



## **Wylie ISD CLAAS (Creating Leaders and Advocates for Schools) 2025-2026 Program**

Wylie ISD parents and community members are invited to participate in a yearlong journey that will give you an opportunity to study the internal operations of Wylie ISD up close. Over the course of a school year, you will meet with administrators and school board members, covering a variety of topics from curriculum, teaching and learning, budgets, testing, personnel and much more. Most importantly you will have the opportunity to interact with the leaders and decision makers of Wylie ISD.

The program consists of eight sessions held once a month from September through April at locations all over the school district – including schools, the transportation center, the stadium, and the educational service center (ESC).

**The first session will be held on Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** All sessions after that will be held on **the second Wednesday of each month** from **9:00 a.m. to Noon**. A light breakfast will be available at 8:45 a.m.

This opportunity is more than just a “sit and get” program. Wylie ISD CLAAS will provide interaction with students and teachers, tours of district facilities, dialogue with administrators, and district personnel, and opportunities to see firsthand how the district works. For your investment of time, you will be rewarded with a wealth of knowledge about Wylie ISD and a greater appreciation for educators. For more information please visit: [www.wylieisd.net/claas](http://www.wylieisd.net/claas)

Goals for Wylie ISD CLAAS:

1. Provide parents and community members an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge about Wylie ISD.
2. Build capacity and advocacy with parents and community members in order to promote and support Wylie ISD’s mission and goals.
3. Create an appreciation for the day to day work in a learning organization.
4. Have fun learning with others!

### **2025-2026 Program**

**September 17<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Kick Off to a Great Year – the Wylie Way**

Participants will get acquainted as we begin learning more about the district and its leaders starting with the Wylie Way, the district’s nationally recognized character education program that fosters ethical, responsible and caring young people through an emphasis on the values of our Wylie ISD community. The session includes a bus tour of the Wylie ISD.

**October 8      So, What Did You Do in School Today?**

In this session, participants will have the opportunity to experience many of the opportunities and programs available to Wylie ISD's students. Participants will experience the Fine Arts, Career and Tech programs, Athletics, Co-curricular and Extra Curriculum programs and much more.

**November 12    Every Student, Every Day!**

In this session, we will learn about the special services for students in Wylie ISD. This will include the Gifted/Talented program, overview of the Special Education program, 504 protections, Dyslexia program, and the Limited English Proficient services. We will also visit Achieve Academy, home to four very distinct programs that support our learners.

**December 10    Education is Everyone's Job**

This session provides participants with an inside look at all of the ancillary teams who make it possible for learning to be our priority. Participants will collaborate with bus drivers, food service staff, maintenance staff, and other team members who ensure our students are safe, warm, and ready to learn.

**January 14      Teaching and Learning...The Wylie Way!**

How do teachers know what to teach? How do they know when to teach it? How do teachers develop lessons? This session will give an insider glimpse about Wylie ISD's curriculum, planning, and delivery of instruction. Bonus: we will visit some classrooms to see learning in action!

**February 11    Safety and Finances – The Wylie Way**

Schools are connected to two things parents care deeply about: their children and their finances. This session will provide insight into how Wylie ISD manages these two important topics.

Keeping our schools safe is a 24/7 endeavor. Learn how Wylie utilizes information, technology, and partnerships to provide the safest possible environment for our students, staff, and guests.

Where does the money to operate schools come from and how is it spent? What factors influence Wylie ISD's tax rate? How does the Board set budget priorities? Participants will learn the answers to these questions and much more as we focus on school finance and governorship. We will also see how the Wylie ISD Education Foundation and PTA help support the district.

**March 11        Don't Panic – This is Just a Test**

Have you ever wondered what happens to all of the assessment data the district collects or why the district uses both formative and summative assessment? Do you want to learn more about the ratings system used by the State of Texas? This session provides an in-depth look at the assessment and accountability systems used by school districts. Additionally, there will be opportunities to learn more about national testing programs (SAT/ACT for college entrance, Advanced Placement testing, and National Merit Scholarship guidelines based on testing).

**April 8**

**Celebrate the Past, Honor the Present, and Plan for the Future**

This session provides CLAAS members an inside look at the recruitment, training and professional development of our largest and most visible group of employees: teachers. In our final session, participants will have an opportunity for reflection and collaboration with the Wylie ISD's Leaders, Trustees, the Superintendent, district leaders, and Wylie ISD CLAAS members will participate in an activity that will provide participants the opportunity for conversations and provide feedback.

**\*June 15(Monday) GRADUATION**

The Community Relations Department and the Board of Trustees will honor you at the June board meeting. We will present you with a certificate of completion, a CLAAS photo and a special gift. The meeting will be Monday, June 16 at the ESC. **We will have a reception (cake and punch) at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.** You are free to leave after our part.

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All applications are due by August 31, 2025.