

Pre-K/ESL Board Report-June 2025

I'm currently finishing up end of year reports. The PFA grant for FY26 has been submitted to ISBE for approval.

Family Engagement

We have planned a Pre-K orientation event that will happen on August 7th at 6pm in the Bluffview cafeteria. There will be a short presentation and parents will receive the handbook and other information that will make the upcoming school year a success.

Screening

Next year's rosters are almost full. We have 2-4 more spots that we are planning to fill after the August 15th screening.

Beginning of School

Preschool's first day will be Wednesday, August 20th. This will allow for Pre-K staff to help transition our previous students into their new Kindergarten routines. We will also be holding another screening and doing some professional development on the 18th.

ESL

ESL training for the entire district will take place at our August Institute.

Taking an Assets-based Approach to Multilingual Learners

- Learning how to leverage the background of a students' first language to support the development of their second is an important goal for teachers who are teaching in English or in other languages within dual immersion settings. This session will highlight the assets and strengths of having a foundation in any language and provide considerations and strategies for helping the process of transferring those skills and knowledge to the development of the target language. We will discuss the research and theory that supports this process and connect it to classroom practice. To help us reach this goal, we will watch video clips, discuss best practices, share experiences, and engage in hands-on activities that can be implemented in your own context.