



# 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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[Learn More about Bond 2025](#)



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**VOTE MAY 3**

Bond 2025 Proposal | Vote May 3 | Tomball ISD

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The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously to call a \$429 million bond referendum this spring.



**PROP A**  
**School Updates & New Facilities**

\$331,595,000

Create parity across district facilities by bringing campuses up to district standards of new facilities and programs. Includes safety and security upgrades, Pre-K Center #2, and relocating Tomball Intermediate - the District's oldest campus.

**PROP B**  
**Technology**

\$18,000,000

Technology refresh for student and staff devices in typical replacement cycles, upgrades, and growth for students and staff.

**PROP C**  
**Updates to Original Tomball HS Stadium**

\$2,800,000

Turf replacement, track resurfacing, and lighting upgrades for the district's oldest stadium. A separate proposition is required due to seating capacity at this stadium of more than 1,000.

**PROP D**  
**Multi-Program Activity Centers**

\$76,700,000

New indoor facility for each high school to allow TISD to be in compliance with new UIL heat guidelines. During 2024, Tomball ISD student programs were affected by weather-related conditions for a total of 167 days.

**Fact #1** The 2025 Bond will impact ALL students in Tomball ISD.

**Fact #2** The 2025 Bond will not increase the Total District Tax Rate.

**Fact #3** Any registered voter living in Tomball ISD can cast their ballot.



**tomballisd.net/  
Bond2025**

***This bond will not increase the Total District Tax Rate.***

**Early Voting: April 22-29 | Election Day: Saturday, May 3**

## Tomball ISD Board Walks

The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees recently spent a morning touring Tomball Junior High, Tomball High School, Tomball Elementary, and the Maintenance Department as part of their annual Board Walks event.

The School Board saw high-level instruction, collaborative learning, innovative projects, and new CTE facilities.

[https://youtu.be/o4Qv7\\_Cbd0E?si=fyiQRYnbeKNg\\_nYq](https://youtu.be/o4Qv7_Cbd0E?si=fyiQRYnbeKNg_nYq)







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## State of the District 2025

The 2025 Superintendent's State of the District, hosted by the Tomball Education Foundation, welcomed in nearly 200 community members to the Tomball Agricultural Center.

This year's event celebrated innovation in Tomball ISD as well as paid tribute to our community's strong agricultural roots: "Where Innovation Meets Tradition".

Thank you, Tomball, for being a part of our Destination Excellence.





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## **Tomball Reads Week!**







## In the News



**Kevin Williams Named Tomball West High School Principal**  
 Mr. Kevin Williams, current Principal of Willow Wood Junior High, has been selected to lead as the inaugural Principal of Tomball West High School, the third comprehensive high school and 26th overall campus in



**Tomball ISD Hosted Mental Health & Wellness Fair**  
 Tomball ISD recently hosted its 2nd Annual Mental Health and Wellness Fair. This event was open to the Tomball community and offered an opportunity for local vendors to share resources and



**Dr. Kim McKinney Named Next Tomball High School Principal**  
 Dr. Kim McKinney, current Principal of Grand Lakes Junior High, has been announced as the next Principal of Tomball High School, replacing Chris Scott who has recently accepted the promotional opportunity to serve as

Tomball ISD, set to open its doors in August 2026.

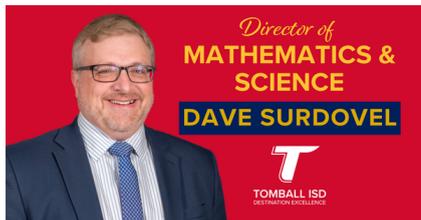
[Read more about Kevin Williams.](#)



### Two Teams Qualify for Destination Imagination Globals

Tomball ISD was well-represented at the Lone Star Finals Destination Imagination state competition. Two teams qualified for Globals.

Qualifying for Globals were the Technical Tigers from West Elementary, placing fifth in their inaugural technical challenge and the Wild Sububbadias from Lakewood Elementary, placing fourth in the improv challenge. Two teams from OIS, one from TIS, TES and TCES also represented Tomball at the state level.



### Dave Surdovel Elevated to Director of Mathematics and Science

Dave Surdovel, current Tomball ISD Director of Mathematics, has been elevated to Director of Mathematics and Science,

information about their services.



### Chris Scott Chosen to Serve as Next Tomball ISD Director of Athletics

Following the recent retirement announcement of Tomball ISD Director of Athletics Kevin Flanigan, Tomball ISD announces current Tomball High School Principal Chris Scott has accepted the promotional opportunity to serve as the District's next Director of Athletics. This transition will become effective at the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

[Read more about Chris Scott.](#)



### Dr. Z Serves as Keynote for Chamber's First Friday Luncheon

Tomball ISD Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora served as the keynote speaker at the April First Friday Luncheon,

Tomball ISD's new Director of Athletics.

[Read more about Dr. Kim McKinney.](#)



### 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar

The 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar was approved by the Tomball ISD Board of Trustees in March.

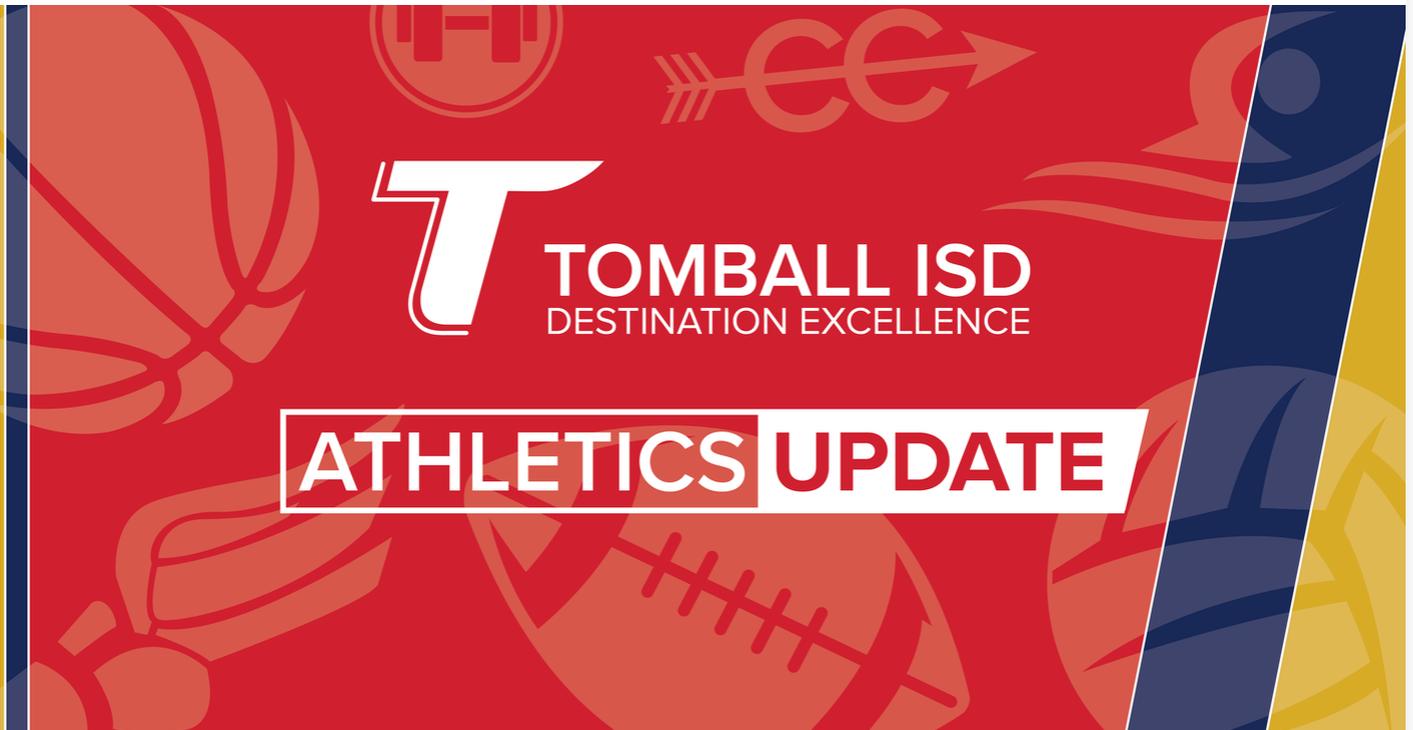
Reminder: the 2025-2026 Instructional Calendar was approved last year.

[2026-2027 Instructional Calendar](#)

and will assume this new role at the end of the 2024-2025 school year with current Director of Science Jennifer Adams announcing her retirement.

[Read more about Dave Surdovel.](#)

hosted by the Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce. Students from GLJHS LOTC also led the crowd in pledges and TISD accepted a \$200,000 donation from the Tomball Regional Health Foundation.



## THS Girls Soccer

**Regional Semifinalists**

**Overall Record: 16-3-3, District Record: 12-2-2**

**2nd place in District 15-6A**

Midfielder of the Year: Avery Kelley

Defensive Player of the Year: Maddie Landry

Defensive Newcomer of the Year: Macie Thurman

4 First Team All-District honorees

4 Second Team All-District honorees

4 Honorable Mention All-District honorees

20 Academic All-District honorees

7 Academic All-State honorees



## THS Boys Soccer



- 2 First Team All-District honorees
- 2 Second Team All-District honorees
- 3 Honorable Mention All-District honorees

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## TMHS Girls Soccer

**Bi-District Champions**

**Overall Record: 14-3-4, District Record: 12-2-2**

Utility Player of the Year: Nadia Elhaimer

- 4 First Team All-District honorees
- 3 Second Team All-District honorees
- 3 Honorable Mention honorees
- 18 Academic All-District honorees



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## TMHS Boys Soccer



**Regional Semifinalists**

**Overall Record: 14-4-4**

**2nd Place in District 15-6A**

Midfielder of the Year: Jeffrey Boedeker

Co-Coach of the Year: Josh Grover

- 3 First Team All-District honorees
- 3 Second Team All-District honorees
- 3 Honorable Mention honorees

- 3 Academic All-District honorees
- 6 Academic All-State honorees

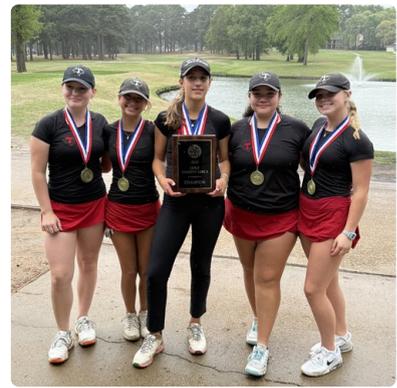
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## THS Girls Golf

**District Champions!**

Congrats to the Tomball High School Girls golf team for their 5th District Championship in a row.

Individually, Roberta Alvarez finished 3rd overall.



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## THS Boys Golf



Congrats to the Tomball High School Boys golf team for finishing 2nd at the district tournament and advancing to regionals.

Individually, Federico Montaner finished 3rd overall.



**TOMBALL ISD**  
**FINE** *Arts*  
**UPDATE**

**March was National Arts in Education Month!**



## THS STAGE



Congratulations to the Tomball HS Theatre Department for advancing from the UIL One-Act Play Zone Contest to the District Contest.

## TMHS Wildcat Theatre

Congratulations to the Tomball Memorial Theatre Department for advancing from the UIL One-Act Play Zone Contest to Bi-District, and being named an Alternate Play to Area.



## Junior High Music

Tomball ISD junior high music programs have begun UIL assessment with many accolades awarded.



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*Greetings From*  
**FINE ARTS  
FESTIVAL**  
*Art · Music · Dance · Theatre* **2025**

**April 26, 2025**  
**9am-2pm**  
**Location:**  
**Tomball Memorial  
High School**

**TOMBALL ISD**  
**FINE Arts**

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# Tomball ISD Career and Technical Education *Update*

## **TISD Students Show Well at TPSA State Conference**

### **Law Enforcement & Legal Studies**

- Tomball High School SWAT Team takes 2nd place
- TMHS's Jewel Taylor earns 3rd in Closing Argument
- Top 10 finishes for TMHS Students Olivia Kasper (Expert Witness) & Isabella Morales (Report Writing)



## **COMMUNITY** *Captures*





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Feel Good

FRIDAY



## 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 Books, receiving nearly 7,000 book donations.

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



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

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



## 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 handbell instruments to elementary campuses in TISD.

[Read more about Handbells.](#)



## TMHS Silver Stars and THS Cougar Charms Excel During Competition Season

TMHS Silver Stars and THS Cougar Charms have built a legacy of excellence, consistently ranking among the nation's elite. Their journey to the top is one of relentless dedication, teamwork, and a passion for the art of dance.

[Read more about each team's success.](#)



## Timber Creek Elementary Travels the World by Hosting International Family Night on Campus

Timber Creek Elementary hosted its Second Annual International Family Night, which brought 37 countries and regions to life by showcasing homemade dishes, cultural activities and games, art, music, clothing, authentic artifacts, and student research.

[Read more about TCES' International Family Night.](#)



## TISD Communications Wins Crystal Award, Named Platinum Finalist, and Earned 16 Total Honors at TSPRA Star Awards

Tomball ISD Communications was named a Platinum Awards Finalist, and earned 16 awards, including a Crystal Award, a Crystal Commendation of Merit, 7 Gold Stars, 4 Silver Stars and 2 Bronze Stars at the 2025 Texas School Public Relations Association (TSPRA) annual conference in San Antonio.



### **Tomball ISD's Connections Academy Honored with CREST Counseling Award**

Tomball Connections Academy has been recognized by the Texas School Counselor Association as a Texas model program for counseling services for the fourth straight year.

[Read more about TCA's recognition.](#)



### **Orbit Visits Tomball Intermediate for "Strikeout Bullying Show" Thanks to Support from PTO**

Tomball Intermediate School students were recently immersed in a powerful anti-bullying presentation designed to educate, inspire, and equip them with the tools to stand up against bullying.

[Read more about the Astros' presentation.](#)

[Read more about Communication's TSPRA awards.](#)

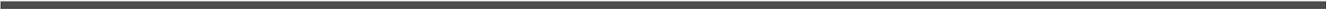


### **Cat Cafe Activity Grows into Life-Changing Opportunity for Low Vision Students**

Through a hands-on educational activity, Tomball ISD students with low vision are gaining life skills as part of the Expanded Core Curriculum. Cat Cafe began back in 2018 by Tomball ISD's Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, Debi Long.

[Read more about Cat Cafe.](#)

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

**Kindergarten Online Registration Now Open**



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**Kindergarten  
Online Registration**

2025-2026 School Year

**NOW OPEN!**



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FUN RUN + FREE FESTIVAL  
SATURDAY APRIL 12, 2025  
SUPERINTENDENT'S

Fun Run



Register Early  
& Save \$5!

[TOMBALLISD.NET/FUNRUN](https://TOMBALLISD.NET/FUNRUN)

Learn More about Tomball ISD's Parent U

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Parent University is designed to empower parents with knowledge and tools to become effective advocates for their children. There are a variety of sessions from Pre-K through High School Senior content delivered through cross-district collaboration.



## 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

**BE MINDFUL**  
 Be **mindful** when scheduling family trips or doctor's appointments

**PROACTIVE**  
 Make sure to be **proactive** and get a doctor's note when applicable

**ENCOURAGE**  
 Share why school is important and **encourage** your child's attendance

**PRIORITIZE**  
 Prioritize school



#### 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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TOMBALL INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# ALUMNI

*Spotlight*

## **Tracie (Dossman) Sanders, Tomball High School, 1992**



**Tracie (Dossman) Sanders, Tomball High School, 1992**  
School Librarian at Tomball Elementary

For more than 25 years, Tracie (Dossman) Sanders has been inspiring generations of Tomball ISD students through her passion for literacy and education. As an alumna of Tomball ISD herself, she understands firsthand the impact that a dedicated educator can have on young minds.

As a 1992 graduate of Tomball High School, Sanders now serves Tomball ISD as the school librarian at Tomball Elementary, a position she has held since 2007.

Sanders is a Tomball High School legacy graduate as her father's family was one of the original German families to settle in Tomball. Sanders' father, aunts, brother, sister, and many cousins are all products of the Tomball ISD system.

Attending four years at Tomball High School, Sanders was an active member of the Cougar Charms Dance team.

"I absolutely loved being a part of the drill team, especially during football season," she said. "There was nothing like the excitement of cheering on our team from the stands and getting hyped up at pep rallies. Those memories from the games and rallies are some of my favorites."

In addition to dance, Sanders was also in Journalism and worked on the school newspaper.

Following graduation from Tomball High School, Sanders attended Sam Houston State to pursue a career in elementary education.

"I was uncertain about my career path approaching graduation, but after receiving advice from two of my high school teachers, Mr. Ernest White and Mrs. Betty Atkinson, who believed I would make a great teacher, I decided to pursue elementary education."

After earning her degree from SHSU, Sanders began teaching in Aldine ISD where she had completed her student teaching. In 1998, Sanders attended a job fair in Tomball ISD and met Bob Fontenot, Principal of Tomball Elementary.

From there, Sanders returned home and began teaching fourth grade at Tomball Elementary the first year the campus opened.

"I always knew I wanted to return home and teach in Tomball," she said. "I have so many fond memories of growing up in Tomball, and it holds a special place in my heart."

Sanders has been at Tomball Elementary since 1998 when the campus was built. She taught fourth grade from 1998 to 2007 before transitioning into the campus' school librarian.

Being a school librarian was a career she was initially introduced to while a student at SHSU, attending a children's literature class.

"That turned out to be one of the most challenging but rewarding courses I took," Sanders recalls. "We were required to read over 100 books, and I fell in love with children's literature."

After teaching at TES for several years, Sanders noticed many of her colleagues pursuing their Master's in Education, but kept being drawn back to children's literature. From there, she chose to pursue a Master's in Library Science from SHSU.

In 2007, Sanders transitioned into a school librarian, a position she has held ever since.

Her dedication goes beyond books - she has been instrumental in creating engaging library programs, integrating technology into lessons, and fostering an inclusive space where every student feels welcomed.

“The most rewarding part of my job as an elementary school librarian is definitely sparking a love for reading in all of our students,” Sanders said. “It is so fulfilling to watch them grow and develop their reading skills from kindergarten all the way to fourth grade.”

For Sanders, at the center of her campus within the walls of a creative library space, she has made lasting connections with her students.

“What truly makes my heart happy is seeing former students return as parents of TES students themselves, and continuing to be a part of their lives and their children’s learning journey. I like seeing the impact of my work come full circle.”

Throughout her 18 years in this role, Sanders has recognized that being an effective school librarian goes beyond organizing books - it requires continuous growth as an educator. As teaching methods evolve and technology reshapes how students access information, she has embraced growth opportunities within Tomball ISD.

“The District’s focus on innovation has allowed me to incorporate new technologies and strategies into the library while continuing to inspire lifelong learning. In both my roles as a classroom teacher and librarian, growth came through my experience, flexibility, and my commitment to adapting to evolving needs of students. I’m grateful for the opportunities Tomball ISD has provided in my journey.”

Reflecting on Sanders’ journey from Student2Staff, she takes pride in the legacy she continues to build at Tomball Elementary. Her passion for literacy, her dedication to student success, and commitment to lifelong learning have made her an invaluable part of the Tomball ISD community.

[\*\*Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumni\*\*](#)

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JULY 2024							 <b>2024-2025 Calendar</b>							JANUARY 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	<b>First Day of School</b> August 13, 2024  <b>Last Day of School</b> May 22, 2025  <b>Staff &amp; Student Holidays</b> Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day - September 2 Thanksgiving - Nov. 25-29 Winter Break - Dec. 23-Jan. 3 Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 20 Presidents Day - February 17 Spring Break - March 10-14 Good Friday - April 18 Memorial Day - May 26  <b>Staff Development/Workdays</b> Student Holidays July 31, August 1-2 (New Teacher) August 5-9 August 12 October 10-11, 14 November 4-5 January 6-7 February 14 March 17 May 23 and 27  <b>Early Release Days</b> <i>All Schools: Dec. 20, May 22</i> <i>High Schools Only: Dec. 19, May 21</i> <b>Make Up Days (if needed)</b> February 17 March 17 May 23  <b>Reporting Periods End</b> October 11 December 20 March 7 May 22	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						
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