



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MAY 14, 2025

THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 205 OFFICES
465 E. 170th St.

Serving All or Portions of the Following Communities:

Hazel Crest | Lansing | Markham | Phoenix | Blue Island | Burnham | Calumet City
Posen | Riverdale | South Holland | Thornton | Dixmoor | Dolton | East Hazel Crest | Harvey

OPEN SESSION

C A L L T O O R D E R

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE



COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

- A. Report from Curriculum Committee
- B. Report from Finance & Facilities Committee
- C. Report from Policy Committee
- D. Report from Discipline Committee
- E. Committee Appointments

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Executive Meeting Minutes** dated April 9, 2025
- B. Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes** dated April 30, 2025
- C. Approval of District 205 Bills:** Dated April 9, 2025, through May 13, 2025
- D. Personnel:** Approval of Resignations, Leave of Absence, New Hires & Terminations dated May 13, 2025
- E. Ratification:**
 - i. Approval of the Thornwood Drone Nationals, Kettering University, Overnight Trip, Flint, MI, May 18-20, 2025

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

We now open the Public Participation section of our agenda. At this time, members of the community are invited to address the Board. We ask that you state your name and town, limit your total time to two minutes, and talk only about items on the current Board Agenda.

In addition, if your comments are of a critical nature about specific people, the Board requests that you present your comments during the personnel portion of the “executive session.”

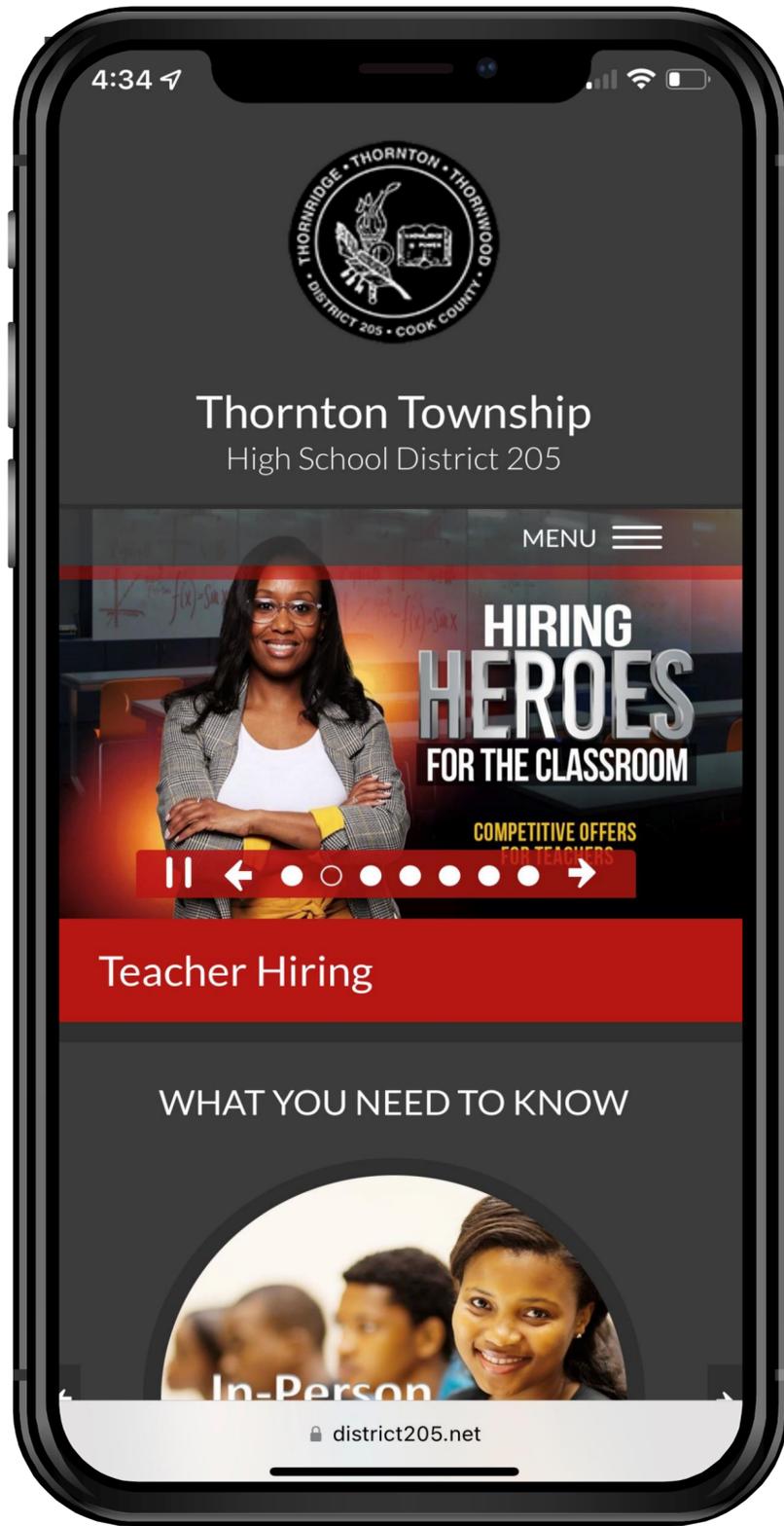
Your name will not be called if you do not sign in and list a topic or the topic is not on the current Board agenda or if public participation has begun.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

DR. DOSS

FOIA





THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

COMMUNICATIONS

N E W S F R O M T H E S C H O O L S

DR. RATLIFF

THORNBRIDGE

FALCONS



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205



We want to express our gratitude for your support and approval of our trip to the Field of Dreams movie site in Dyersville, Iowa this past weekend.

The opportunity for our student-athletes to play two games at such a unique and iconic location was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This trip extended far beyond just baseball; it offered valuable lessons in teamwork, dedication, and the appreciation of playing in an iconic location.

Thank you again for your belief in our program and for providing this incredible opportunity for the Thornridge High School Baseball team.



THORNBRIDGE FALCONS



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205



Half-Cap Ceremony & Boat Ride

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THORNBRIDGE FALCONS



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205



This year, Thornridge is proud to celebrate two **Gates Scholarship** recipients: **Kaliah Oparah** and **Harmony Davis**. Thanks to this prestigious award, both scholars will have all their educational expenses covered at the college of their choice. Congratulations once again to Kaliah and Harmony! Alongside them, **Abdulbasit Lawal**, a **QuestBridge Match Scholarship** recipient, has also achieved remarkable success. Together, these outstanding students have set a high standard and are inspiring fellow TR Scholars to pursue their post-secondary dreams.



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Senior Decision Day/Senior Luncheon

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Thornridge Jazz Band



Thornridge Chess Team



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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

THORNBRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
SPONSORED BY: DOLTON TRUSTEE BRITTNEY NORWOOD



JOB FAIR

APRIL 9, 2025
WEDNESDAY
3:00P - 4:00P
CAFETERIA

EXPECTED EMPLOYERS:
VILLAGE OF DOLTON, DOLTON PARK DISTRICT, NEXT MOVE, HAROLD'S CHICKEN, SOLAR WORKS, SOUTH SUBURBAN, AND MORE.....

ON THE SPOT HIRING!!!!

*FOR STUDENTS AGE 16 AND UP

*SEE MRS. JOHNSON IN C114 FOR DETAILS
COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER



DECISION DAY

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Class of 2025

\$22,050.00 offered total for Scholarship Winners



\$12,681,972 million in Scholarships for the Class of 2025

DECISION DAY

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Guest Speakers for Decision Day

Class of 2025



Enrolled

Enlisted

Employed

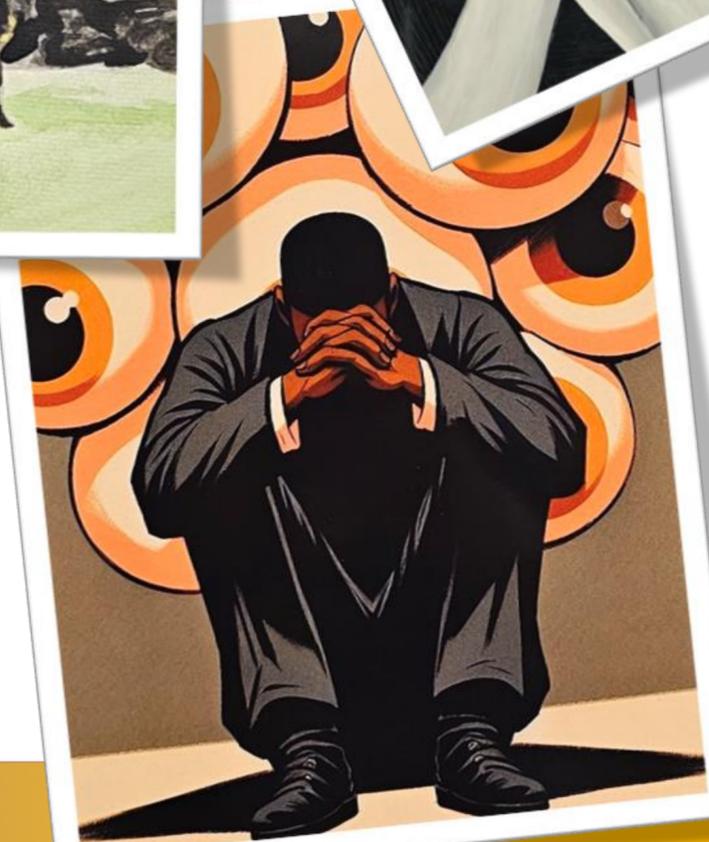
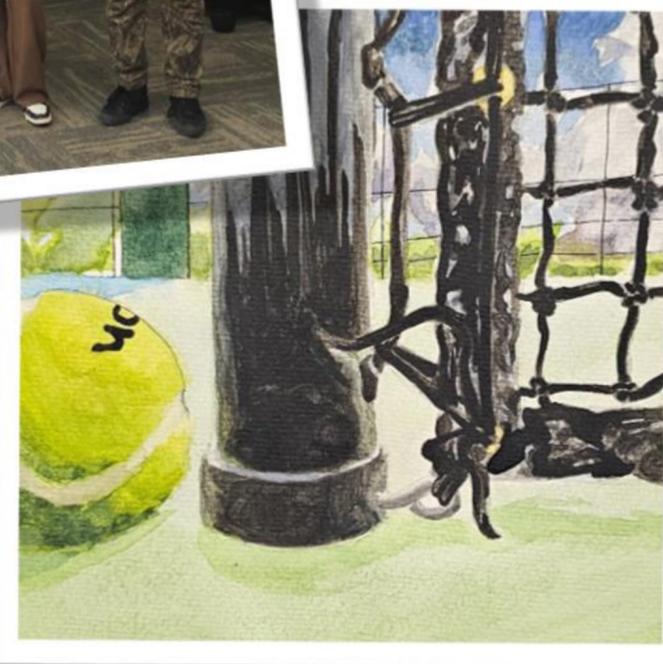


ART SHOW

The IB Visual Arts students held their annual art show this past Wednesday in the lower level of the library at 6:30pm.

All faculty and students were invited to come out and meet the artists and view their work during the show's opening reception.

Due an overwhelming response, the Art Show remained in the lower-level library for the remainder of the week.



THORNWOOD

T H U N D E R B I R D S



THORNTON TOWNSHIP
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

make
your mental health a
priority

Thornwood High School
Student & Staff Mental Health Day
& WELLNESS DAY



Mental Health Fair

Mental Health Matters

"Hope is the first step on the path to mental healing."

SELF LOVE

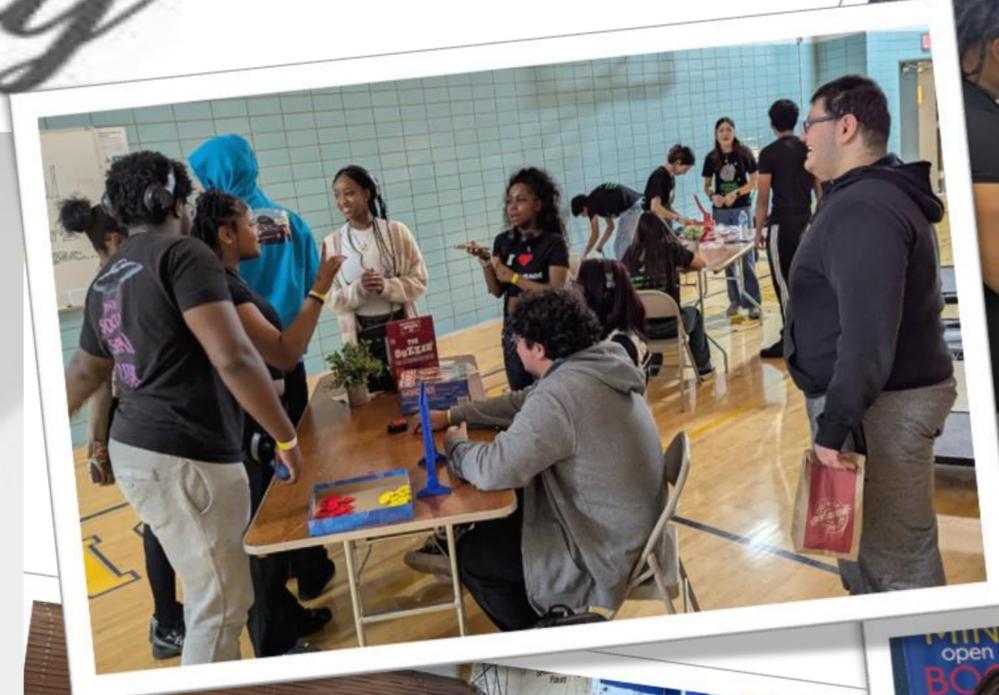
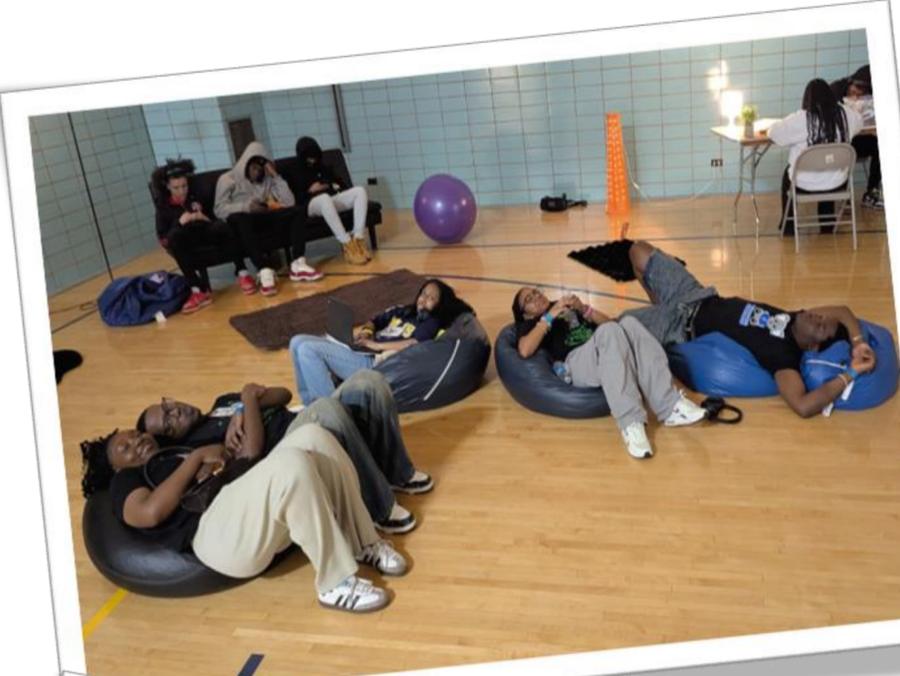
APRIL 30, 2025

LOCATION:

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

17101 SOUTH PARK AVE
SOUTH HOLLAND, IL 60473

8 AM - 2 PM





PEACE Post Secondary Day

In true PEACEful fashion, we kicked off our 1st Annual Post Secondary Day with purpose *and* personality!

Supporting the district's mission to **“ENROLL, ENLIST, EMPLOY,”** our students explored their future paths by chatting it up with college reps, military personnel, and local trade schools. From firm handshakes to big dreams, our scholars took real steps toward their transition plans - one conversation at a time!





Special Thanks to the Board of Education, Superintendent Dr. Cunningham, District Office, and the entire District 205 family, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support. Your contributions help PEACE achieve its goals and uplift one of the most valued populations in our district. Together, we are transforming lives and creating brighter futures.



**Congratulations to the
NEW Board Members**



District 205 Faculty Association
Ray Price Memorial Scholarship Winners
Class of 2025

Harmony Davis- Thornridge High School (Future Educator Scholarship)

Edgar Gonzalez- Thornton High School (Future Educator Scholarship)

Devin Craig- Thornwood High School (Future Educator Scholarship)

Yaquelin Muñoz- Thornwood High School (Vocational Scholarship)



Congratulations Class of 2025!



Thomas
Porter
27 Years
District

Linda
Kingdon
16 Years
Outlook Academy

Rosaura
Duran

Isolta
Jimenez-
Proudfoot

*Happy
Retirement*

Jeffrey
Haynes
26 Years
Thornton

Elyn
Marcano
12 Years
Thornton

Alexandra
Hay

Daniel
Snyder

25

Years of Service

NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation: Student Awards- Dr. Ratliff



**STILL WILDCATS!! ENROLLED
AT TOP RANKED #6 NORTHWESTERN**



**NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY**



**MAJOR:
ECONOMICS**

***Recipient of the
Quest Bridge College Match
Full Ride Scholarship**

JOCELYN MARISCAL

**NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY**



**MAJOR:
BIOLOGY**

***Accepted Early Decision
with a
Full Ride Scholarship ***

**VALERIA
RODRIGUEZ**



Curtis Spence

Enrolled

Princeton University



Communications & Marketing



BALL STATE UNIVERSITY



Berkeley
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

PURDUE
UNIVERSITY
NORTHWEST

UCLA



1867
HOWARD
UNIVERSITY

M
MOREHOUSE



CA
CLARK ATLANTA
UNIVERSITY

LOYOLA
UNIVERSITY CHICAGO



RICE UNIVERSITY

NYIT
NEW YORK INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY



CURTIS SPENCE
Double Communications
and Marketing

CONGRATS!!!
CONGRATS!!!
CONGRATS!!!



PRINCETON
UNIVERSITY





Oluwanifemi Ajayi

John Hopkins University
Public Health



EMORY
UNIVERSITY



Ingalls Scholarship

Enrolled

CONGRATS!!
CONGRATS!!
CONGRATS!!
CONGRATS!!

NIFEMI AJAYI
Public Health

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY





Kaliah Oparah

Biological Chemistry



NORTHWESTERN
UNIVERSITY



S

DEPAUL
UNIVERSITY



THE GATES
SCHOLARSHIP.



Class of 2025 
Thornridge High School

Dorothy Omokowajo

Public Health



Ingalls Scholarship



Class of 2025

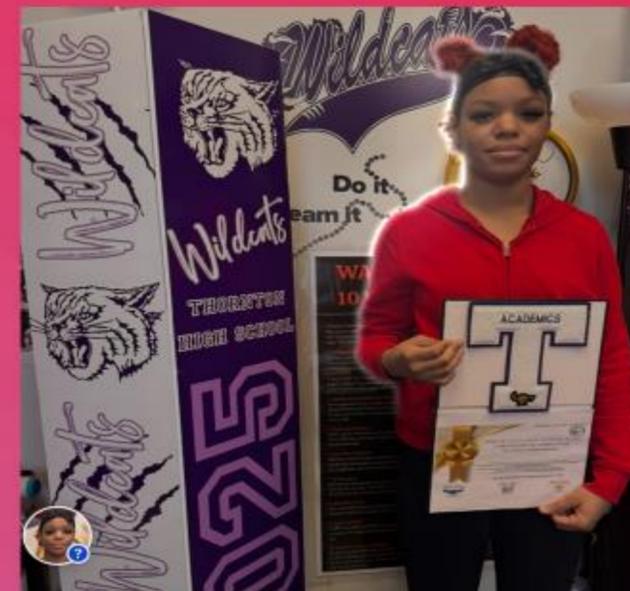
Thornridge High School



WILDCATS ENLISTED TO SERVE



Ester Adeleke
Marines



Nevah Smith **Marines**



Janise Holman **Airforce**



Zahria Langham **Army** **Ty'ana Mitchell**

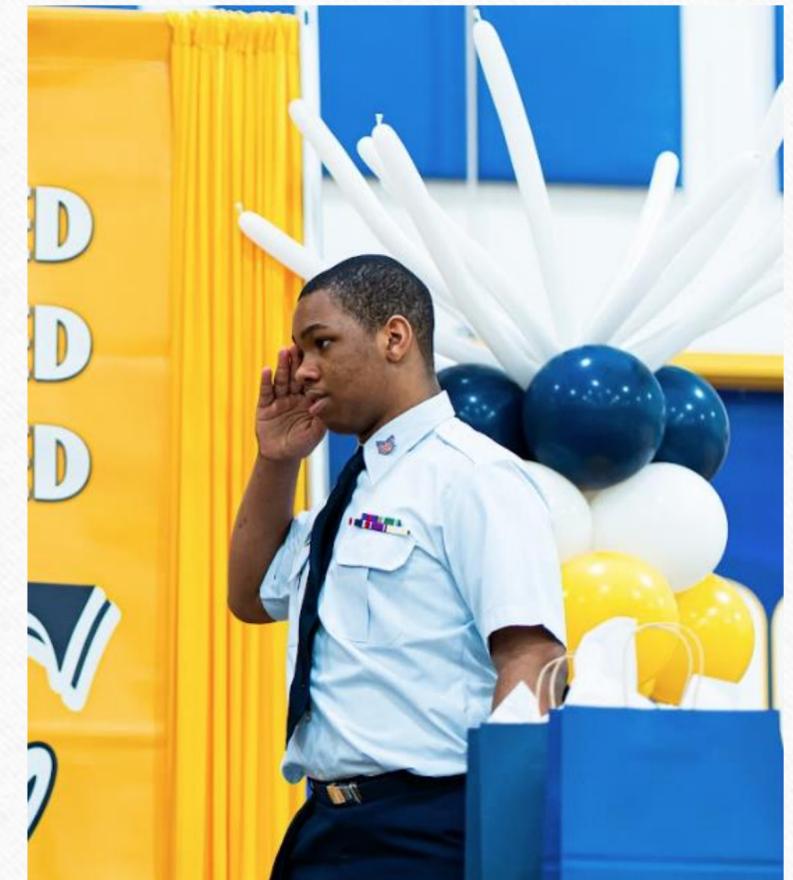


Rashad Brooks **Army**



THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Enlisted



Nozomi McKinney

United States Navy

LaSean Scroggins

United States Army

Elijah Harris

United States National Guard

Thornridge High School ENLISTED



London Coleman
United States Marine Corps



Te-Shawn Mosley
United States Air Force

Thornton Township District 205

Employed

District Precision Manufacturing

100% students enrolled in have been accepted into a Post-Secondary Program including Military enlistment

Students will study Architecture, Engineering, and Technology

Diesel Engine Technology

Student interviews are in progress with the following companies: Rush Enterprises, First Student, Ryder and MVI.

Internship applications in progress at Ryder and First Student.





Studio 205

Licensed and Certified



Barbering

100% enrolled students completed 1500 required hours for certification

100% enrolled students are taking IL State Licensing Exam next week

100% enrolled students received 38 Dual Credit Hours at South Suburban College towards their Barbering Certificate



IDFPR
Illinois Department of
Financial and Professional Regulation

Cosmetology

100% enrolled students completed 1500 required hours for certification

100% enrolled students are taking IL State Licensing Exam next week

100% enrolled students received 39 Dual Credit Hours at South Suburban College towards their Cosmetology Technician Certificate



NEW BUSINESS

B. Recommended Approval: D205 Summer 2025 Calendar- Dr. Ratliff

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 No CR Classes	2 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	3 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	4 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	5 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	6 No CR Classes	7 No CR Classes
8 No CR Classes	9 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	10 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	11 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	12 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	13 No CR Classes	14 No CR Classes
15 No CR Classes	16 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	17 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	18 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	19 Holiday No Classes or Programs	20 No CR Classes	21 No CR Classes
22 No CR Classes	23 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	24 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	25 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	26 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC CA MBC	27 No CR Classes	28 No CR Classes
29	30 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC					

*Indicates the need for transportation.

- Credit Recovery (Virtual) – Daily: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (800-1500 students)- Fortier (timesheets)
- *ESY (ESY) – (TT Classrooms) 8:00 am – 1:00 pm (100-120 students) – Porter (summer contracts)
- *EL Math and Reading CR (EL) – (TT Classrooms) Daily 8:00 am to 1:00 pm – Fortier (summer contracts)
- *Barber & Cosmetology (BC) (TR Classrooms) 8:00 am – 1:00 pm– Rouse (timesheets)
- * TW NFTE Program – (TBD TT Classrooms), cost completely covered by NFTE
- *Civil Air (CA) – Class time 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm – Ratliff (summer contracts)
- * Music/Band Camp (MBC) – (TT Classrooms) Daily 8:00 am to 1:00 pm – Fortier (summer contracts)

TBD: Green Energy (CEDA)

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	2 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	3 Holiday No Classes or Programs	4 No CR Classes	5 No CR Classes
6 No CR Classes	7 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	8 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	9 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	10 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	11 No CR Classes	12 No CR Classes
13 No CR Classes	14 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	15 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	16 Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	17 Summer Graduation 10:00 AM at TT Credit Recovery ESY EL BC MBC	18 No CR Classes	19 No CR Classes
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	2	3

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C. Recommended Approval: D205 IHSA Membership Renewal Resolution for 2025-2026- Dr. Ratliff

NEW BUSINESS

D. Recommended Approval: 2025 Thornridge Varsity Uniforms- Mr. Horton

NEW BUSINESS

E. Recommended Approval: Thornton Township HS Swimming Pool Repairs-
Mr. Crump

NEW BUSINESS

F. Recommended Approval: Asbestos Abatement for Summer 2025 Flooring Repairs- Mr. Crump

NEW BUSINESS

G. Recommended Approval: Temporary AC Rentals for Thornton, Thornridge, and Thornwood Gymnasiums for Graduation- Mr. Crump

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Motion to enter into Closed Session, pursuant to 2(c) of the Open Meetings Act to consider the following:
 - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees;
 - Student discipline;
 - Individual Student Issues;
 - Collective negotiating matters; and
 - Pending, probable or imminent litigation

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

- A. Possible Action Concerning Administrator Retirement Benefits Plan
- B. Possible Action Concerning Tenured Teacher A's Termination of Employment
- C. Possible Action Concerning Tenured Teacher B's Termination of Employment
- D. Possible Action Concerning Tenured Teacher C's Resignation Agreement and Release

ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting

JUNE 11, 2025

THORNWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

District 205 Vision: Building an exemplary high-quality organization that produces major gains in student achievement and prepares all students to be productive citizens in a global society.

District 205 Mission: To develop productive citizens who are enrolled, enlisted or employed at the completion of high school.

District 205 Core Values: Empathy, Trust, Pride, Responsiveness, High Expectations with High Support Integrity, Commitment to Excellence, Innovation, and Collaboration