DUNCANVILLE ISD



ANNUAL REPORT

2025-2026

Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC)

FFA (Local) Key Points:

The District shall support the general wellness of all students by implementing measurable goals to promote sound nutrition and student health and to reduce childhood obesity. [See EHAA for information regarding the District's coordinated school health program.]

The local School Health Advisory Council (SHAC), on behalf of the District, shall review and consider evidence-based strategies and techniques and shall develop nutrition guidelines and wellness goals as required by law.

BDF (Legal) Key Points:

The SHAC shall submit to the board, at least annually, a written report.

SHAC Mission Statement

The Duncanville Independent School District's School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) is a community-based council whose purpose is to:

- Promote the health of students and the school community.
- Promote the development of lifestyle behaviors that lead to lifelong health and wellness.
- Advocate for a comprehensive school health program.
- Serve in a health advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees.

100%

of Committee Members surveyed indicated meetings were informative

100%

of Committee Members surveyed indicated their thoughts and opinions were considered

SHAC Meetings:

October 8, 2025, December 10, 2025, February 11, 2026, April 8, 2026

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Role	Name	Role
Superintendent Designee	Tijuana Hudson	Member
Business	Rosemary Onuegbu	Guest
Community	Gloria Lockhart	Guest
Law Enforcement	Stephen Geron	Guest
Director of Counseling	Brandi McIntosh Lee	Member
Director of Nursing	Maelene Grant	Member
Director of Child Nutrition	Crystal Esquivel	Guest
Teacher	Deborah Armstrong	Guest
Teacher	Kendall Graves	Guest
SEL Counselor	Terrence Chase	Guest
Athletic Representative	Alec Hawkins	Member
Ass Athletic Director	William Mitchell	Guest
Nurse	Katriena Blackman	Guest
Nurse	Monica Cervantes	Guest
Campus Admin	Erica Johnson-Williams	Guest
Executive Director	Juani Hernandez	Guest
Board Trustee	Janet Veracruz	Guest
Parent Community Liasion	Veronica Zamarripa	Guest

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

Role	Name	Role
Director of Teaching and Learning	Ryan Flint	Guest
Student	Veronica Zamarripa	Guest
Student	Kelsey Smith	Guest
Student	Lesly Villareal	Guest
Parent-Middle	Jamille Hall	Member
Parent-Middle	Sandra Shields	Member
Parent-Middle	Patrice Milton	Member
Parent-High	Lakesha Mitchell	Member
Parent-High	Vicki Sifuentes	Member

Committee Meeting Topics

Welcome and Introductions

Members and guests were welcomed, introduced themselves, and stated their roles in SHAC. The committee reviewed the SHAC mission, by-laws, and district policies, with an overview of the purpose of the School Health Advisory Council and its role in supporting student health, wellness, and academic success. Discussion topics included the district wellness plan, health education, human sexuality instruction, mental health support, bullying prevention efforts, physical activity, and the employee wellness program. The committee was reminded that SHAC reviews and considers evidence-based strategies and provides advisory support to the district regarding school health and wellness priorities.

Legislative and Policy Updates

Updates from the 89th Texas Legislature were shared regarding bills related to student discipline, routine school-based health services, social transitioning restrictions, bathroom requirements, and cell phone regulations, including HB 6, SB 12, SB 8, and HB 1481. The committee discussed how the district should prioritize implementation of new laws and ensure staff are aware of legal restrictions and expectations. These updates helped frame future planning around school health services, student support, safety, and compliance with state requirements.

Attendance and Student Success

Student Services reviewed attendance as a major factor connected to student success. The district identified four goals for the year: increasing district Average Daily Attendance to 93%, using interventions to address and reduce chronic absenteeism through proactive truancy prevention and support, strengthening family and community engagement, and improving data tracking. Strategies included regular communication with parents and staff, workshops, personalized support, and recognition. During the second semester update, the district reported an ADA of 91.77% as of January 30, 2026, compared to the district goal of 92.53%. The Community Outreach Campaign and a recent Town Hall Meeting gave parents an opportunity to share experiences, barriers, and suggestions related to attendance, and the spring initiative “Champions Attend! Champions Win!”was introduced to further encourage improved attendance.

Mental Health Supports and Counseling Services

The Counseling Department provided an overview of the district counseling program and how it supports students’ academic achievement, career readiness, and social-emotional development across all grade levels. The role of student support counselors was reviewed, including providing staff training, connecting students and staff to external resources, and offering crisis counseling and support during major life transitions and challenging situations. These supports are intended to strengthen student well-being, provide timely intervention, and connect the school community with appropriate mental health resources.

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Safety and Security Updates

The Chief of Police reviewed state legislative requirements mandating that all school districts have an armed security officer on every campus. The 2025-2026 budget and staffing plan was discussed, including that the department currently has four police officers and two vacant positions, with most officers assigned to the high school. The department has implemented new technology to support policy management, issuance, and tracking. Intruder detection audits and campus safety procedures were also discussed, along with continued collaboration with city law enforcement agencies to increase law enforcement presence near campuses. It was clarified that the department does not currently monitor speed or conduct traffic enforcement.

Panther Pantry

The Panther Pantry update included information about operations, donors, donations, and the families and students served. The Panther Pantry has supported more than 560 students and more than 670 families with food, clothing, and school supplies. Several families who received assistance wrote thank-you notes expressing gratitude, and these notes were shared with the SHAC committee for review. The committee commended the parent community liaison for her dedication and hard work in supporting families through the Panther Pantry.

Child Nutrition Meals Program

Nutrition Services reviewed the district's Child Nutrition Programs, including the School Breakfast Program, National School Lunch Program, and After-School Snack Program. All students are eligible to receive free breakfast regardless of application status. During the summer, the district provides free lunches to all children ages 18 and younger, whether or not they attend Duncanville ISD. Nutrition services staff receive training in food safety and allergen awareness and work closely with school nurses to support students with food allergies and dietary needs.

Wellness Plan and Nutrition Guidelines

Updates and revisions to the FFA - Wellness Policy were reviewed. The Wellness Plan follows applicable state and federal nutritional guidelines and promotes student health through nutrition education, physical activity, and other school-based wellness initiatives. The committee was given time to review both the current and revised Wellness Plan and offer feedback or suggestions for improvement. It was noted that according to TEA guidance, there are no approved milk substitutions for students who are lactose intolerant. Free or reduced-price meal options are not available for staff, campuses may sponsor vending machines as long as items meet Smart Snacks nutritional standards, and income requirements for free and reduced lunch are set by the USDA and cannot be altered. Committee members were informed that questions could be directed to Maelene Grant by email.

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Employee Wellness Updates

Employee wellness updates highlighted district wellness campaign initiatives and participation incentives. Programs discussed included the Panther Slimdown Showdown, Ripple Effect, Thrive, and Mental Health Mondays. These initiatives are designed to foster a healthier work environment, increase staff engagement in wellness activities, and support overall staff well-being. The Risk Manager and Director of Nursing also shared the district's joint efforts to provide a comprehensive health and wellness program for employees.

Health Services, Screenings, Immunizations, and Flu Monitoring

Health Services reviewed key health protocols, including medication administration procedures and the management of individualized health action plans for students with asthma, diabetes, and seizures. Immunization requirements and flu monitoring practices were also addressed. The health screening process was discussed in detail, including initial screenings, referrals, and parent communication regarding results. SHAC committee members were invited to participate in the Annual Community Health Fair and Back-to-School J.A.M. on August 1, 2026, hosted by Children on the Mend, Inc., to promote community health awareness and resources.

Project Code Red and Menstrual Equity

Project Code Red was presented by Duncanville High School-Collegiate students as an initiative to alleviate the financial burden of buying menstrual products and to give students a platform to express ideas regarding menstrual equity. The committee reviewed the timeline from the introduction of Project Code Red to the establishment of a fully developed menstrual equity program. Students requested approval and support for implementation at Duncanville High School, with future plans for expansion into the middle schools. Later updates noted that donations to the Panther Pantry included period care packages, a formal leadership structure had been established, documentation had been submitted for Project Code Red to be recognized as an official Duncanville organization, and priorities for the upcoming year included expanding the program to middle and elementary campuses.

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Middle School Health Curriculum and Physical Education

The Director of Teaching and Learning and the Chief of Athletic Operations reviewed the current middle school physical education program. Students in grades 6-8 are required to complete two years of P.E. A proposal was introduced to embed Health TEKS into P.E. classes, with teachers receiving training to incorporate health standards into daily instruction. This integration would provide greater flexibility in student schedules and create opportunities for electives such as fine arts, Career and Technical Education, athletics, and courses aligned with high school career pathways.

Drug, Alcohol, and Bullying Prevention Efforts

Student Services reviewed the difference between rude behavior, mean behavior, and bullying. The SHAC committee participated in a small-group activity in which members evaluated scenarios and determined whether each situation represented rudeness, meanness, or bullying. The committee also discussed drug and alcohol prevention efforts, including the Drug Prevention Community Fair, "WHAM - What Helps Align Me," which offered students, staff, and community members information on drug prevention, mental health services, and other programs that promote overall health and well-being.

Family Engagement and Social-Emotional Learning Barriers

The committee discussed the importance of family engagement and identified barriers that may prevent families from participating or accessing available resources. Communication challenges and limited knowledge or awareness of available supports were identified as barriers. Proposed solutions included communicating in multiple languages at every school, increasing staff awareness of available resources, providing childcare during activities, offering flexible scheduling for events, and strengthening outreach to families and the school community.

SHAC Elections, Membership, and Representation

Nominations were made for SHAC co-chair and secretary, and members voted to elect officers. Sandra Shields, a parent representative, was elected as co-chair, and Jamille Hall, a parent representative, was elected as secretary. The committee also noted the need for additional parent and student representation on the SHAC Committee, including the ongoing need for increased representation for the 2026-2027 school year so the committee can better reflect the school community.

Overall Summary

Across the 2025-2026 SHAC meetings, the committee focused on student wellness, attendance, nutrition, safety, health services, mental health supports, family engagement, and compliance with current state and district requirements. The meetings reflected continued collaboration among district leaders, nursing services, student services, counseling, nutrition services, safety personnel, parents, and students. Major themes included strengthening communication with families, improving student access to resources, supporting staff wellness, expanding student-led initiatives, and ensuring that Duncanville ISD continues to promote a healthy and safe learning environment for all students.