

Federal/Special Programs Department

2025 October School Board Meeting Overview

Title Programs/State Compensatory Education

- ESSA Compliance Report for 2024-2025 has been submitted.
- Campus Improvement Plans are on the board agenda to be approved
- Campuses are planning their annual Title I, Part A nights in conjunction with other parent engagement nights.

Section 504

- Coordinators will attend a yearly update on October 30th at Region 7.

Backpack Program/Homeless/At-Risk

- Counselors continue to provide Special Programs Dept. with “at risk” forms so that students can be coded correctly for PEIMS snapshot and receive services on campuses.

Counselors

- Red Ribbon week is October 27-31. Campuses are planning activities for their students, including prevention education lessons.
- October is Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness month. Campuses are planning education opportunities for students and sending information out to parents. The district also sent a newsletter aimed at providing education to parents. Fentanyl poisoning is the #1 cause of death in young adults aged 18-24.

Community Engagement

- “Bobcat Blessings” donor letters and recipient request letters have gone out. Recipient requests are due at the end of October. The “give away” days are December 11-12.
- We will also continue our “Purses for a Purpose” projects and “Pennies from Heaven” leading up to the holidays. Funds benefit Bobcat Blessings, HISD Clothes Closet, and HISD Nutritional Backpacks for Kids.
- Veterans Day Parade is November 11th at 8:15. Veterans will line up starting West Elementary. There will be a light breakfast at the conclusion of the parade hosted by the HISD Culinary Arts students followed by a student presentation at East Elementary.

DEIC

- The DEIC and DEIC subcommittee met in September to update plans from DEIC meeting input. This team also continued work on Campus Improvement Plans that align with the district plan.

Emergent Bilingual

- The T.E.A. Bilingual waiver has been submitted.
- Each campus administrator team is meeting with their emergent bilingual team, along with directors, to goal set and plan for student & teacher support.

Gifted & Talented

- The GT department will be accepting referrals through the end of December. Program referral reminders were sent home with all kindergartners and added to principal newsletters.
- The 3rd and 4th-grade GT students will be going to the Earth and Space Center at Tyler Junior College on Oct. 23.
- 5th-grade GT students will be going to SFA STEM "Education and Research Center to participate in two STEM challenges and visit the planetarium.

Health Services/Nursing Services

- Flu vaccines were made available for employees and their families on October 2nd and the mobile mammogram bus came October 10th.
- Vision/Hearing/Spinal screenings continue on campuses. All should be complete by the end of the semester.
- The second SHAC meeting of the year is scheduled at HHS on November 18, 2025 at 12:15.