



Office of Innovation

“We're meeting the needs of families with innovative approaches.”



THE HOPE CLOSET

The Tangipahoa Parish School System believes that no student should ever have to wonder where their next meal will come from. To make that belief a reality, we are proud to introduce “The Hope Closet Project” — a new initiative that is now available on all 34 school campuses across our parish as a result of our partnership with Crimestoppers and Transport Ministries. Each Hope Closet will be stocked with:



Food & Water



Hygiene Products



Medical Supplies

Parent-Family-Community Engagements & Events



Register Here:
English



Adult ESL Class
(English as a Second Language)
First Class: Tuesday, June 2, 2026
9:00am-11:00am
Hammond Library
314 E Thomas St.
Hammond, LA 70401

Register Here:
Spanish



Family ESL Class
(English as a Second Language)
First Class: Thursday, June 4, 2026
5:00pm-7:00pm
Hammond Library
314 E Thomas St.
Hammond, LA 70401



Tangi Tech Labs
Intro to Computers
3-Week Series Relaunch
Tuesday, June 2, 2026,
Tuesday, June 9, 2026,
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
11:00am-12:30pm
Amite Library
204 NE Central Ave.
Amite City, LA 70422

Our Innovative Initiatives

Key Initiative #1: Listening Tours

These tours are strategic initiatives to deepen partnerships with schools, families, and communities.

Key Initiative #2: Family Well-Being Teams

This is a collaborative group designed to strengthen the connection between schools, families, and the broader community.

Key Initiative #3: Community Partnerships

We value intentional community partnerships that provide direct support to students, families, and staff.

Key Initiative #4: District Partnerships

Our district is proud to begin development of a District-Wide Family & Community Event Center.

Key Initiative #5: Innovative Parent/Family Engagements

Parents and families are offered opportunities to engage in workshops, learning sessions, engagement nights, and educational series.

Key Initiative #6: Be Register Ready Tangi

Register Ready Tangi is a districtwide initiative focused on simplifying and supporting student registration.

We bridge the gap between:



Schools



Families



Communities

Gun Violence Awareness Month

June 2026

#WearOrange
#EndGunViolence



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#ProtectOurKids
#EndGunViolence



Our Innovative Action

Clergy Bus Tours

The Office of Innovation has been conducting Bus Tours throughout the parish to allow our clergy partners to visit our schools to experience the atmosphere of each campus and hear from the students, staff, and faculty. As a result of these tours, 16 schools have been adopted by clergy members!



Impact Questions

As part of our continued effort to strengthen family-school partnerships, we're launching "Impact Questions", a quick way for families to share feedback about their experience with their child's school. To show our appreciation, families who complete the Impact Questions will be entered into a monthly drawing for a prize!

To take our survey, scan this QR code:



Register Ready Tangi

Register Ready Tangi is a districtwide initiative with the following goals:

- create a more organized, equitable, and family-friendly registration,
- improve efficiency in registration processes,
- increase access for multilingual families, and
- ensure students are ready for school from day one.



The June Family Focus

Build a Summer Routine

How to do it:

Create a daily checklist with your kids!

The "Daily 5" Example:

1. Move your body (outside play, swimming, dancing).
2. Read and do something creative (drawing, building).
3. Help with the house (simple chores).
4. Connect with family (play a board game or talk).
5. Practice good hygiene (take a bath/shower, brush teeth daily).

Enjoy
SUMMER



Social Emotional Learning (S.E.L.) Spotlight

Practice the "Stoplight" Check-In for Summer Sensory Overload! Between blistering heat, crowded theme parks, loud fireworks, and disrupted sleep schedules, summer is a breeding ground for sensory overload. Teach your kids to check in on their internal "stoplight" before a meltdown happens.

How to do it:

Regularly ask your kids what color they are feeling:

- Green: Good to go, calm, and happy.
- Yellow: Tired, frustrated, over-stimulated, or hungry. (Time to take a break, get a snack, or find some shade).
- Red: Out of control, furious, or completely overwhelmed. (Time to stop entirely and head to a quiet space).



Meet the Office of Innovation Team!

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