



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

### **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

DESTINATION EXCELLENCE



## #1 Best School District

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

### 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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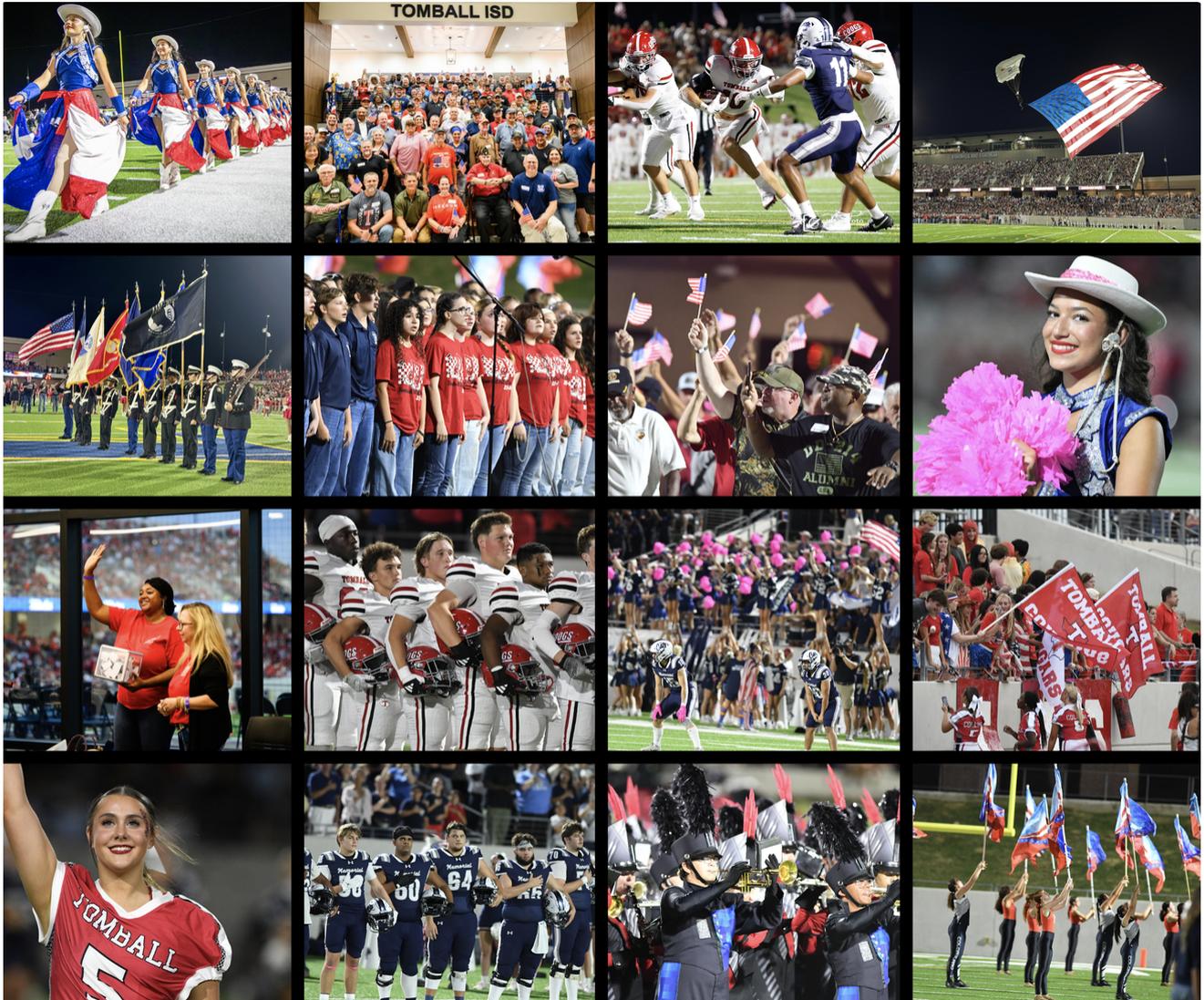
## PATRIOTIC SHOW

The 45th Annual Patriotic Show, featuring Tomball Memorial HS and Tomball HS, welcomed in a sold-out crowd of over 11,000 spectators inside Tomball ISD Stadium. Congratulations to the THS Cougars on the win, but more importantly, thank you fans for making it a memorable event for our entire community.

The Patriotic Show represents more than high school football - it is a showcase of exceptional community pride, talent from our students in fine arts and athletics, and a special tribute to our Veterans, who have sacrificed so much.

Thank you, Tomball ISD.

## Full Photo Gallery



Hands-on learning in action!

Tomball ISD students explored, created, and discovered at this year's STEAM Conference – diving into science, technology, engineering, art, and math through fun, interactive experiences.

## Full Photo Gallery



## Principal Partners Day 2025

We recently welcomed in community members, business leaders, and parents into our schools to experience a day in the life of a campus principal. This unique opportunity allows our partners to see firsthand the incredible work happening in our classrooms and the dedication of our staff and students.

Thank you to all who participated in building stronger connections between our schools and community

## Full Photo Gallery

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## Academies in Tomball ISD

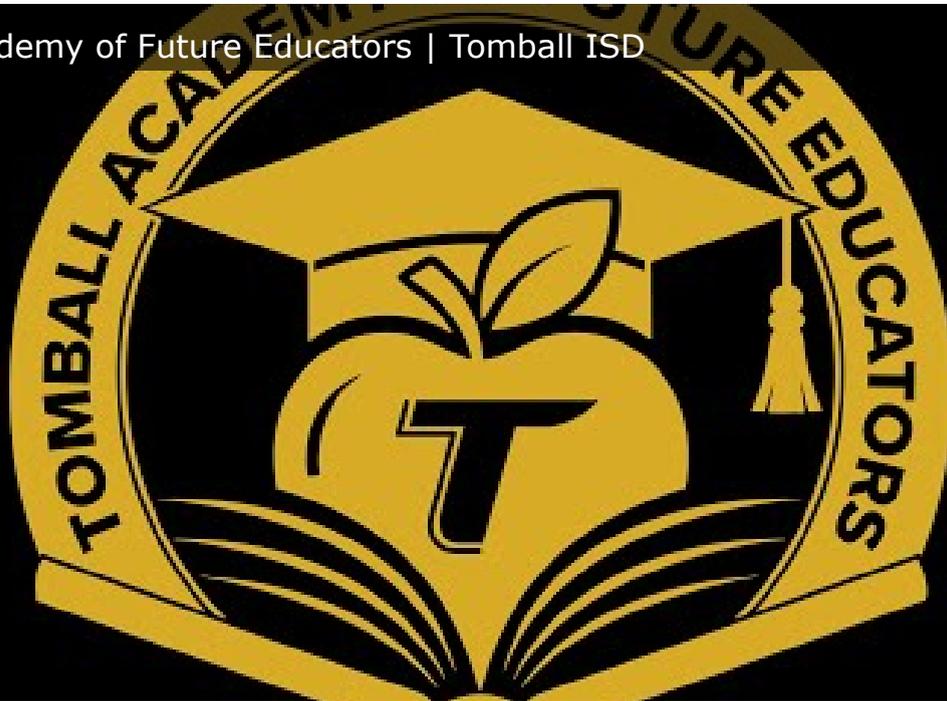
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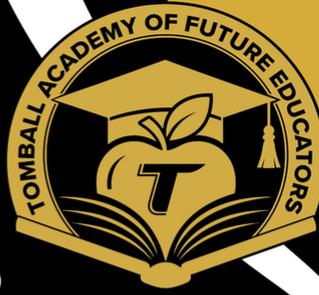
## **Tomball Academy of Future Educators P-TECH at Tomball West HS**

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# TOMBALL ACADEMY *of* FUTURE EDUCATORS



Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH)  
at TOMBALL WEST HIGH SCHOOL



TAFE is a program that prepares students for careers in education and teaching through a rigorous P-TECH program combining high school, college, and work-based learning.



#### Students will earn

- High school diploma from TWHS
- Texas Education Agency Education Aide I Certification
- Associate of Arts in Teaching degree from LSC-Tomball



#### Students aren't required to be zoned\* to TWHS to attend

\*Bus transportation is available for all students in TAFE



Opens August 2026 for current  
Tomball ISD eighth graders (Class of 2030)



To learn more about TAFE  
visit: [tballisd.net/tafe](http://tballisd.net/tafe)

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## In the News

### Tomball ISD Finance Department Continues Record of Excellence

Tomball ISD continues to demonstrate exceptional financial stewardship, consistently earning statewide and national recognition while managing resources efficiently to directly benefit students, staff, and the community.

The Tomball ISD Finance Department, comprising payroll, accounts payable, purchasing, accounting, benefits, federal programs, tax office, budget, risk management, and textbooks, is the engine behind the District's financial success. With over 400 years of combined experience in Texas school finance and operations and over half those years dedicated to Tomball ISD, the department ensures the District maintains the highest standards of fiscal responsibility.

[Learn more about our finance awards.](#)



#### Tomball ISD Students Earn 838 AP Scholar Awards, Showcasing Academic Excellence

Tomball ISD high school students combined for an impressive 838 Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards, reflecting their exceptional dedication, academic achievement, and commitment to excellence through rigorous AP coursework.

[Read more about our AP awards.](#)



#### Tomball ISD Recognized For Second Year in a Row as a CTE District of Distinction by CTAT

Tomball ISD is proud to announce its selection as a CTE District of Distinction for the second consecutive year by the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT). This esteemed recognition celebrates districts across Texas that demonstrate exemplary leadership, innovation, and commitment to student success through high-quality Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs.



#### Congrats to our Fall 2025 Superintendent Shining Stars

Thank you for your dedication to bilingual education and for creating an exceptional classroom experience for our students in Tomball ISD!

- Juan Argueta, WIS
- Anaid Flores, RES
- Liliana Lazo, CPES
- Jessica Zampierin, OIS

[Read more about this recognition.](#)



### Dr. Z Meets with Superintendent Student Ambassadors

Superintendent Dr. Salazar-Zamora sat down with her Superintendent Student Ambassadors, listening to their thoughts on academic learning, school climate, and challenges.

Student voices are continuing to help shape Tomball ISD as not just a District but a Destination!



### FOX26 Welcomes Dr. Z as Guest to Discuss Tomball ISD's Success

Dr. Z recently joined Fox 26 Houston's Tom Zizka on Houston Live & Local to talk all things Tomball ISD - from our growing success and increased student opportunities to the incredible community that continues to support our schools.

[Watch the full video.](#)



### Tomball ISD & Dr. Z Welcome in Realtors, Faith-Based Leaders

Community partnerships that uplift!

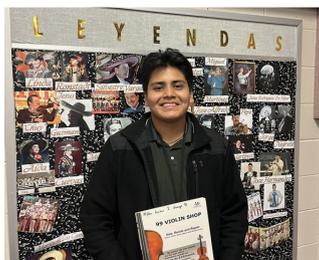
Dr. Z met with local realtors and faith-based leaders to share all the exciting things happening in TISD as well as discussed ways we can continue to partner to better serve the students in our Destination District.

Grateful for our community partners who help us make a difference every day!



### TMHS Roarin' Blue Band

Congratulations to TMHS' Roarin' Blue Band for advancing to the UIL State Marching Band competition in San Antonio for the fifth consecutive year.



### THS Mariachi

Congrats to THS Mariachi students, who made history by advancing to the Greater Houston All-Region Mariachi, representing the best in the area!

Pictured: Wilmer Maceda 4th Chair Nylon Guitar



### Tomball Talent on Display at TCAS

The community came together once again to take part in the Tomball Community Art Showcase (TCAS), held at the LSC–Tomball Community Library, where stunning works of art created by Tomball ISD

Also earning recognition as alternates: Alvin Martinez 2nd Alternate Trumpet and Aidan Diersen 2nd Alternate Vihuela

students are on display for all to enjoy.

This special exhibit celebrates the creativity and imagination of our students and offers our community a chance to see firsthand the incredible talent across Tomball ISD.

[Full photo gallery.](#)



### **THS Cougar Pride Band**

Congratulations to the THS Cougar Pride Band for a strong showing, advancing to Area Finals!



### **GLJHS Choir**

Grand Lakes Choir had a strong showing at Kemah Boardwalk for the Kemah Choir Days Festival, earning two First Division Superior awards.



### **TISD Honor Choir**

The TISD honor choir is made up of students representing all the elementary and intermediate campuses. They recently performed at the Patriotic Show!

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### THS Volleyball

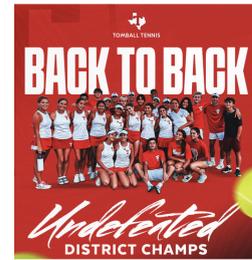
Congratulations to THS Volleyball on becoming Area Champions after a second-round win over College Park HS and a first-round win over Waller HS.

The Coogs will take on DeSoto at Franklin High School at 6:30 PM on Friday, Nov. 7 in the third round.



### TMHS Cross Country

Congratulations to TMHS cross country runner Dean Carman on representing TMHS and TISD at the UIL State Cross Country competition.



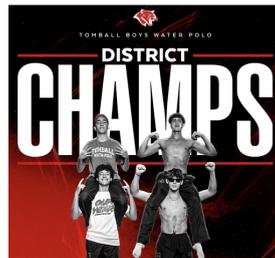
### THS Tennis

Congratulations to THS Tennis - undefeated District Champions and Area Champions, advancing to the third round of the playoffs!



### Congrats, Coach Villasana!

THS Tennis coach Andrea Villasana earned the honors of District 15-6A Tennis Coach of the Year after leading the Cougars to an undefeated District Championship!



### THS Boys Water Polo

Congratulations to the THS Boys Waterpolo team - undefeated District Champions!



### Congrats, Coach Sampson!

THS Waterpolo coach Deanne Sampson earned the honors of District 15-6A Waterpolo Coach of the Year after leading the boys team to a District Championship and the girls team to a Runner-Up finish in District play.

## Click Here for All Feel Good Friday Stories



### The Heart of Decker Prairie | A Community United in Compassion

When recent legislative changes left some local families facing uncertainty, DPES Counselor Jennifer Brough reached out to see if any needed immediate food assistance. Within hours, the need was clear—several families were struggling. What happened next was a powerful display of compassion and unity that defines the Decker Prairie Elementary community.

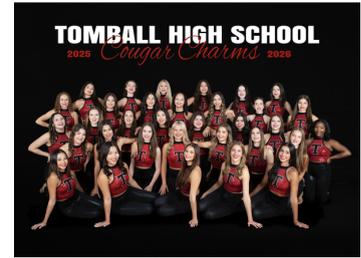
[Read more about how DPES is making a difference in their community.](#)



### Roarin' Blue Band Marches to State for Fifth Consecutive Year

Congratulations to the Tomball Memorial High School Roarin' Blue Band, who has advanced to the UIL 6A State Marching Band Contest, for the fifth consecutive year.

[Read more about the RBB success.](#)



### THS Cougar Charms Celebrate 50 Years of Tradition and Excellence

Homecoming week was extra special at Tomball High School as the Cougar Charms Dance Program celebrated a remarkable 50th anniversary.

[Read more about Cougar Charms.](#)



### Homecoming in Full Bloom: TMHS Students Celebrate School Spirit

Homecoming Week is always a time for excitement, tradition, and school pride. In the spirit of celebrating TMHS Homecoming, the TMHS Floral



### Tomball ISD Student Artwork Selected for Statewide Exhibition

Tomball ISD is proud to announce that six pieces of student artwork from across the district were showcased this month at the 2025



### Growing Together | Community Engagement Day with Walmart

Tomball ISD's Community Connections program at Tomball Connections Academy proudly celebrated its first Community Engagement Day

Design program found a unique way to bring students together –by creating a mega mum and continuing their long-standing tradition of crafting personalized mums and garters for PALS students.

[Read more about TMHS' Homecoming week.](#)

TASA/TASB Convention in Houston, one of the largest education conferences in Texas.

[Read more about student artists from TISD.](#)

with Walmart, marking the start of a partnership that brings the classroom into the community and the community into the classroom.

[Read more about Community Engagement Day.](#)

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## Stay Informed

### 50th Annual FFA Show this January

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### Upcoming Parent University Sessions

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### Leadership Tomball ISD

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Leadership Tomball ISD provides an opportunity for our community members to take part in an interactive, in-depth learning experience from January through April.

Participants will meet the people who are responsible for programs and services, and see first-hand how the district creates a climate of success for our rapidly growing, diverse student population.

The application opens on November 7, 2025 and closes on December 19, 2025.

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## **Fun Run | February 28, 2026**

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## **Attendance Matters**

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## **Stay "In the Know" through Parent Portal**

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## **Apply to Volunteer in Tomball ISD**

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## Alumni Spotlight

# Commander Lawrence Nance, THS, 1995

Tomball High School alumnus and retired U.S. Navy Commander Lawrence Nance (THS, 95) has dedicated his life to service, leadership, and the pursuit of excellence—from the halls of Tomball High School to the skies above aircraft carriers and around the world.

Nance began his Tomball ISD journey at Beckendorf Intermediate, entering the district in 1989 after his family moved from Garland, Texas. At Tomball High School, he quickly found a home in the Cougar Pride Marching Band, basketball, track, the multicultural club, and National Honor Society. He describes high school as definitely having its challenges but a place full of friendship, opportunity, and dedicated teachers.

“Some of my favorite memories were marching with the Cougar Pride Band at state in Austin, basketball playoffs my senior year, and participating in an organic Black History Month show that was student-led and produced,” he recalled. “Tomball was small enough that you knew everyone, and there were several memorable teachers and coaches that I’ll never forget.”

Even as a student, Nance’s dreams reached high—beyond Earth’s atmosphere, in fact. His inspiration to serve and to fly began early.

“In the summer between fifth and sixth grade, I went to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama,” he said. “That planted the seed to become an astronaut.”

It wasn’t until a college fair at Tomball High School that the U.S. Naval Academy (USNA) came onto his radar.

“The recruiter mentioned that USNA had graduated the highest number of astronauts,” he said. “That instantly got my attention.”

Encouraged by his family’s deep military roots—his father and brother were Marines, and both grandfathers and several uncles also served—Nance applied to the U.S. Naval Academy. He earned a Congressional nomination and was accepted, beginning what would become a remarkable journey.

At the Academy, he earned a Bachelor's of Science in Systems Engineering in 1999 and went on to receive a Master's degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. But his path wasn't without challenges.

"I hated Plebe Summer and wasn't a very good Midshipman at first," he admitted. "But at some point I realized no one forced me to be there. So once I remembered my 'why' and was reminded that my family supported me no matter what, it was just a matter of time before finding the right mentors and friends. And at that point, I went all in and things turned around very quickly."

His experience at Tomball High helped prepare him for the rigors of life at Annapolis.

### [Read the entire Alumni Spotlight.](#)

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