



Hallsville ISD Department of Special Education

Update for February School Board meeting:

Director:
Amy Collins

- 1.) This is the time of year when TEA releases their annual report that includes Special Education enrollment trends. ***“Special Education enrollment in Texas has surged by 72% over the last seven years. Key trends include a 636% rise in students with Dyslexia since 2018 and significantly increased evaluations.”*** You read that right-636% increase since 2018! Wonder where Hallsville ISD falls in these percentages? I am reviewing our numbers and trends and will compare them to state trends next month.
- 2.) Our transition and Pathways program is expanding job opportunities for students next year. We are actively pursuing several retail stores and car wash /car detailing businesses.
- 3.) We piloted student led ARD meetings this year with several HS and JH students. This is a great tool to teach students how to advocate for themselves as well as play an active role in their IEP plan. We will continue to add students to this process.
- 4.) Parent requests for special education eligibility testing continue to roll in to our department from homeschooled and private school families. This will likely heat up with the addition of the voucher program.