Superintendent's Report Strategic Priorities Update

Dr. Karen C. Molinar, Superintendent

Fort Worth ISD Board Workshop
April 8, 2025

Fort Worth
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Strategic Schedule Shift Update

2025-2026 Middle School Block Schedule

On March 31, Middle School Executive Directors met with a focus group of principals from each area.

The following options were presented to principals to review and discuss:

Option 1: Schedule Math and ELAR (English Language Arts and Reading) courses daily for all students.

Option 2: Schedule Math and ELAR courses every other day for all students.

Option 3: Combination based on campus needs. Principals can choose to double block Math or ELAR only or only at certain grade levels.

The principals unanimously decided to exclude Option 2 from consideration. They assert that scheduling either Math or ELAR for some group of students daily is beneficial. **Consequently, the consensus is to proceed with Option 1 as the standard for middle schools with Option 3 availability pending approval.**

It is ideal that all campuses select Option 1 in order to align the Instructional Planning Calendar (IPC) and Instructional Framework redesign (90 minute structure) with all middle school schedules. If a campus is approved for targeted blocking in certain grades or subjects, the content teams will modify the IPC for those areas.

Strategic Schedule Shift Update

Advisory Periods

Campuses will schedule an advisory period daily.

Advisory period placement in the schedule may vary by campus.

Budget Impact

We anticipate a need of **up to 21 additional math and reading positions across** all middle school campuses combined.

2025-2026 Budget Planning Preview

Budget Allocations to Support Student Literacy

✓ Instructional Support Redesign **(over $22.7 Million)**

✓ Middle School Block Schedules + 21 Positions

✓ Additional Research-Based Phonics Program

✓ Dyslexia Screener 7th Grade

✓ Instructional Planning Calendar (IPC)
and Instructional Framework Redesign

✓ IPC and Instructional Framework Professional Learning

✓ Special Education Stipend Proposal

✓ Bilingual / ESL Stipend Proposal

✓ Comprehensive Data Service for Progress Monitoring

✓ Tele-Teachers Program

✓ Read2Win Partnership
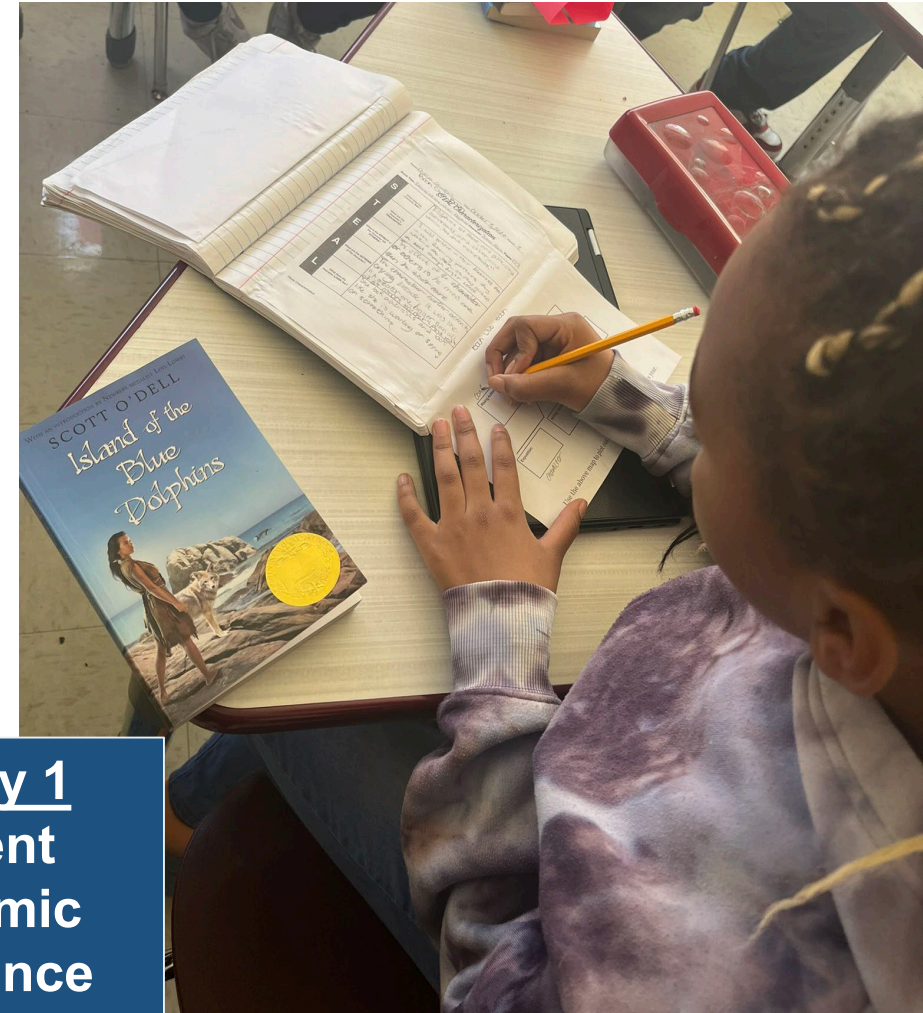
**Priority 1
Student
Academic
Excellence**

2025-2026 Budget Planning Meetings

April 21, 2025 – Board Finance Committee Meeting

- Budget Development Update
- Revenue Updates
- Latest Legislative Runs from TASBO and Moak Casey
- Compensation Models Based on Pending Legislative Action

April 22, 2025 – Board Budget Presentation

Board Finance Committee Meeting Topics

May 13, 2025 – Board Budget Workshop

- Budget Development Update
- Revenue Updates
- Expenditure Preliminary Budgets
- Property Value Discussion
- Latest Legislative Runs from TASBO and Moak Casey
- Updated Compensation Models Based on Pending Legislative Action

Priority 4
Operational Alignment and Efficiency

2025-2026 Budget Adoption

May 20, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

- Budget Development Update
- Revenue Updates
- Expenditure Preliminary Budgets for General Fund, Debt Service and Child Nutrition Services Funds
- Latest Legislative Runs from TASBO and Moak Casey
- Approve Compensation Model for 2025-2026

June 2, 2025

Legislative Session Ends

June 10, 2025 – Special Board Meeting

- Adopt Budgets for General Fund, Debt Service and Child Nutrition Services Funds

2025-2026 Budget Planning Public Input

Participants | Thoughts | Ratings | Ratio

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What should the District consider when creating the budget for next year?

Priority 2
Student and Family Engagement

Priority 3
Employee Effectiveness and Retention

Priority 4
Operational Alignment and Efficiency

Read2Win! Partnership Update

Our partnership with **Read2Win** is a first step in leveraging multiple community partners to support student literacy in Fort Worth ISD.

The goal of the program is to assist students in becoming proficient readers, on grade level by 2nd grade.

Approximately 45 people attended the April 7th meeting to learn about volunteering as an Adult Reading Coach.

Our community is our strength.

By realigning partnerships, we are committed to fostering strong connections that support our students' academic journey and future readiness.

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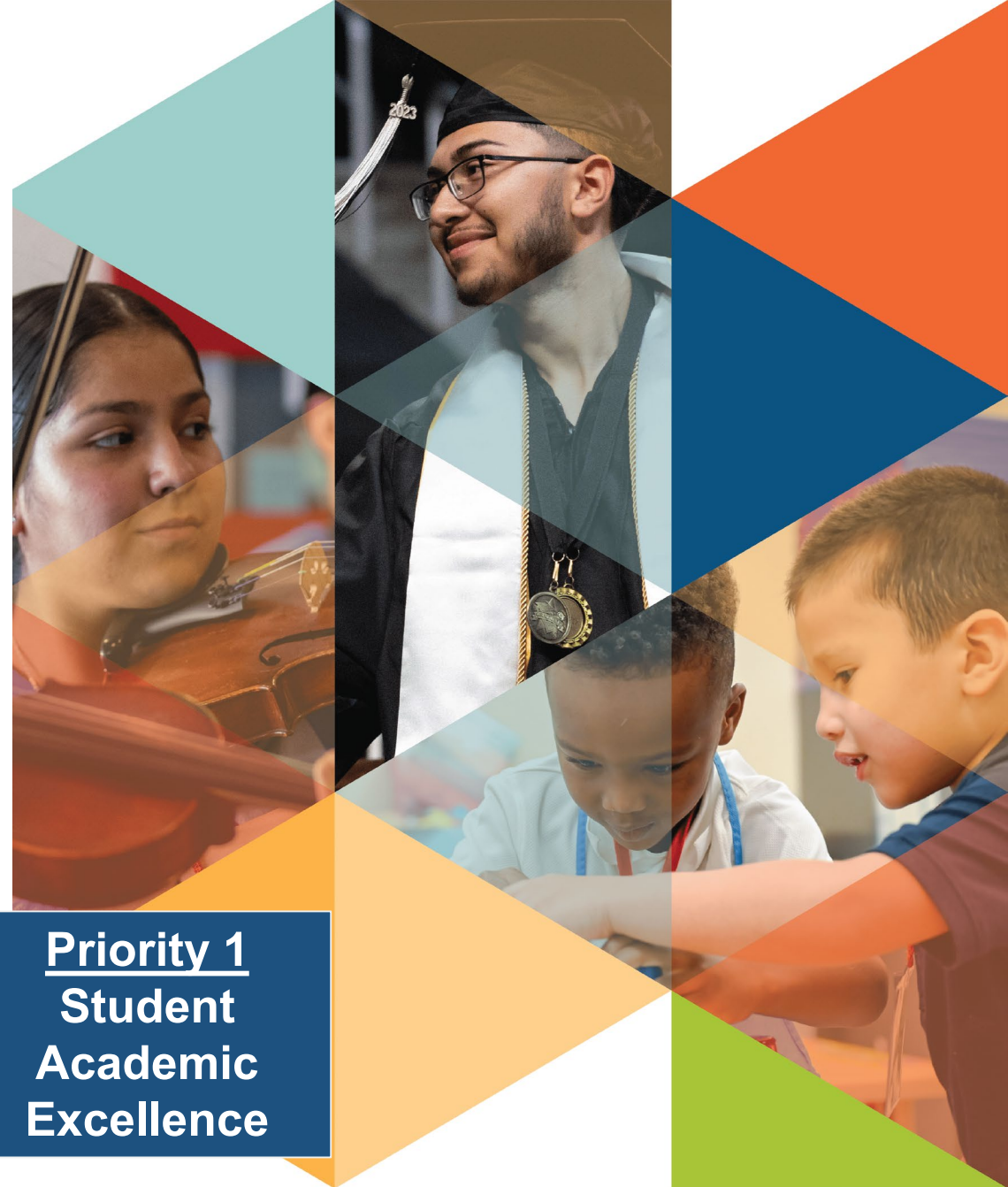
Read2Win Partnership to Support Student Literacy

Read2Win Partnership Schools

- Partnership launch for the Spring semester will support **15 elementary schools** beginning **April 28**.

- Additional schools will be considered based on the number of volunteer Adult Reading Coaches.
  More Volunteers = More Schools and Students Served

- **Adult Reading Coaches** will provide weekly 30-minute literacy support sessions to identified 1st grade students.

- The partnership launch will include a summer reading intervention program and preparation for supporting schools in the Fall of 2025.

118 - Hazel Harvey Peace ES
125 - Eastern Hills ES
126 - East Handley ES
135 - Van Zandt - Guinn ES
153 - A.M.Pate ES
154 - Mary Louise Phillips ES
160 - Maudrie M. Walton ES
176 - Waverly Park ES
178 - Westcreek ES
188 - Atwood McDonald ES
206 - Bill J. Elliott ES
209 - Edward J. Briscoe ES
216 - Woodway ES
221 - Western Hills Primary (PreK - 1)
222 - Clifford Davis ES

Read2Win Partnership to Support Student Literacy

Next Steps

✓ Select up to 2 elementary schools as volunteer locations

✓ Sign-up for volunteer Adult Reading Coach training

Training Dates, Location & Times

Saturday, April 12th
I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA
1411 I.M. Terrell Cir S, Fort Worth, TX 76102

10:00 am to 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Additional Training Date Coming Soon

Volunteer Sign-Up

bitly

Volunteer Sign-Up Link

https://bit.ly/FWISDRead2Win

What Parents Need to Know

STAAR Testing Started Today – April 8th!

To help your child feel their best on STAAR testing days, ensure they get a good night's sleep, eat a nutritious breakfast, and arrive at school on time.

Parent Actions to Support Student Performance
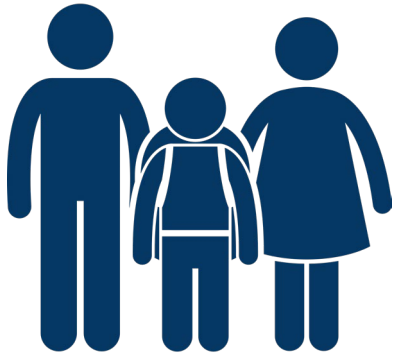
✓ Sign-up for a Parent Portal Account
https://www.fwisd.org/families/parent-portal

✓ Know the Fort Worth ISD Assessment Dates
https://www.fwisd.org/departments/accountability-data-quality

✓ Texas Assessment Resources: https://www.texasassessment.gov/staar-prepare
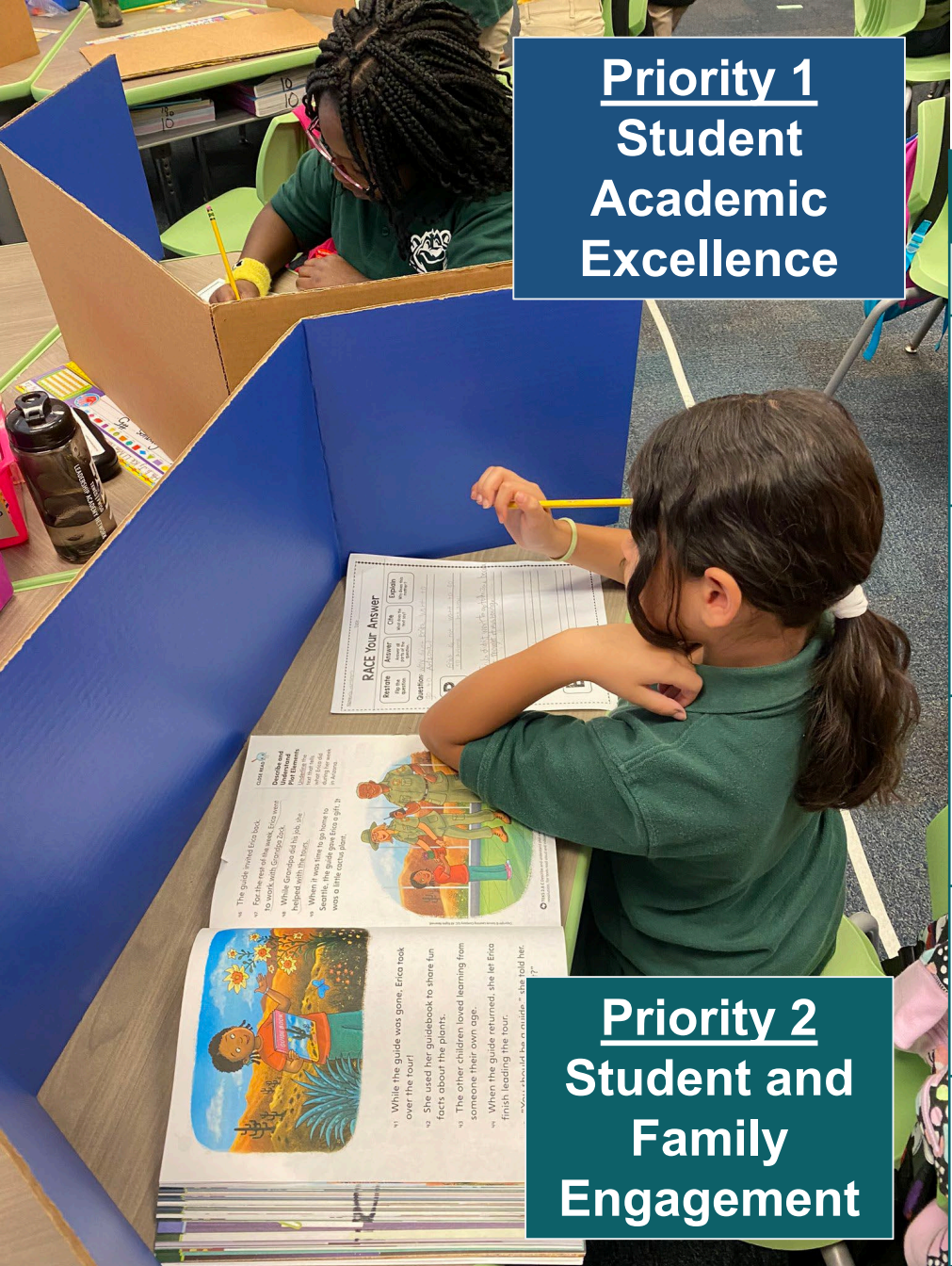
STAAR Testing Calendar

April 2025

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2	3	4
STAAR Alt 2 **(March 17- April 18)**				
7	8	9	10	11
	STAAR Reading 3 - 8			
	STAAR EOC English I		STAAR EOC English II	
14	15	16	17	18 **Holiday No School**
	STAAR Science 5, 8; Social Studies 8			
	STAAR EOC Biology & U.S. History			
21	22	23	24	25
	STAAR Math 3 – 8			
	STAAR EOC Algebra I			
28	29	30		

Advanced Placement (AP Testing)

May 5 – 9

May 12 – 16

AP courses are offered at all high school sites.

Building Strong Readers Together

FORT WORTH ISD
Family Literacy Conference

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
O.D. Wyatt HS
fwisd.org/FLC

- Enrollment help
- Learning sessions for parents
- Free books and backpacks
- Concession stands
- Fun activities
- Opening Keynote by Dr. Molinar

Priority 1
Student Academic Excellence

Priority 2
Student and Family Engagement

2025 FORT WORTH ISD GRADUATION

www.fwisd.org/graduation

Neighborhood Schools

📍 Dickies Arena

TUESDAY, MAY 27

8 a.m.		Dunbar
12 p.m.		Polytechnic
4 p.m.		Eastern Hills
8 p.m.		South Hills

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28

8 a.m.		Paschal
12 p.m.		Trimble Tech
4 p.m.		Carter-Riverside
8 p.m.		Diamond Hill-Jarvis

THURSDAY, MAY 29

8 a.m.		Arlington Heights
12 p.m.		Southwest
4 p.m.		Benbrook
8 p.m.		Western Hills

FRIDAY, MAY 30

8 a.m.		North Side
12 p.m.		O.D. Wyatt

Specialized Schools

Exception: Trimble Tech, see left column.

📍 FWISD Teaching & Learning Center

FRIDAY, MAY 16

7 p.m.		Boulevard Heights
7 p.m.		Transition Center

📍 Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

FRIDAY, MAY 30

9 a.m.		World Languages Institute
12 p.m.		I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM & VPA
3 p.m.		Young Women's Leadership Academy
6 p.m.		Young Men's Leadership Academy

SATURDAY, MAY 31

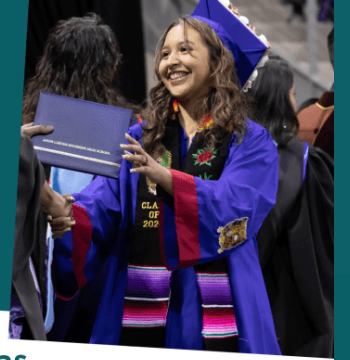|		
9 a.m.		Success High School
12 p.m.		Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences
3 p.m.		Marine Creek Collegiate
6 p.m.		TCC South/FWISD Collegiate

📍 Jo Kelly School Gym

MONDAY, JUNE 2

1 p.m.		Jo Kelly School

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2025 FORT WORTH ISD GRADUACIÓN

www.fwisd.org/graduacion

Escuelas de la Comunidad

📍 Dickies Arena

MARTES 27 DE MAYO

8 a.m.		Dunbar
12 p.m.		Polytechnic
4 p.m.		Eastern Hills
8 p.m.		South Hills

MIÉRCOLES 28 DE MAYO

8 a.m.		Paschal
12 p.m.		Trimble Tech
4 p.m.		Carter-Riverside
8 p.m.		Diamond Hill-Jarvis

JUEVES 29 DE MAYO

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4 p.m.		Benbrook
8 p.m.		Western Hills

VIERNES 30 DE MAYO

8 a.m.		North Side
12 p.m.		O.D. Wyatt

Escuelas especializadas

Excepción: Trimble Tech, ver columna izquierda.

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7 p.m.		Boulevard Heights
7 p.m.		Transition Center

**Priority 2
Student and Family Engagement**

📍 Wilkerson-Greines Activity Center

VIERNES 30 DE MAYO

9 a.m.		Instituto de Idiomas del Mundo
12 p.m.		Academia I.M. Terrell para STEM y VPA
3 p.m.		Academia de Liderazgo para Jovencitas
6 p.m.		Academia de Liderazgo para Varones

SÁBADO 31 DE MAYO

9 a.m.		Escuela Secundaria Success
12 p.m.		Academia de Ciencias Biomédicas de Texas
3 p.m.		Secundaria Universitaria Marine Creek
6 p.m.		Secundaria Universitaria TCC South/FWISD

📍 Escuela Jo Kelly, Gimnasio

LUNES 2 DE JUNIO

1 p.m.		Escuela Jo Kelly

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Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year Now Open!

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open for all new and currently enrolled students.

Registration is required every year.

www.fwisd.org/families/register

Learn More About Pre-K

www.fwisd.org/prek

Registration for the 2025-2026 School Year Now Open!

Parent Portal Registration

English Español Haitian-Creole Português (Brasil) Русский Russian Tiếng Việt (啥越) Arabic 中文 Chinese Simplified Cambodian Albanian

Greek Afrikaans (Taal) Amharic Bengali Bosnian Burmese Danish Farsi, Persian Français German Gujarati Hausa Hindi Igbo Italian

日本語 Japanese Kannada Korean Laotian (Lao) Lingala Malayalam Marathi नेपाली Nepali Oriya Panjabi پښتوPashto Samoan Serbian

Shona Sinhalese Somali Swahili Swedish Pilipino (Tagalog) Tamil Telugu Thai Tibetan Tigrinya Turkish Ukrainian Urdu Yoruba

About Parent Portal

Parent Portal is available to all FWISD parents with students enrolled in PK-12. This tool will transform the way you interact with your child's campus by enhancin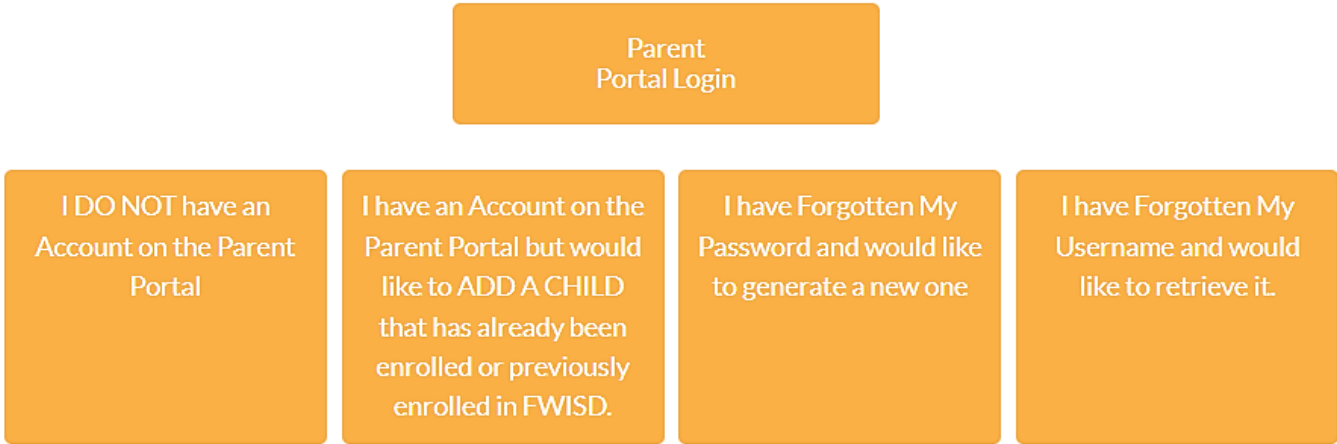g two-way communication and involvement. It works seamlessly with the District's Student Information System (SIS) and allows you to monitor your child's progress in school by providing timely access to both assignments and grades that are entered by the teacher throughout the grading period. Results for your child's STAAR Test are also available in Parent Portal.

Parent Portal Login

| I DO NOT have an Account on the Parent Portal | I have an Account on the Parent Portal but would like to ADD A CHILD that has already been enrolled or previously enrolled in FWISD. | I have Forgotten My Password and would like to generate a new one | I have Forgotten My Username and would like to retrieve it. |

Multiple Language Options for Families

When starting the registration process have these three items handy:

1. **A non-fwisd.org email address**
2. **The child's student ID for returning students** Parents can access their child's ID number via Parent Portal
3. **Child's birthdate**

Summer Learning Programs

Priority 1 Student Academic Excellence	Priority 2 Student and Family Engagement

General Program

Grades 1-8 "Near Proficient"/ Grades 1-8 Recommended for Retention	June 3 – June 26
High School Credit Recovery and STAAR End of Course (EOC) Tutorial	June 9 – July 3
JJAEP Summer Learning	May 30 – June 21

Math

A2I Summer Acceleration Math Program	June 2 – July 10
YWLA Project Calculus	June 2 – July 10

Specialized Learning

Extended School Year (ESY) – ES/MS	June 2 – June 26
Extended School Year (ESY) – HS	June 9 – July 3
Social Skills Camp – 4th/5th Grade Camp	June 2 – June 5
Social Skills Camp – 8th Grade Camp	June 9 – June 12
Social Skills Camp – 2nd/3rd Grade Camp	July 28 – July 31
Gifted & Talented (GT) Enrichment – K-5	June 9 – June 12
Native American Enrichment Camp	June 16-18 and June 23-27

Summer Learning Programs

https://www.fwisd.org/departments/summerlearning

Emergent Bilingual (EB)

State Mandated Summer School for EB K-1	June 3 – July 3
Dual Language Enrichment Camp (Sister Cities)	June 3 – June 30
Clifford Davis Newcomer Program	June 3 – June 30
ESL Co-Teach for Regular Summer School	June 3 – June 30
International Newcomer Academy STEM (6th – 9th)	June 3 – June 26
Newcomer Acceleration Summer Program (Incoming 9th – 12th)	June 3 – July 3

CCMR and Health and Physical Education (HPE)

CCMR STEM and HPE Enrichment	June 3 – June 26
Summer Vital Link Session I	June 2 – 5
Summer Vital Link Session II	June 9 – 12
Summer Vital Link Session III	June 16 – 18

21st Century Summer Programming

Fort Worth After School Program	May 28 – June 27

www.fwisd.org/families/calendars

2024-2025 Student Last Day

May 22   Traditional and Early College High School

June 6   Intersessional (Alice Carlson and Jo Kelly)

2024-2025 Teacher Last Day

May 23   Traditional and Early College High School

June 9   Intersessional (Alice Carlson and Jo Kelly)

2025-2026 All Calendars

July 29   New Hire Teacher Start Date (**New to FWISD**)

August 4   Teacher Start Date

August 12   First Day of School

Mark your Calendar

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MISSION

*Preparing ALL students for success
in college, career, and community leadership.*