

Federal/Special Programs Department

2024 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.
- ESSER USDE Year 5 report has been submitted to T.E.A.
- HISD was selected for Program Evaluation for 4 ESSA programs (Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; Title IV; and Title I, Part C). All documents have been submitted to T.E.A. Results will be returned in April.

Counselors/Section 504

- Counselors are leading efforts on their respective campuses to raise funds for Bobcat Blessings and the Nutritional Backpack program.
- Continuing to update paperwork for re-evaluations, amendments, transfers, and initials so that accommodations are in place for classroom and state testing.

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 193 families in 2023)
 - 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 2025. The sessions are being developed and led by the HISD EB team.

Gifted & Talented

- Teachers from each elementary attended the TAGT Conference in San Antonio the week of December 2, 2024.
- The GT department is in the process of assessing 168 (Up from 137 this time last year) students for the gifted and talented program.

Health Services/Nursing Services

- SHAC will meet December 9, 2024 for its second meeting of the school year.