



Hello Belton ISD,

Continuous improvement is embedded into our planning processes in Belton ISD and this is the time of year that we start looking ahead to keep the momentum moving into next year. Our Board of Trustees adopted our goals for the 2025-2026 school year at their meeting last month and we are now developing key progress measures to help us monitor progress towards these goals. These goals were originally developed by our strategic planning team, which included parents, staff, and community members, and are reflective of what our Belton ISD community values for our district.

Our Belton ISD Goals:

- Strengthen and support the engagement of all stakeholders in the pursuit of the BISD vision.
- Ensure exceptional learning experiences for each and every student.
- Attract, retain, and support a world-class team of employees.
- Develop a district-wide culture of value, support, and growth amongst all students and staff.
- Maximize our use of resources for both current priorities and plans for the future.

The ultimate measure of success is for each and every learner to realize the Belton ISD vision of being empowered to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities. Our students are achieving excellence in every area, earning recognition as National Merit Scholars, All-State Band qualifiers, recipients of the National Football Foundation Academic Excellence Award, and contributing to our designation as a CTE District of Distinction. And the list keeps growing! I could not be more proud of our students and the amazing staff members who work tirelessly behind the scenes to inspire, encourage and challenge them to dream big and achieve more than they ever thought possible.

Exciting developments are on the horizon for Belton ISD! We are forging new partnerships to enhance dual credit opportunities, expand STEM programs in elementary and middle schools, and strengthen career readiness pathways for students from PK-12.

I am looking forward to sharing more about these opportunities as they unfold.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D. Superintendent





## Belton High School Seniors Named National Merit Finalists

Belton High School seniors Steven Melo Arantes and David Shelburne have been recognized as National Merit Finalists, an honor that places them among the top students in the country. This prestigious distinction is awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to excellence. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!



# Belton New Tech High @Waskow Earns Spot on AP® School Honor Roll

Belton New Tech High @Waskow has been named to the AP® School Honor Roll for the 2023-24 school year, earning the prestigious Bronze Distinction for Access. This recognition celebrates the school's commitment to expanding AP opportunities and supporting student success. Marking the second consecutive year receiving this honor, the campus continues to demonstrate excellence in academic achievement and accessibility.



### **Esports Teams Advance to State Championship Finals**

Congratulations to the Tiger and Bronco Esports teams for advancing to the State Championship Finals in the Vanta Esports Fall 2025 Championship, hosted by Baylor University! Competing against over 60 teams statewide, BHS students represented their school in Fortnite, while LBHS students competed in Overwatch 2 and Super Smash Bros.

Special thanks to BHS coaches Scott Adams, Shawndra Elliott, and SRO Jacob Schmille, as well as LBHS coaches Kristie and Dustin Shepherd. Well done, teams!



## Communications Team Earns Top Honors at TSPRA Awards

The Communications Team attended the Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) conference in San Antonio, earning four Gold Star Awards and one Silver Star Award for excellence in storytelling and engagement. TSPRA is a professional organization committed to enhancing public school communications. Their dedication keeps our community informed and connected!









March 10-14: District Closure (Spring Break)
March 24: Regular Board Meeting
March 25: Parents as Partners - Virtual Lunch and Learn: Preparing Your Child for STAAR

- April 8: Parents as Partners Wellness
  April 16: Parents as Partners ESL/Bilingual Event
  April 18: District Closure (Good Friday)
  April 21: Regular Board Meeting
- May 12: Regular Board Meeting
- May 17: Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony
- May 21: 2-Hour Early Release
- May 21: Last Day of School

- May 22: Class of 2025 Graduation Ceremonies
- May 26: District Closure (Memorial Day)

## 2025-2026 Student Calendar

## 2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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