



Community Connection

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February 2026

Sixty Seconds with Spicer



Celebrating a New Era in Education



The district recently celebrated the dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Waco High School Campus, marking the successful completion of a bond project that began in 2021. The event was filled with excitement as community members, students, and staff gathered to witness this momentous occasion.

The new campus features state-of-the-art facilities, spacious classrooms, and vibrant spaces designed to foster learning and creativity. Attendees enjoyed speeches from school officials and local leaders who highlighted the importance of education and community support.

The atmosphere was festive, with refreshments, music, and lots of smiling faces as everyone looked forward to the bright future that awaits the students at this amazing new school! What a fantastic celebration for the Waco community!

Click [HERE](#) to view more photos.

Student and Staff Accolades



Waco ISD had two of the three teachers named as "What-a-Teachers" in Central Texas. Mrs. Paula Hoover from Hillcrest PDS, and Mr. Mario Guevara from Parkdale Elementary were selected from over 800 entries to receive the award. Congratulations to these truly amazing teachers!



Ms. Jennifer Young, Waco High School counselor, was named Region 12 Waco ISD Secondary Counselor of the Year. Your hard work and dedication to the students at WHS does not go unnoticed!

Ms. Katy Davis, theatre teacher at University High, was honored with the Texas Thespian Trailblazer Award. The district could not be prouder of Ms. Davis for her dedication to enhancing theatre education!



The University High School Mariachi Troyanos competed in the UIL Mariachi Festival, and received excellent ratings. Congratulations to this amazing group of student musicians!

The Cesar Chavez Middle School Cheerleaders recently competed at the Youth Extravaganza Cheer Competition in Houston. Facing off against eight other teams, they placed 1st in "Sideline Category" and 3rd in "Middle School Routine". Their hard work and dedication truly paid off.



Congratulations to Waco High School students Daniella Mercado and Valeria Quintana for their outstanding achievement in the UIL Cross Examination District Meet! They placed 2nd as a team, showcasing their exceptional skills and dedication which qualified them to advance to the State Competition.

The Tennyson Middle School Choir had five students selected for the 2026 TCDA (Texas Choral Directors Association) All-State Choirs. Hundreds of auditions were sent in across the state of Texas, and this choir is one of the most prestigious ensembles in which middle school students can participate.



Board Meeting



Did you miss the February 26 Board of Trustees meeting? Click [HERE](#) to watch the full board meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 19, 2026, at 6 p.m. in the Waco ISD Conference Center, 115 S. 5th Street.

Outstanding Community Partner

Each month, Waco ISD recognizes a community partner making a difference for students and families with the Waco ISD Award for Outstanding Community Partners. February's Community Partner is Dream Couture. The district is incredibly grateful for Roxana Segovia and Claudia Frago and their dedication to ensuring that financial barriers never stand in the way of a core high school milestone.

By providing high school girls in need with everything from custom prom dresses to hair styling, makeup, corsages, and even a celebratory dinner, Dream Couture ensures every girl can experience prom with dignity and joy. Their work goes far beyond fashion; it empowers our students to feel confident and celebrated during one of the most memorable nights of their lives.



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!

WACO ISD & LA VEGA ISD INVITE YOU TO THE
3RD ANNUAL

Bill TAVERNER
INTERSCHOLASTIC FILM
FESTIVAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH
BLED SOE-MILLER STEAM CENTER
300 N M.L.K. JR BLVD, WACO, TX 76704



FACILITY TOURS **5:30PM** FILMS BEGIN **6:30PM**
STUDENT FILMS VIEWING AND SHOWCASE
NEW AUDIENCE CHOICE AWARD

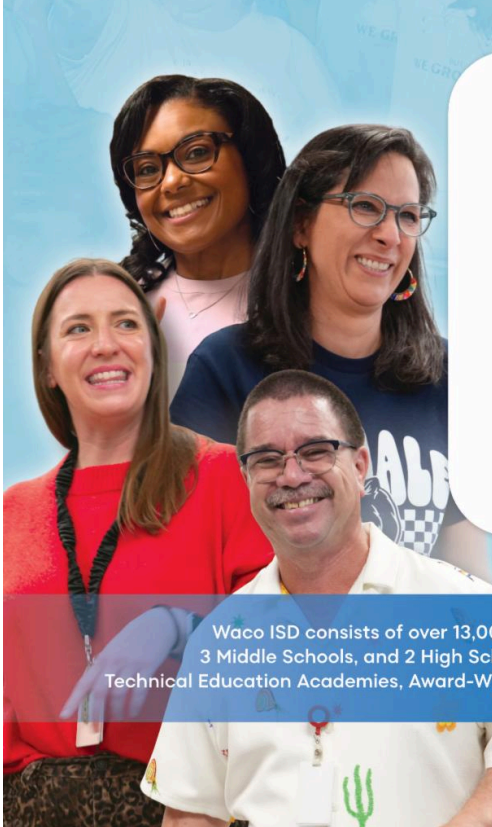
  

WACO ISD JOB FAIR

MARCH 28, 2026 | 9 AM – 11 AM

WACO HIGH SCHOOL

Waco ISD has over 2,000 employees committed to ensuring a safe and positive learning environment for all students and a supporting working environment for all staff.



Teacher Incentive Allotment

2026-2027 Teachers can earn up to...

Acknowledged/ Recognized	Exemplary	Master
		
\$4,000 - \$9,000 \$10,000 - \$15,000	\$17,000 - \$25,000	\$24,000 - \$36,000

TIA payout is earned for 5 years after earned and is eligible for TRS contributions.

More than 90 % of teacher positions are eligible for TIA.
Average Teacher Salary: 58,500 +
Average Length of Teaching Experience: 9.4 years
Average Length of Teaching Experience in WISD: 6.3 years

Waco ISD consists of over 13,000 students and 22 schools. 13 Elementary Schools, 3 Middle Schools, and 2 High Schools that include: 2 Magnet Schools, 3 Career and Technical Education Academies, Award-Winning Fine Arts program as state ranked Athletics.

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FREE TAX SERVICES



University High School
Tuesday/Thursdays
4:30-6:30
room W1522
(Excluding Holidays and Closures)

Please bring a
Social Security card,
ID, and tax documents
for each person on
the return.



Waco High School
Tuesday/Thursdays
4:30-7:00
WHS Culinary Cafe
(Excluding Holidays and Closures)



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February 5 at 9:01AM · 🌐



CELEBRATING 100 DAYS! 🎉 Waco ISD campuses recently celebrated the 100th day of the school year, marking a significant milestone in the academic calendar! 🎊 This special ... See more



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