



# 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.

## Tomball ISD 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

## District Leadership

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



## **Tomball ISD Cabinet**



Pictured: Back (L-R): Zack Boles, Chief Financial Officer, Dr. Michael Webb, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer; Middle (L-R): Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Deputy Superintendent, Holly Sherman, Legal Counsel; Front: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent

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## **Tomball ISD Earns "A" Rating Once Again**

**ONLY A**  
RATED DISTRICT IN  
**HARRIS &  
MONTGOMERY  
COUNTIES**



**HIGHEST**  
RATED *Large*  
DISTRICT IN (20K+)  
**TEXAS**

Tomball ISD is proud to announce it has once again earned an "A" rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) in the [2025 A-F Accountability system](#). This achievement marks the sixth consecutive time the District has received the state's highest possible rating since the accountability system's inception, solidifying its reputation as a leader in academic excellence.

#### NOTABLES

- The ONLY "A" Rated District in Harris and Montgomery counties
- The Highest Rated (92) Large District (20K+) in Texas

This remarkable accomplishment extends to Tomball ISD campuses, with a record 18 schools earning an "A" designation, 15 of which earned an A in all three of the domain components. This includes a notable success story at Rosehill Elementary, which improved its campus rating by 16 points to earn an "A," demonstrating a commitment to continuous growth and student success. In addition, all three high schools in Tomball ISD once again earned a straight "A" rating across all domains.

[Read more about the "A" Rating.](#)

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## Welcome Back to School

# Full Photo Gallery

## KPRC Channel 2 sits down with Tomball ISD Superintendent

Sit down with Tomball ISD superintendent



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# Meet the Superintendent & New Teacher Breakfast

Tomball ISD welcomed in nearly 200 new teachers for the 2025-26 school year. The year kicked off with Meet the Superintendent and New Teacher Breakfast where new teachers had the opportunity to meet and greet with Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, the School Board, and Executive Team.





**PEACE, LOVE & TOMBALL**

## Convocation 2025

Watch our Convocation Highlight

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In the News

### **TISD Set to Launch Tomball Academy of Future Educators at Tomball West HS**

Tomball ISD is proud to announce the launch of its newest P-TECH (Pathways in Technology Early College High School) Tomball Academy of Future Educators (TAFE) at Tomball West High School, uniquely focused on preparing Tomball ISD students for careers in education and teaching.

Set to begin in August 2026 when Tomball West High School officially opens, TAFE will become the second of its kind in Tomball ISD as the District opened its first P-TECH, now rebranded as the Tomball Academy of Healthcare, in 2023-2024 at Tomball Star Academy.

Through an innovative partnership between Tomball ISD and Lone Star College-Tomball, current Tomball ISD eighth graders (Class of 2030), free of charge, will have the opportunity to pursue a pathway in education through a rigorous and supportive learning environment that blends high school and the first two years of college.

[Learn More about TAFE.](#)



## TMHS Volleyball Earns AVCA Team Academic Award, Honor Roll

Tomball Memorial High School Volleyball has proven excellence beyond the court, earning the 2025 American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Team Academic Award, sponsored by INTENT. The team also earned the additional distinction of AVCA Team Academic Honor Roll, representing the top 20% of GPAs nationally by division.

[Read more about TMHS Volleyball's academic success.](#)



## Tomball ISD Honored with 2025 TAEA District of Distinction Award

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) announced the 109 winners of the 2025 District of Distinction Award. Among the list of honorees is Tomball ISD. The districts received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social emotional learning that connect learners to their community and beyond.

[Read more about this distinction.](#)



## TISD's Julia Flores Named Region 4 Teacher of the Year Finalist

Tomball ISD's 2024-2025 Elementary Teacher of the Year Julia Flores was named a Region 4 Teacher of the Year finalist, one of just six educators across Region 4 selected as a finalist for the Region's top honor.

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

[Read more about this honor.](#)



## Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora Honored with HAABSE Pinnacle Award

Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora was recently honored with the 2025 Gwen Taylor Pinnacle Award, presented by the Houston Area Alliance of Black School



## Tomball ISD High Schools Ranked Among Top 10% in the Nation Once Again

All three Tomball ISD high schools not only earned the coveted "Best High Schools in the US" ranking by U.S. News & World Report for the 2024-2025 academic year but were ranked



## Tomball ISD Elementary Honor Choir Selected as TMEA Invited Ensemble for 2026 Convention

Tomball ISD proudly announces that the Tomball ISD Elementary Honor Choir earns the highest recognition of any elementary choir in

Educators (HAABSE) to recognize educators who exemplify excellence in education.

This honor celebrates individuals who have made substantial contributions to student success and educational advancement.

[Read more about this honor.](#)

among the Top 10% in the United States. The U.S. News rankings include data on nearly 24,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia.

[Read more on our high school's success.](#)

Texas after being selected as a Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Invited Ensemble to perform at the the 2026 TMEA Convention in San Antonio.

[Read more on this recognition.](#)

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## First Home Game inside Tomball ISD Stadium

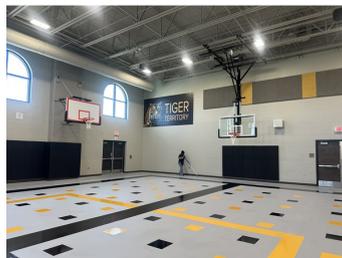
### GAMEDAY INFORMATION

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## West Intermediate School

West Intermediate, a Bond 2021 project, was completed and officially opened in August. Home of the Tigers, it welcomed in fifth and sixth graders.



# Tomball West High School

Tomball West High School, also a Bond 2021 project, is currently under construction. Below is a drone shot from August 2025 of the exterior of the campus. The campus will become TISD's third comprehensive high school and will open August 2026.

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



## Tomball ISD CTE Once Again Partners with TEDC for Summer Youth Employment Program

Tomball ISD CTE Department has once again partnered with the Tomball Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to launch its Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The purpose of the program was to create a talent and workforce development initiative while providing TISD CTE students with the opportunity to apply their technical knowledge and skills in a real-world business environment.

[Read more about this partnership.](#)

## A Bench Built for Friendship: Collin's Gift to Wildwood Elementary

This summer, former Wildwood Elementary student Collin dedicated his time and energy to a project that reflects the very best of student leadership and kindness. Before heading off to his next chapter at the intermediate level, Collin built and donated a Buddy Bench for the school playground—a simple idea with a powerful impact.

[Read more about Collin's gift to WES.](#)

## Stay Informed

[Upcoming Parent University Sessions](#)

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## Patriotic Show 2025

### **Tomball ISD Alumni - We Want to Honor You!**

Are you a Tomball ISD graduate who is a veteran, active duty service member, or reservist? We'd love to feature you during our upcoming Patriotic Show on the video board!

Please complete the form below and share a short video, introducing yourself so our community can celebrate and thank you for your service.

[Patriotic Show Alumni Form](#)

Your video may be played on the video board during the Patriotic Show on Friday, Oct. 17, 2025.

Deadline to submit your information and video is Friday, Oct. 3, 2025.

## Share Your Video with Us!

Event Information

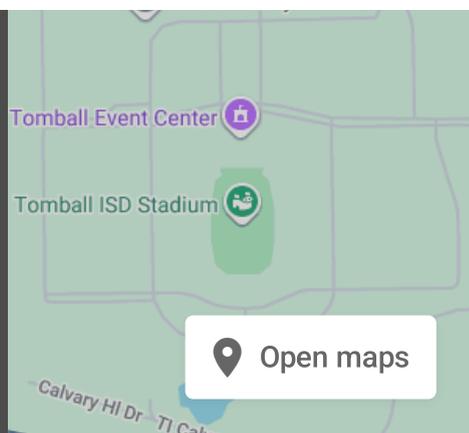
### **Patriotic Show**

When?

**Friday, Oct 17, 2025, 07:30 PM**

Where?

**Tomball ISD Stadium, Cypress Rose Hill Road, Tomball, TX, USA**



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## Attendance Matters

[Click to Learn More](#)

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## Off and Away for the Day: HB 1481 Update

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## Apply to Volunteer in Tomball ISD

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## Learn More about SPARK

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## Share Your Moment with Us!

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## Alumni Spotlight

### **Dr. Sharon Wismer (THS, '01)**

From the shores of South Africa to the classrooms of Tomball, Dr. Sharon Wismer's journey is one marked by curiosity, courage, and a lifelong love for science. Her family relocated from Durban, South Africa, to the Tomball area, when she was in 4th grade after her father received an international work contract.

"It was a big change, but Tomball quickly became our new home," she recalls.

During her time in Tomball, Sharon attended Decker Prairie Elementary, Beckendorf Intermediate, Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School, graduating amongst the Class of 2001.

In Tomball, Sharon describes herself as a shy and quiet student, but one who thrived thanks to supportive teachers and close friends.

“My experience in Tomball ISD was incredibly formative,” Sharon said. “I was fortunate to have a lovely group of friends and I genuinely enjoyed going to school.”

She fondly recalls Mrs. Huff’s Biology class, Mr. Eaton’s English class, and especially Coach Morton’s marine biology course, which ignited what would become her lifelong passion for the field. Alongside her academics, she was a dedicated member of the swim team, finding balance and teamwork in the water.

That passion for science, first sparked by exploring the rock pools of Durban as a child, grew stronger through her Tomball education and later carried her across the world.

“By the time I was a high school freshman, I knew I wanted to become a marine biologist,” she recalls. “My high school marine biology class cemented that path for me.”

After graduating from Tomball High School, Sharon moved to Australia in 2004 with her boyfriend—now husband—where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from James Cook University. After working there as a lab manager for a few years, they relocated to Switzerland - her father’s home country. It was there that she completed both her MSc and PhD in behavioural ecology at the University of Neuchâtel in 2017, focusing on reef fish cognition and the impacts of coral bleaching on the Great Barrier Reef.

Today, **Dr. Sharon Wismer is an ecologist, children’s nonfiction author, and passionate environmentalist based in Switzerland.** Her research has centered on the behavioral ecology of reef fishes and the effects of environmental stress on coral reef ecosystems. She currently serves as a scientist at the University of Neuchâtel, where she leads a science communication project funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The project aims to create a direct “scientist-to-public” channel for environmental education, making emerging scientific ideas accessible to broad audiences.

Alongside her research career, Sharon has become a celebrated author, inspired by her dual role as scientist and mother.

“My own kids, with their curious minds and endless questions, are my first and most important inspiration,” she said.

She has written several children’s books, including *Keepers of the Reef* and *Wildlife in the Balance: The Species that Shape Earth’s Ecosystems*, which bring complex ecological concepts to life for young readers.

“As a scientist, I also realized how much valuable research is locked away in academic literature, inaccessible to the general public,” she notes. “My books are designed to bridge that gap.”

Her books have been recognized internationally, with *Keepers of the Reef* named a 2023 finalist for the Green Earth Book Award, and *Wildlife in the Balance* shortlisted in 2025 for both The Week Junior Book Awards and the Wainwright Prize for children’s nonfiction.

“The most rewarding part of my career has been the opportunity to share the wonder of science with others,” Sharon reflects. “I believe that all children are born naturalists. It’s our job to nurture that innate sense of wonder.”

From her days as a Tomball High School student and swim team member to her work on coral reefs around the world, Dr. Sharon Wismer’s story is a testament to the power of curiosity and perseverance. Today, she lives in Schaffhausen, Switzerland, with her husband, two children, and a house full of pets—still inspiring the next generation of scientists, storytellers, and naturalists.

You can learn more about her work and books at [seekidsalliance.com](https://seekidsalliance.com) or on Instagram [@seekidsalliance](https://www.instagram.com/seekidsalliance).

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#DestinationExcellence



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