

Federal/Special Programs Department

2026 April School Board Meeting Overview

Budget/Grant Programs

- Principals are wrapping up funds to stay in compliance with spending thresholds for the fiscal year
- Needs assessments are being completed at the campus and district level in order to plan for 2026-2027.

Backpack Program/Homeless/At-Risk

- We continue to serve approximately 259 students every Friday through our backpack program
- We currently have 51 students that qualify for McKinney-Vento (homeless); up 9 from this time last year.
- As part of our At-Risk program, the Hallsville Summer Reading Program will be in session again this summer.

Counselors

- Counselors are working on 2026-2027 schedules.

DEIC

- Each campus is conducting a formative assessment of their goals. Goals/strategies are being adjusted to meet the current needs and budgets adjusted accordingly.
- The DEIC committee meets May 4th at 4:00 to review needs assessment information and make recommendations for 26-27.

Emergent Bilingual

- Summer learning 2026 is being planned. PK-K are required, but we will offer grades 1-4 as part of the HISD programming.
- We will hold our annual graduation celebration for our EB students on May 12th at 1:00.
- Plans are being made to offer Bilingual Dual Language One Way at East Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year. We met with parents of students in our current PK and Kindergarten classes in March and will follow up with them to work out transfers.

Gifted & Talented

- The GT Selection Committee will meet on May 7th to determine eligibility for 117 students in second grade and above.
- “Brainy Blitz” is scheduled at each elementary campus for May.
- GT Parent Showcase is May 12th from 4:30-6:00 at the Administration Building.

Health Services

- Nurses are planning immunization clinics to coincide with registration dates, CPR for required employees, and CPR for graduating seniors.

- A SHAC report of our work for the school year will be shared with the board in June.

Parent/Family/Community Engagement

- Planning a “Back to School Bash” on August 6, 2026 from 1:00-5:00 that will include free haircuts, vaccination clinic, school supplies, community resource booths, and shoes (for those that qualify). The event will take place at Hallsville Jr. High prior to the Community Pep Rally.