



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.



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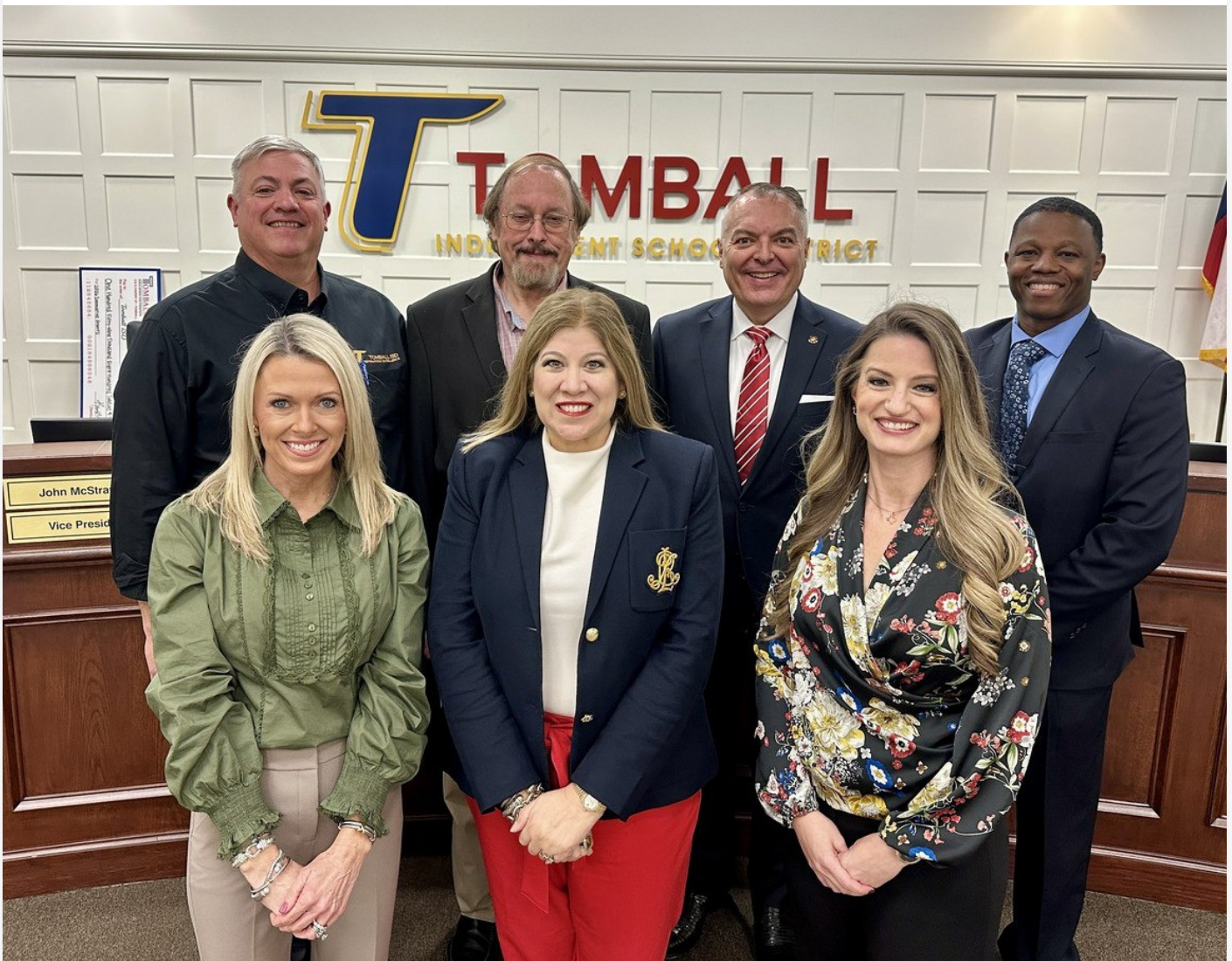
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Tomball ISD Board of Trustees



Pictured: (Back Row, L-R) John E. McStravick, Mark Lewandowski, Dr. Michael Pratt, Coco White

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



Mark Lewandowski



John E. McStravick



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Amanda Bass



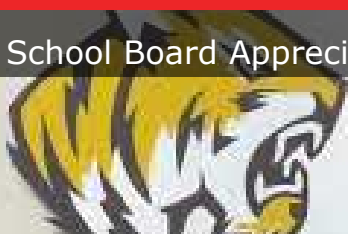
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In the News

Tomball ISD Crowns District Spelling Bee Champion



Full Photo Gallery

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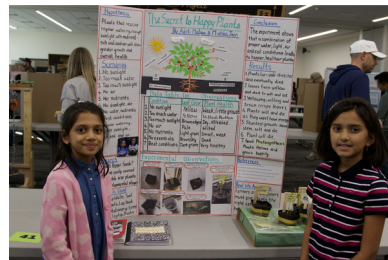
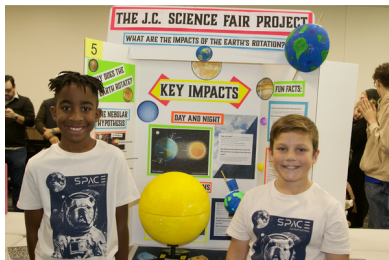
Tomball Junior High student Micah Ogbunju captured a first place finish at the District Spelling Bee. He competed through 16 rounds and took home top honors after spelling 'albeit' correctly. This marks the second straight year Ogbunju has won the District Spelling Bee.

Creekside Park Junior High's Vihaan Shah finished in second place.

As the District's overall winner, Micah Ogbunju will move on to the area level and represent Tomball ISD at the Houston Public Media Spelling Bee later this year. From there, the top two spellers of the [Houston Public Media Spelling Bee](#) will advance to the 2025 Scripps National Spelling Bee; expenses paid by Houston Public Media. The 2026 Scripps National Spelling Bee is planned for National Harbor, Maryland, May 26-28, 2026.

[Read more about our campus champions.](#)

Tomball ISD Students Shine at 2025-26 District Science Fair



Science Fair Results

Elementary Division (Grades 3–5)

Comparative Category

Compare data from different groups to find similarities and differences

- 1st Place: Malena Ruiz-Scazzino (5th grade) and Savannah Hill (5th grade), Creekview Elementary – Creating Clean Energy
- 2nd Place: Kennedy Mullins (5th grade), Oakcrest Intermediate – The Battle of the Best Detergent
- 3rd Place: Hank Richter (3rd grade), Creekview Elementary– Which WOOD You Choose?

Descriptive Category

Describe national phenomena through observation, measurement, and research

- 1st Place: Arya Rathi (3rd grade), Creekside Forest Elementary – The Case of the Missing Colors
- 2nd Place: William Schrock (5th grade), Oakcrest Intermediate – Power Up and Cool Down Using a Peltier Module
- 3rd Place: Joshua Shyju, Krishay Tapar, and Shourya Dodlety (5th grade), Oakcrest Intermediate – Flowing Water Rising Electricity

Experimental Category

Test cause and effect relationships by changing and testing a single variable against a control

- 1st Place: Ameyaa Urs (3rd grade), Creekside Forest Elementary – Bird Buffet: The Color Challenge
- 2nd Place: Ellis Unser (4th grade), Timber Creek Elementary – Taking a Bite of Climate Change
- 3rd Place: Shreyan Sanyal (5th grade), Creekside Forest Elementary – The Race Against Rust

Engineering Category

Implementing an engineering design process to solve a real world problem or meet a need

- 1st Place: Bayler Pledger (4th grade), Decker Prairie Elementary – Keeping Pets Cool in the Heat
- 2nd Place: Ayan Kale (5th grade), Creekside Forest Elementary – The Walking Cane

Secondary Division (Grades 6–12)

Science Category

Using the scientific method to answer a question or explore a phenomenon

- 1st Place: John Lezama (12th grade), Tomball High School – Utilizing Grand Conical Monte Carlo Simulations to Identify Optimal Zeolites in Carbon Capture
- 2nd Place: Riya Singhal (9th grade), Tomball Memorial High School – UricA! In Silico Screening to In Vitro Validation of Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitors
- 3rd Place: Taanya Virigineni (10th grade), Tomball Star Academy – Dual Targeted Nanoparticle Based Immunotherapy for Endometriosis

Engineering Category

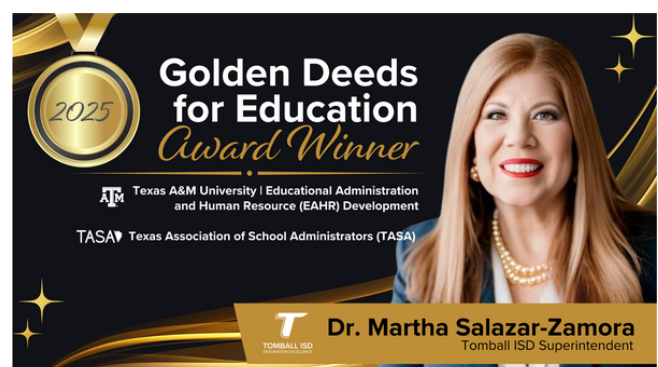
Implementing an engineering design process to solve a real world problem or meet a need

- 1st Place: Arav Mehta (12th grade), Tomball High School – An Eye-Controlled Wheelchair: Design of a Novel Human-Computer Interface (HCI) for Patients with Motor Neuron Disease
- 2nd Place: Reyansh Gupta (8th grade), Willow Wood Junior High – Implementing a Hybrid CNN-Transmitter Model for ASL Fingerspelling Translation
- 3rd Place: Idhika Sadasivuni (6th grade), Oakcrest Intermediate – Smart School Crossing System

More In the News



Tomball ISD's Dr. Ashley Schlafly Named TCTELA Literacy Leader of the



Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora to Receive Prestigious Golden

Year

Dr. Ashley Schlafly, Director of Advanced Academics & Secondary RLA, has been named the Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (TCTELA) Literacy Leader of the Year.

[Read more about this honor.](#)



Tomball ISD Board of Trustees Appoints New Trustee for Position 1

The Tomball ISD Board of Trustees has appointed Patrick Beecher to fill the vacant Board Position 1 following an application and interview process approved by the Board.

Mr. Beecher will be sworn in at the beginning of the next Board Workshop meeting on February 9, and will serve the remainder of the term for Position 1.

[Read more about Mr. Beecher.](#)

Deeds for Education Award

Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora has been selected to receive the Golden Deeds for Education Award, one of the most prestigious honors in Texas public education.

[Read more about this honor.](#)



Tomball ISD Assistive Technology Team Named Interdisciplinary Team of the Year by Texas Occupational Therapy Association

Tomball ISD Special Services Assistive Technology (AT) Team has been named Interdisciplinary Team of the Year by the Texas Occupational Therapy Association (TOTA).

[Read more about this honor.](#)



Elementary Principal of the Year 2025-26



Deanna Porter
Willow Creek Elementary

Deanna Porter Named 2025-2026 Tomball ISD Elementary Principal of the Year

Willow Creek Elementary Principal Deanna Porter has been recognized as the 2025-2026 Tomball ISD Elementary Principal of the Year, voted on by her peers.

Mrs. Porter has dedicated all 31 of her years in public education to Tomball ISD. She served 17 years at Lakewood Elementary with the last 10 years as Principal and the prior seven years as Assistant Principal before joining Willow Creek Elementary as campus Principal at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

“We are honored to name Mrs. Deanna Porter as our Elementary Principal of the Year,” said Dr. George Flores, TISD Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools. “Mrs. Porter has dedicated an entire career to excellence in Tomball ISD and truly embodies the spirit of Team Tomball! She leads with class, compassion and a true dedication to do what is best for her students every day while making school a place where staff feels like a family.”

[Read more about Mrs. Porter's honor.](#)

Secondary
Principal
of the
Year
2025-26



Jennifer Collier
Tomball Memorial High School

Jennifer Collier Named 2025-2026 Tomball ISD Secondary Principal of the Year

Tomball Memorial High School Principal Jennifer Collier has been recognized as the 2025-2026 Tomball ISD Secondary Principal of the Year, voted on by her peers.

Mrs. Collier has dedicated 23 years to education, 13 years as a Principal with three coming as a campus leader in Tomball ISD. She joined TISD in 2023 as Principal at Tomball Star Academy and has since made the switch as leader of Tomball Memorial High School for the last two years.

“Jennifer Collier is a true powerhouse, and her recognition as Secondary Principal of the Year is well deserved,” said Dr. Mindy Munoz, TISD Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools. “Her energy and leadership are at the heart of Tomball Memorial High School, driving a culture of excellence and strong Wildcat pride. Mrs. Collier leads with bold vision and genuine passion, inspiring students and staff to achieve their very best. I am incredibly proud of her and the extraordinary impact she continues to make on our school community.”

[Read more about Mrs. Collier's honor.](#)



BOND
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January 2026 Bond Updates

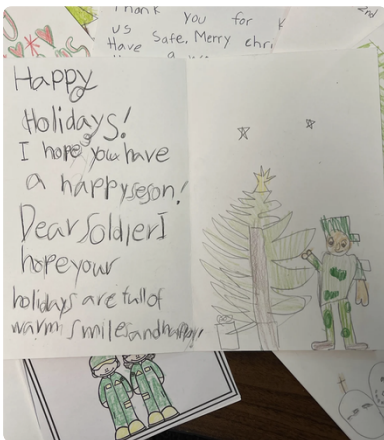


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Feel Good FRIDAY

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



Wildwood's Holiday Cards Bring Encouragement to Deployed Service Members

Wildwood Elementary students crafted holiday cards filled with appreciation for deployed service members, thanks to a campus-wide initiative led by Mr. Carroll. This simple act of service taught students the power of gratitude and the impact of thinking beyond themselves.



Holiday Stories Fill the Library With Joy at GLJHS

At Grand Lakes Junior High, a cherished tradition known as Holiday Book Stories with Guest Readers returns.



Growing Together - WCES Students Cultivate Learning Through Gardening

Willow Creek Elementary students, PTO, and Spring Creek Growers teamed up to



Tomball ISD Honors Veterans with Heartfelt Tributes Across the District

Tomball ISD schools, in their own unique ways, honor

[Read more about the Holiday Book Series.](#)

plant a new garden—growing skills, confidence, and community.

Veterans with heartfelt tributes across the District.

[Read more about our Veterans' ceremonies.](#)

[Read more about the WCES garden experience.](#)



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.](#)

Stay Informed

STUDENT & STAFF HOLIDAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 19
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Classes resume Tuesday, January 20



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Upcoming Parent University Sessions

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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE NIGHT

This event is open to high school students and parents and will feature sessions on popular college majors—learn what they're about and the careers they lead to.

Explore opportunities at our mini-college and career Fair, where you can connect with college representatives and discover programs that fit your goals.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4



6 PM - 7:30 PM



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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.

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EVERY DAY MATTERS. YOU MATTER. ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

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Alumni Spotlight

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Katie (Weinberg) Lewandowski
Tomball HS, Class of 2007



Megan (Vaculin) Smith
Tomball HS, Class of 2013

Katie (Weinberg) Lewandowski (THS, '07)

Megan (Vaculin) Smith (THS, '13)

This year's Tomball FFA Project Show marks a milestone—50 years of tradition, student growth, and community support—and few stories reflect that legacy more clearly than those of Katie Lewandowski and Megan Smith.

Both ladies are proud graduates of Tomball High School who now serve as agriculture teachers and FFA advisors at Tomball Memorial High School, helping lead the very show that once shaped their own journeys as students.

Katie (Weinberg) Lewandowski, a 2007 THS graduate, attended Tomball Junior High and Tomball High School and spent all four years competing in the Tomball FFA Project Show. She raised and showed heifers, pigs, and turkeys—experiences that built the foundation for her future in agriculture education. One of her most memorable moments came her senior year when she earned Swine Showmanship honors.

“FFA has had an everlasting impact on who I am and what I’ve accomplished,” Lewandowski said as she reflected on the impact. “It taught me to be hardworking, dedicated, and competitive—the phrase ‘hard work pays off’ truly rings true.”

She also recalls being part of the first Tomball dairy cattle team to advance to the State FFA contest, an experience that reinforced the power of teamwork and high expectations—values she now passes on to her students.

Megan (Vaculin) Smith, a 2013 THS graduate, has deep roots in Tomball ISD, having attended Tomball Elementary, Benkendorf Intermediate, Tomball Junior High, and Tomball High School. Her involvement began even earlier as a member of Tomball Junior FFA from the age of nine, before completing four years in the high school program. Over time, her projects expanded to include broilers, turkeys, pigs, and steers.

One of Smith’s proudest achievements came her senior year when she earned Champion Steer Showmanship—an honor that still resonates today.

“Showmanship was and still is one of my favorite parts of showing,” she said. “It’s based on the relationship you’ve built with your animal and your ability to show that animal’s best attributes in the ring.”

Inspired by early exposure to agriculture—Lewandowski growing up on a farm and Smith as the daughter of a Hall of Fame ag teacher—both ladies knew FFA would play a lasting role in their lives.

Today, Lewandowski is in her 14th year of teaching, having started her career at Tomball Memorial High School in 2012. Smith is in her ninth year of teaching, eight of which have been in Tomball ISD, after beginning her career at Cy-Falls High School. Now, as colleagues and advisors at Tomball Memorial, they help lead the Tomball FFA Project Show during its 50th anniversary year, guiding students through an event that represents the heart of the community.

Returning to Tomball ISD has been deeply meaningful for both educators.

“Most people can’t say they do what I do in the same district they attended as a student,” Lewandowski said. “It creates an easy way to relate to my students and inspire them to get more involved.”

For Smith, the experience feels like home.

“Getting to our show every year and speaking to buyers who were buyers when I showed is such an awesome feeling,” she shared. “Even though this town has grown so much, it’s still a small town when it comes to this show and this sale.”

For these two educators, watching students compete in the Tomball FFA Project Show—especially during this milestone year—brings pride and perspective.

“This is the best district livestock program around—hands down,” Lewandowski said. “Tomball ISD offers so many opportunities that allow students to make money while learning critical skills like responsibility, time management, and dedication.”

Smith echoed that sentiment, adding, “Seeing these students grow year after year is so fulfilling. Having been in their shoes helps me support them through both the exciting moments and the hard days.”

As Tomball FFA celebrates 50 years of the Project Show, Lewandowski and Smith believe its success continues to come down to one thing: community. From alumni and families to buyers and district leadership, the support of Tomball remains as strong today as it was decades ago.

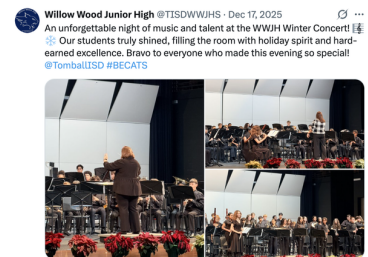
Their message to students is simple and sincere: “Take every opportunity the FFA has to offer,” Lewandowski encouraged. Smith added, “Listen to the advice you’re given—you never know the impact a few simple words can make.”

Together, they represent the past, present, and future of Tomball FFA—proof that the lessons learned in the barn and the show ring continue to shape leaders for generations.


Nominate a TISD Alumni!

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2025-2026 Calendar

First Day of School
August 12, 2025

Last Day of School
May 21, 2026

Staff & Student Holidays

- Independence Day - July 4
- Labor Day - September 1
- Thanksgiving - Nov. 24-28
- Winter Break - Dec. 22-Jan. 2
- Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 19
- Presidents Day - February 16
- Spring Break - March 9-13
- Good Friday - April 3
- Memorial Day - May 25

Staff Development/Workdays

Student Holidays

- July 30- Aug 1 (New Teacher)
- August 4-8
- August 11
- October 9-10, 13
- November 3-4
- January 5-6
- February 13
- March 16
- May 22 and 26

Early Release Days

All Schools: Dec. 19, May 21
High Schools Only: Dec. 18, May 20

Make Up Days (if needed)

- February 16
- March 16
- May 22

Reporting Periods End

- October 8
- December 19
- March 6
- May 21

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