



# Tomball *talk*

**Tomball ISD: Not Just a District, a Destination**



**#1 Best School District**

#1 Best Teachers  
#1 Best Places to Teach **IN HARRIS COUNTY**

### VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

### MISSION

Tomball ISD empowers students to become impactful, contributing citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous and personally valuable educational experiences while partnering with the community.

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## Board of Trustees



Pictured: (Back Row, L-R) Coco White, John E. McStravick, Mark Lewandowski, Dr. Michael Pratt  
(Front Row, L-R) Jennifer Kratky, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Amanda Bass, Tina Salem

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## District Leadership

**Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora**



## **Tomball ISD Cabinet**



Pictured: (L-R) Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer; Dr. Michael Webb, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent; Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Chief of Staff & School Leadership; Zack Boles, Chief Financial Officer; Holly Sherman, Legal Counsel

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**Congratulations**  
*Owls*

Full Photo Gallery



**Congratulations**  
*Cougars*

Full Photo Gallery



# Congratulations *Wildcats*

[Full Photo Gallery](#)



## 39th Annual A+ Awards Ceremony

### Tomball ISD Names Teachers of the Year

#### Celebrates Students and Staff at 2024-25 Academic Awards Ceremony

Tomball ISD recognized high achievement and celebrated the 2024-2025 school year by honoring exemplary students, teachers and staff at the 39th Annual A+ Academic Awards Ceremony held at Tomball Memorial High School.

The District wrapped up the event by announcing Julia Flores from Canyon Pointe Elementary as its Elementary Teacher of the Year and Israel Moorer from Northpointe Intermediate School as its Secondary Teacher of the Year.

[Read more from the 39th Annual A+ Awards Ceremony.](#)



**Elementary Teacher of the Year: Julia Flores**

Canyon Pointe Elementary | Bilingual Reading Specialist

Julia Flores serves as a Bilingual Reading Specialist at Canyon Pointe Elementary and has dedicated 17 years to education in Tomball ISD.

**Secondary Teacher of the Year: Israel Moorer**

Northpointe Intermediate School | Special Education Teacher

Israel Moorer has served education for four years, three in Tomball ISD, and currently teaches special education at Northpointe Intermediate.



**Canyon Pointe Elem.**



**Creekside Forest Elem.**



**Creekview Elem.**



**Decker Prairie Elem.**



**Grand Oaks Elem.**



**Lakewood Elem.**



**Rosehill Elem.**



**Timber Creek Elem.**



**Tomball Elem.**



**West Elem.**



**Wildwood Elem.**



**Willow Creek Elem.**

## **Congratulations to our Campus A+ Teachers!**





**Northpointe Int.**



**Oakcrest Int.**



**Tomball Int.**



**Creekside Park JH**



**Grand Lakes JH**



**Tomball JH**



**Willow Wood JH**



**Tomball Star Academy**



**Tomball HS**



**Tomball Memorial HS**

**Congratulations to our Campus A+ Paraprofessionals!**



**Multilingual Awards**  
 Taylor Reeves, CPES Bilingual  
 Rising Star  
 Jessica Zampierin, OIS  
 Bilingual Rising Star



**Multilingual Awards**  
 Nancy Syed, RES Bilingual  
 Teacher of the Year  
 Jennifer Keogh, CPJHS ESL  
 Teacher of the Year



**District Paras of the Year**  
 Mabelle Reis, Technology  
 Claudia Zapata, OIS

**Congratulations to our Principals of the Year!**

Tara Bailey, Elementary | Timber Creek Elementary  
 Dr. Kelly Marchiando, Secondary | Tomball Intermediate



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## **Coogs Bound for State - Looking to Repeat!**

### **Tomball Prepares for Return to Baseball State Championship Game**



Coogs earn 4-0 win to sweep State Semifinal series vs. Flower Mound Marcus to advance to the State Championship game for the second straight year.

Tomball will meet Kingwood HS in the UIL 6A Division II State Championship Game on Saturday, June 7 at Noon at Dell Diamond in Round Rock, Texas.

Fans can follow [Live Stats](#) or [Watch Live](#).

[Ticket Information](#)

**In the News**



## Four TISD Schools Earn Great Expectations® Model School Distinction for First Time Making TISD's 16 GE Model Schools the Most by Any District in the Nation

Tomball ISD schools were celebrated for their commitment to the Great Expectations® (GE) program as four new campuses earned the prestigious Model School distinction by the organization.

Earning the distinction for the first time this year was Tomball Intermediate, Early Excellence Academy, Rosehill Elementary and West Elementary.

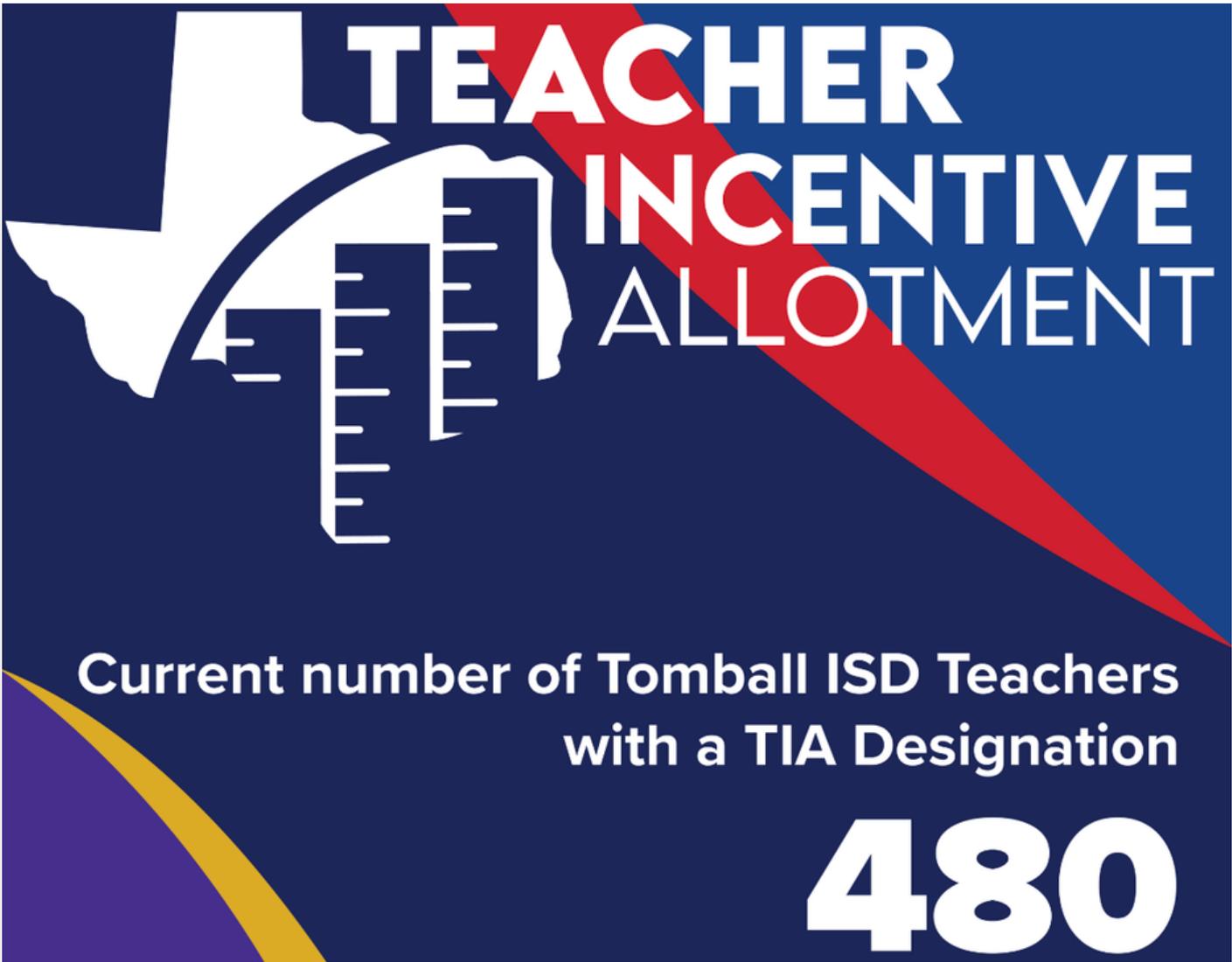
These four schools join every other Tomball ISD elementary and intermediate campus celebrating another year as a GE Model School, solidifying all eligible TISD schools as Model campuses.

Tomball ISD's 16 GE Model Schools are the most by any school district in the nation.

[Read more about Great Expectations \(GE\) in Tomball ISD.](#)

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# TEACHER INCENTIVE ALLOTMENT



Current number of Tomball ISD Teachers  
with a TIA Designation

# 480

## 480 Tomball ISD Teachers Earn Designation through Teacher Incentive Allotment Resulting in Significant Salary Increase

Tomball ISD announced that 480 of its eligible teachers, representing all eligible campuses, have earned, or are currently designated through the state’s Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA), which will award these well-deserving educators a significant salary increase over a 5-year timeframe from the date of their most recent designation.

TIA recognizes effective teachers on three designations, “Master”, “Exemplary” or “Recognized.” The designations are based on student growth and classroom observations or National Board Certification.

[Read more about TIA in Tomball ISD.](#)



## THS Student Shaurya Kante & Educator Tiffany Clyde Selected for Bezos Scholars Program

The [Bezos Scholars Program \(BSP\)](#) is proud to announce its 2025 cohort and within its prestigious cohort is rising Tomball High School senior scholar Shaurya Kante and Tomball High School educator scholar Tiffany Clyde.

[Read more about this acceptance.](#)

## Dr. Amy Schindewolf Elevated to Tomball ISD Deputy Superintendent

Tomball ISD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora has announced current Chief of Staff and School Leadership Dr. Amy Schindewolf will become the District's Deputy Superintendent, effective for the 2025-2026 school year.

[Read more about Dr. Amy Schindewolf.](#)

## Tomball ISD Recognizes Lashelle Nix and Brenda Becerril as Counselors of the Year

Tomball ISD is proud to recognize the exceptional dedication and impact of its 2024-2025 School Counselors of the Year. Being honored in the inaugural year of this recognition are Canyon Pointe Elementary counselor Brenda Becerril and Tomball Memorial High School lead counselor Lashelle Nix.

[Read more about our Counselors of the Year.](#)



## Tomball ISD Once Again Receives National Recognition for Music Education Support

Tomball ISD has been once again honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for their outstanding support and commitment to music education.

[Read more about this recognition.](#)

## Dr. Jessica Perez Named Next Principal of Timber Creek Elementary

Tomball ISD is excited to share that current Early Excellence Academy Principal Dr. Jessica Perez has accepted the opportunity to become the next Principal of Timber Creek Elementary, following the announcement of Ms. Tara Bailey becoming the new CPJHS Principal.

[Read more about Dr. Jessica Perez.](#)

## THS and TMHS Celebrate Fine Arts Students During 2025 Signing Day Event

Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School fine arts seniors recently signed to continue their talents at colleges across the United States.

[Read more about our Fine Arts students.](#)



## **Tomball ISD Recognizes Central Office Staff During 2025 Service Pin Ceremony**

Tomball ISD celebrated benchmark years for 10 Central Office employees at its annual Employee Service Pin Awards Luncheon.

[Read more about the ceremony pin recipients.](#)



## **Claire Compton Named Next Principal of Early Excellence Academy**

Claire Compton joins Tomball ISD from Eagle Mountain Saginaw ISD and will become the next Principal of Early Excellence Academy. She will replace Dr. Jessica Perez, who will become the next Principal of Timber Creek Elementary.

[Read more about Claire Compton.](#)



## **STEM Graduation Showcases Baker Hughes, Tomball ISD, TEDC Partnership**

Baker Hughes hosted 30 eighth-grade students from Tomball Junior High School on May 1st for an interactive learning session that culminated with a graduation from the semester-long science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) curriculum.

[Read more about this partnership.](#)



## Tara Bailey Named Next Principal of Creekside Park Junior High

Tara Bailey, current Principal of Timber Creek Elementary, has been named the next Principal of Creekside Park Junior High. She will replace Renee Miller, who is leaving to pursue new opportunities. This transition will become effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

[Read more about Tara Bailey.](#)



## Tomball ISD Recognizes 2024-2025 Paraprofessionals of the Year

Tomball ISD Administration had the opportunity to celebrate the incredible impact of two deserving staff members in Oakcrest Intermediate's Claudia Zapata and Technology Services' Mabelle Reis as they were named 2024-2025 District Paraprofessionals of the Year.

[Read more about our Paraprofessionals of the Year.](#)



## Beth Taylor Named Next Principal of Lakewood Elementary

Beth Taylor, current Assistant Principal of Lakewood Elementary, has accepted the promotional opportunity and has been named the next Principal of Lakewood Elementary. She will replace Deanna Porter, who will become the next Principal of Willow Creek Elementary.

[Read more about Beth Taylor.](#)



## 19 Tomball ISD Student-Athletes Celebrated During Late Spring Signing Day Event

Tomball ISD celebrated an additional 19 student-athletes from Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School who each signed to continue their education and playing careers at universities across the nation during a Signing Day event on campus in late May.

[Read more about our Athletics signees.](#)



## Tylene Hicks Named Next Principal of Tomball Intermediate School

Tomball ISD announces Tylene Hicks as the next Principal of Tomball Intermediate School. She will replace Dr. Kelly Marchiando, who is transitioning to become the next Principal at Willow Wood Junior High.

[Read more about Tylene Hicks.](#)



## Tomball Scholarship Foundation Awards 16 Scholarships to 2025 Tomball ISD Seniors

The Tomball Scholarship Foundation is committed to providing a way for deserving seniors to attend college following their time in Tomball ISD. The Foundation once again awarded 16 scholarships to seniors who applied from Tomball High School and Tomball Memorial High School.

[Read more about our scholarship recipients.](#)



### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our Community Connections and our Life 18+ Program graduates.



### **College 101 at THS**

Dr. Z welcomes back former THS students for a chat about life as a college student.

Jessica Abt (Texas), Diego Tovar (Texas), Valentina Melo - (Alabama), Tyler Landgrebe (UH), Cara Cooley (Kansas)



### **College 101 at TMHS**

Thank you to this impressive group of Wildcats for taking time to share your college insight. Tito Portillo (SHSU), Annelise Garrison (Texas), Mason Wade (Texas), Monica Salazar (LSC-Tomball), Ricky Dare (North Park)



# COMMUNITY *Captures*





## How a CTE Student-Focused Enterprise is Shaping Real-World Success

Career and Technical Education (CTE) in Tomball ISD is redefining the path to success for students through its potential of creating an innovative student-based enterprise system. Among the diverse CTE pathways in Tomball ISD, the Graphic Design track and its Cat's Print Shop, stand out as a hub

for creativity and real-world application, where students turn their artistic talents into practical projects.

[Read more about students are gaining real-world experiences through CTE.](#)



### How CFES Cafeteria Manager has Changed the Lunch Experience for the Better

At Creekside Forest Elementary, cafeteria manager Lezlie Davis has become a quiet force for positive change - impacting nutrition, student well-being, and the overall experience of a lunchroom.

[Read more about Lezlie Davis' impact at CFES.](#)

### Community Connection Fuels Positive School Climate at GOES

Through the Mentor Program, volunteers from Church Story offer weekly guidance and encouragement to identified students at Grand Oaks Elementary, fostering personal growth and academic success.

[Read more about this community connection.](#)

### The Power of Pre-K: How Collaboration Turned into Celebratory Milestones

Ellie, a student at Early Excellence Academy, began her Pre-K journey as a three-year old a year ago with limited mobility and was unable to walk independently. With the guidance of her occupational therapist Whitney Drake and teacher Madison Mills, Ellie's monumental gains have inspired so many.

[Read more about Ellie and EEA.](#)



### TMHS Students Launch District Wide Book Drive: Breaking Barriers through Books

Tomball Memorial High School student leaders initiated a district wide book drive: Breaking Barriers through

### THS and TMHS Color Guard Programs are Raising the Bar in Tomball ISD

Through strong leadership, passionate and talented students, and unwavering community support, Tomball High School and Tomball

### TISD Elementary Schools Ringing in New Opportunities through Handbell Instruments

Tomball ISD Fine Arts Department has partnered with the Houston Chamber Ringers, a professional handbell ensemble, to introduce

Books, receiving nearly 7,000 book donations.

[Read more about the book drive.](#)

Memorial High School have transformed their Color Guard teams into models of success.

[Read more about the success of TISD's Color Guard programs.](#)

handbell instruments to elementary campuses in TISD.

[Read more about Handbells.](#)

[Click Here for All Feel Good Friday Stories](#)



### **Serving as a Trustee in Tomball ISD**

Listen to this episode from ConnectED on Spotify. Three dedicated individuals in Dr. Michael Pratt, Mark Lewandowski and John McStravick, who represent 62 years of combined service on the Tomball ISD School Board, joined Dr. Z to reflect on their time as Board Members, and what makes Tomball ISD the connected community that it is today.

[open.spotify.com](https://open.spotify.com)



**Pre-K Registration Now Open (for Qualifying Families)**



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PRE-KINDERGARTEN ONLINE REGISTRATION  
IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR

¡LA INSCRIPCIÓN EN LÍNEA PARA PRE KÍNDER  
PARA EL AÑO ESCOLAR 2025-26 YA ESTÁ ABIERTA!

GHI DANH TRỰC TUYẾN LỚP MẦM  
NON NĂM HỌC 2025-2026 B Y GIỜ ĐÃ BẮT ĐẦU!



[tomballisd.net/register-pre-k](https://tomballisd.net/register-pre-k)

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Kindergarten Online Registration Now Open



**Kindergarten  
Online Registration**

2025-2026 School Year

**NOW OPEN!**



# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Tomball ISD wants to partner with you to make sure your child is at school, learning and growing. Regular school attendance is essential for a student to make the most of his or her education.

"Students who missed 2 to 4 days in September were 5 times more likely than those who missed fewer than 2 days to be chronically absent for the year."  
*Source: Attendanceworks.org*



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

 <p><b>BE MINDFUL</b> Be mindful when scheduling family trips or doctor's appointments</p>	 <p><b>PROACTIVE</b> Make sure to be proactive and get a doctor's note when applicable</p>	 <p><b>ENCOURAGE</b> Share why school is important and encourage your child's attendance</p>	 <p><b>PRIORITIZE</b> Prioritize school</p>
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### It's the Law.

State law requires students to attend at least 90 percent of the time a class is scheduled to meet. If student attendance is less than 90 percent, the student will lose credit unless school days are made up in accordance with a plan put in place by the principal.

- That means a student can only miss 18 days of school or 18 days of a specific class.
- At the high school level, students may lose credit on the 10th absence of the semester.

[tomballisd.net/attendance](http://tomballisd.net/attendance)

EVERY DAY MATTERS. YOU MATTER. ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

# SPARK

Sharing, Partnering, and Reaching for Knowledge

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**Lakewood ES Advanced Academics** @LESAdvAcademics - May 20

That's a wrap on another AMAZING year of Gifted & Talented at Lakewood Elementary! 🌟📚

Our Wildcats explored, created, and SHINED all year long! 🌟📚

Huge THANK YOU to all the parents who came out to our GT Showcase! 🙌

**Creekside Forest Elementary** @TISDCFES - May 21

Congratulations to the graduating seniors who took their Cougar Walk down memory lane today! Your future is bright. 🌟 @TomballISD

**Timber Creek Elementary** @TISDTCES - May 28

N2 Learning Cohort 2 worked hard collaborating, gathering staff feedback, and creating a plan of action that supports continued transformation for TCES! We are so proud of them! @N2Learning @TomballISD

**Tomball ISD** @TomballISD · May 8  
 Congrats to our Spring 25 Superintendent Shining Star! Thank you for serving in TISD & going above & beyond for students everyday!  
 #DestinationExcellence

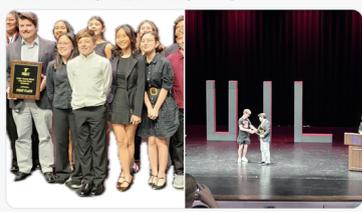
- Samantha Wilson, #TISDWEES
- Tonya Brink, #TISDWEES
- Marissa Logrono, #TISDTSA
- Pinky Yuskiewicz, #TISDTCS



**Tomball Star Academy** @TISDTSA · May 9  
 Graduation #1 for the Class of 2025 is underway! 🎓❤️ #WingsUp



**Grand Lakes Junior High** @TISDGLJHS · May 10  
 Huge congratulations to our students who brought home 1st place in the district One Act Play Competition today! #GoTigers #BeGold



**Tomball ISD Fine Arts** @FineArtsTomball · May 17  
 Braeden Smith of @TomballSTAGE just placed 5th at State Theatrical Design UIL! We are so proud of you, Braeden!! @TISDTHS @TomballISD



**Jennifer Collier** @jennifercollier · May 19  
 Congratulations TMS! We have a STATE CHAMPION!! Hieu Hyam - 1st place in Chess (girl). Three way tie for first with a PERFECT SCORE!! Way to go Hieu! #IBECATS



**Dr. Michael Pratt** @pratt\_michael · May 21  
 Today's Wildcat Walk for the Class of 2025 got to celebrate with their teachers. Ms. Tiffany Tranchilla of Lakewood Elementary and so many Teachers along the journey set the foundation! Proud Dad moment too!  
 #KeepTomballThriving @TISDTMHS @TISDTSA @TomballISD @TISDLES1



**Tomball Star Academy** @TISDTSA · May 29  
 School may be out, but today a group of students took the initiative to connect with local EMTs to learn more about careers in emergency medicine. We're proud of their curiosity, drive, and commitment to exploring future pathways in healthcare! 🚑 #PTECHinAction #WingsUp



**Timber Creek Elementary** @TISDTCS · May 29  
 Tomball ISD's Honor Choir sang the National Anthem to kick off the Astro game tonight! We are proud of our TCES students for being a part of this talented group.

Go TISD! Go Astros!



**Dr. Martha Salazar Zamora** @m.salazarzamora · May 30  
 WHAT A GAME!! It was a great night cheering on the @TomballISD @TISDTHS Baseball !! team!

Tomball 4  
 Flower Mound Marcus 0  
 FINAL - TOMBALL ADVANCES, 2-0

See you all at STATE for a second consecutive year. #DestinationExcellence



JULY 2025							 <b>2025-2026 Calendar</b>							JANUARY 2026						
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