WACO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Community Connection

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October 2025

Sixty Seconds with Spicer

No Place for Hate Designation

Waco ISD is thrilled to recognize 19 campuses who achieved the prestigious No Place for Hate designation for the 2025-2026 school year. This remarkable achievement highlights the commitment of our schools to foster inclusive environments where every student feels safe and respected. The No Place for Hate program is a student-led initiative that encourages schools to celebrate diversity, promote respect for differences, and actively address bias and bullying at all levels.

Student and Staff Accolades

The district celebrated Dr. Spicer as she officially marked an incredible first year as Superintendent of Waco ISD. A true community leader, Dr. Spicer tirelessly collaborates with local partners to ensure the needs of every Waco ISD family are met. She leads with empathy, navigating challenging conversations with grace, and is always first to celebrate the brilliant achievements of our students and staff.

Nevaeh Dowd, a sophomore at Waco High School, was recognized as a finalist and received an honorable mention for her short story, “The Silver Fields,” in the 2025 I Am Texas writing and art contest. Her passion for writing began in third grade and grew through journaling and sharing her work with others.

Wesley Zuniga, a seventh-grade student at Tennyson Middle School, visited Seattle, WA, this past summer to compete in the Rubik's WCA World Championship 2025 for speedcubing. Since receiving a Rubik's Cube for

Christmas in 2022, he persisted in learning how to solve the puzzle, which led to a dream to attend the world championship.

Board Meeting

Did you miss the October 30 Board of Trustees meeting? Click HERE to watch the full board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on November 20, 2025, at 6 p.m. in the WISD Conference Center, 115 S. 5th Street.

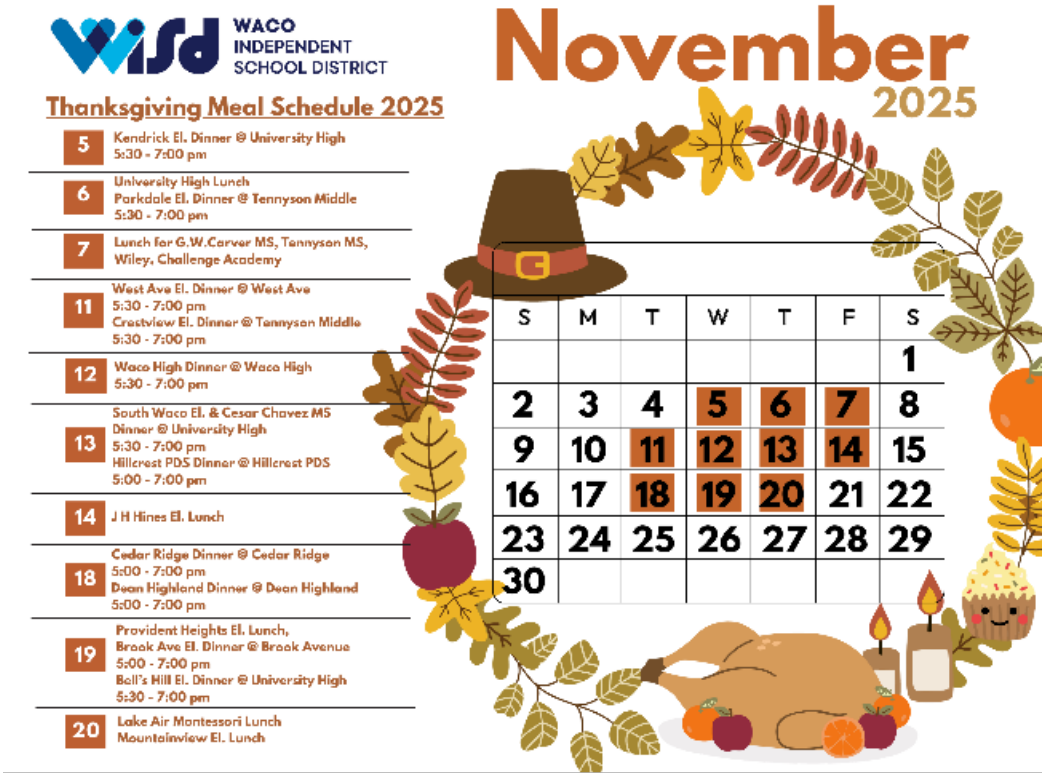
Outstanding Community Partner

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students with the Waco ISD Award for Outstanding Community Partners. October's Community Partner is Baylor Athletics. They were instrumental in bringing together the College Football Playoff Foundation, the Big 12 Conference, and School Specialty to create a $50K dedicated wellness space for students at J.H. Hines Elementary. Baylor Athletics also hosts Breakfast with the Bears at Crestview, Brook Avenue, and Cedar Ridge where student athletes join Waco ISD students for breakfast and mentoring. They also support literacy through their Bears for Books program while partnering with South Waco and Kendrick Elementaries. Waco ISD is truly grateful for the dedication and support Baylor Athletics pours into our students!

Notable District Events

Waco ISD is always busy celebrating and bringing together our students and staff. Click the photo(s) below to view more pictures from each event.

Mark your calendar!



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