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Dear Belton ISD,

Great school years don't happen by chance—they are built intentionally. While our classrooms are quiet over the summer, our campuses are full of energy behind the scenes.

From deep-cleaning facilities and configuring technology to mapping bus routes, refining curriculum, and preparing menus, every department in Belton ISD has been working toward one shared goal: **creating the best possible experience for our students** when they return.

Our students are at the heart of everything we do, and our dedicated teachers and staff are essential to our mission. This summer, our educators have been actively collaborating, training, and refining their instructional practices. As our Destination 2031 strategic plan emphasizes, nurturing such exceptional talent is the foundation for delivering the extraordinary education our students deserve.

Destination 2031 isn't a document sitting on a shelf—it will be our active, everyday roadmap. Built with extensive community input, it connects our professional development directly to student achievement, guiding every decision we make while ensuring we maintain open communication, transparency, and trust with the families we serve.

As we prepare to welcome students back, we are deeply reminded that schools cannot educate children in isolation. Long before a child ever steps into a classroom, parents and guardians are their very first—and most important—teachers. You know your children best, and the foundation you lay at home sets the stage for everything we build upon at school.

This educational journey is a shared responsibility. When we unite the deep care of our families with the dedication and expertise of our educators, we create a powerful network of support around every child. We are truly honored to walk alongside you as partners in your child's education.

I enter this new school year with deep optimism and purpose. Guided by our district mission—to empower each and every learner to pursue their dreams and enrich their communities—I invite you to stay engaged, connect with your campus, and celebrate our students' achievements with us throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Malinda Golden, Ph.D.

Convocation 2026

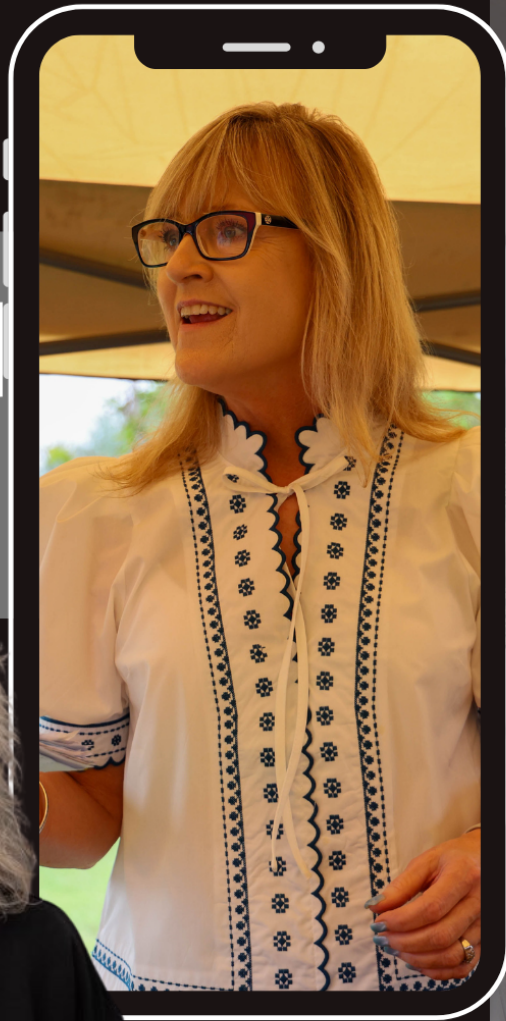




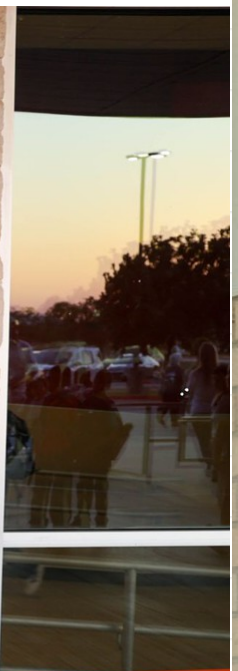
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BREAKING NEWS

Belton ISD Student Historians Win National Championship

Two Belton ISD student documentary teams, one from Lake Belton High School and the other from Lake Belton Middle School, earned national recognition at the National History Day Contest after showcasing their research at the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. The LBHS team consisted of McKenna Brindley, Isabelle Howson, Swikriti Lamichhane, Brynlee Newberry and Emery Olveraz. The Lake Belton Middle School team, which consisted of Emery Hobson, Sarah Jackson and Mya Kacal, also captured the National History Day championship in the Junior Group Documentary category, capping a historic year for the district's history program.



Belton ISD's Commitment to Student Creativity Earns Statewide Recognition

Belton ISD's Fine Arts Department was named a 2026 Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) District of Distinction, recognizing the district's commitment to outstanding visual arts education. The honor celebrated the dedication of Belton ISD's art educators, innovative programming and opportunities that inspired creativity and student success across the district.

The recognition will be officially announced during the TAEA Fall Conference in November, where Belton ISD will also be recognized among this year's honorees.



Belton ISD Student-Athletes: Champions for the Community

Belton ISD student-athletes contributed 2,760 hours of community service during the 2025-2026 school year, completing projects that supported local schools and organizations. Guided by an athletics program requirement to complete at least two service projects annually, athletes cleaned parks, stocked food pantries, built wheelchair ramps, volunteered at elementary campuses and more. These efforts—including a four-year partnership with the City of Belton to maintain Chisholm Trail Park—focused on developing leadership, character and civic responsibility beyond athletic competition. Their hard work off the field proved that these young leaders are making a champion-level impact across the entire Big Red community!



Delta Student Turns Passion for Technology into Hands-On Experience as Chromebook Repair Techspert

Delta student Landon Bigby gained real-world IT experience this spring by partnering with the Belton ISD Technology Department as a Chromebook Repair Techspert. Working alongside district and Belton High School technicians, Bigby diagnosed and repaired student devices while learning the daily operations of an information technology department. Supported by a partnership with ACER, the hands-on experience allowed him to build technical skills, explore career pathways, and directly contribute to maintaining essential classroom technology. Congrats, Landon!



Belton ISD Selects David Manley as Lake Belton High School Principal

Veteran educational leader David Manley has been selected as the new principal of Lake Belton High School. Manley brings nearly four decades of public education experience to the role, including previous positions as a teacher, coach, principal of Harker Heights High School and assistant superintendent in Killeen ISD, as well as an executive coach with Education Service Center Region 6. Chosen for his proven track record in strategic planning, leadership development and improving student outcomes, Manley officially stepped into his new leadership role on July 6, 2026.



Community Comes Together to Help Feed Belton ISD Families

Belton ISD partnered with the Bell County Medical Alliance and Realty of America to support families facing food insecurity through Project Heartbeat. Realty of America hosted a Family Fun Day food drive on May 30, 2026, at Westfield Marketplace, featuring bounce houses, a dunk tank, and local vendors. Together with volunteers and community donors, the event gathered food to help supply Belton ISD families with essential nutrition throughout the summer months.





AUGUST '26



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August 10: Convocation

August 13: First Day of School

August 17: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

September 7: Labor Day (District Closed)

September 8: Parents as Partners: Skyward, ParentSquare, School Cafe (Virtual)

September 15: Parents as Partners: Standards-Based Learning (Virtual)

September 21: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

October 8-9 : Student Holiday: Fall Break

October 12: Fall Break (District closed)

October 13: Parents as Partners: Fentanyl and Opioid Awareness (Virtual)

October 13: Parents as Partners: DL/ESL Parent Meeting

October 19: Regular Board Workshop & Meeting

October 20: Parents as Partners: Dyslexia

October 30: Student Holiday: Parent/Teacher Conference Day

2026-2027 Student Calendar

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