.

DEIC

- The next meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2025. On the agenda will be to review any first semester data, review the current professional development plan, ESSA spending, and BOY surveys.

Emergent Bilingual

- Students will get to attend a “TELPAS Bootcamp” early next semester that focuses on how they can meet expectations in 2026. Elementary sessions are being developed and led by the HISD EB team; Secondary sessions will be led by ESL specialists from Region 7.

Gifted & Talented

- Teachers from each elementary & Intermediate attended the TAGT Conference in Dallas the first week of December.
- The GT department is in the process of assessing 130 students for the gifted and talented program.

Health Services/Nursing Services

- All state reports are current at this time.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!