

Andover Board of Education Notes
Dec. 11, 2023

Spotlight on Learning: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, provided an update on the [Andover Data Dashboard](#).

2024-25 Enrollment Guides: The Board reviewed [enrollment guides](#) for the 2024-25 school year. The most notable change is the introduction of two enrollment guides at the high school level. The Class of 2028 will be the first class with new graduation guidelines from the state of Kansas. Those new requirements include a semester of financial literacy, post-secondary assets and the recommendation of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. The Board is scheduled to vote on the enrollment guides at its January meeting.

Early Learning recommendation: The Board discussed a [recommendation](#) to retire the district's Pre-K program for 5-year-olds in order to expand its 4-year-old program. Five-year-olds would continue to have access to quality instruction through kindergarten classes, and parents have the option to send their students only half-day if they wish. The Board will discuss the recommendation again at its January meeting.

2024-25 calendar: The Board reviewed a [proposed calendar](#) for the 2024-25 school year. Board members will consider the calendar at their January meeting.

Capital outlay plan: The Board approved the district's capital outlay plan for the 2023-24 school year. The plan does not currently include any building allocations related to technology items or equipment. The district also has shifted more allowable operating costs to capital outlay, including repair and maintenance items. In addition, all salaries for custodial and maintenance personnel will come out of capital outlay funds. Should additional purchases become necessary or if funding availability allows for building allocations in coming months, that information will be presented to the Board for approval. The capital outlay plan also includes purchase and installation of new baseball and softball scoreboards at Andover Central High School. The boards cost \$56,810 total, and ACHS has received donations to cover \$42,000 of that cost.

Open enrollment policy: The Board approved the district's policy on [enrollment of nonresident students](#), as required by a new law enacted by the Legislature in 2022. This followed a public hearing Nov. 8.

Superintendent's report: Superintendent Brett White reminded the Board on the importance of advocacy as the Legislature convenes for its 2024 session.