

Recognitions

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth recognized the Davidson County Schools 2026-2027 Classified Heroes from the West Davidson feeder pattern.

Jimmy Moore - West Davidson High School
Amanda Workman - Tyro Middle School
Rebecca MacCay - Tyro Elementary School
Joanna Cole - Reeds Elementary School
Valerie Jones - Churchland Elementary School

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized high school students who demonstrated academic excellence within the 2026 National Recognition Program through College Board. There are three award designations: First Generation recognition, Rural and Small Town recognition, and the School recognition award. These students have demonstrated academic excellence by: taking the PSAT and/or AP exams by the end of grade 10; earning a cumulative GPA of 3.3 or higher; and demonstrating academic achievement by being in the top 10% of test takers in their high school, first generation college students in the state, or earning a 3 or higher on two or more distinct AP exams. Student names are listed at the end of this brief. Congratulations to these students for achieving this great honor!

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized North Davidson High School Media Coordinator Ameriki Somers for being selected as the Region Five Media Coordinator of the Year. Ameriki is an innovator and leader. Her energetic approach to education extends to the professional growth of others as she is constantly sharing her ideas, digital tools, and successes with the school faculty and her professional learning network. Ameriki's commitment has definitely made an immediate and profound impact in Davidson County Schools. Ameriki will be in the running for the state School Library Media Coordinator of the Year at the NCSLMA conference in October.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized East Davidson High School student Olivia Rabon who recently competed in the Skills USA National Leadership and Skills Conference with more than 7,000 students competing from across the country. Olivia competed with her welding sculpture and received a bronze medal.

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley recognized South Davidson FFA student Hayden Gordon who recently competed at the state level and qualified for the national competition to be held in October. Hayden placed first in prepared public speaking.

Superintendent Dr. Gregg Slate recognized the 2026 Superintendent's Art Choice Winners. The superintendent selected a first-place winner from elementary, middle, and high school levels as well as from Stoner-Thomas School. The four winning pieces are framed and on display for three years at the DCS administrative office.

2026 Superintendent's Art Choice Winners:

Fair Grove Elementary School <i>Art Teacher: Savannah Ballard</i>	Ashton Tunnell
North Davidson Middle School <i>Art Teacher: Samantha Mendenhall</i>	Angeles Martinez Lopez
South Davidson High School <i>Art Teacher: Kimberly Wyatt</i>	Addison Coleman
Stoner-Thomas School <i>Art Teacher: Jessica Schuele</i>	Nalyana Pendergrass

Consent Agenda

The following items were approved.

Minutes: August 3, 2026

Superintendent

- Advisory Council Appointments

Curriculum

- Amergis Healthcare Staffing Speech Language Pathologist Services Agreement
- Angela Marie Rose School Psychology Services Agreement
- Discovery Education Digital Experience and Science Techbook Agreement Renewal
- Participate Learning Ambassador Fees for 2026-2027

Human Resources

- Qualified Observer Update

Operations

- BAS and Mechanical Labor Supplement
- Gaggle Services
- School Nutrition Procurement Plan

Budget Amendments

- State Public School Fund #2
- Federal Grant Fund #1
- Capital Outlay Fund #2
- Other Restricted Funds #2

Superintendent's Update

Administrative Appointments

Superintendent Dr. Gregg Slate requested and the board approved the following recommendations for administrative appointments for the 2026-2027 school year:

Michelle Henderson - Director II of Student Services

Dates to Remember

- September 21, 2026: BOE Retreat

[2026-2027 Board of Education Meeting Schedule](#)

Requests to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the board.

Curriculum & Instruction

2025-2026 School Performance Grade Test Data

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley and Director of Testing and Accountability Kemp Smith provided an overview of the recently released school performance grades and growth data for the 2025-2026 school year.

Memorandum of Agreement for Applied Behavior Analysis Services (The Kennedy Group)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested approval of the service agreement with The Kennedy Group for Applied Behavior Analysis services to students in Davidson County Schools when privately contracted by the parent/guardian. The board voted 5-0 to approve the request.

NCED Connect (Formerly Homepage)

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Deana Coley requested board approval for NCED Connect digital suite of instructional resources and student data tools from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. The cost of the NCED Connect digital suite is \$26,156.00 and will be paid using local technology funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Policy

The board voted 5-0 to waive the 25 day waiting period and then voted 5-0 to approve the following policy revisions:

4.1.9 Trade Time (Revision - Retroactive to the start of the school year)

3200 Selection of Instructional and Supplementary Materials (Revision)

3210 Parental Inspection of and Objection to Instructional Materials (Revision)

3510 Religious-Based Exemptions from School Programs (Revision)
4040/7310 Staff-Student Relations (Revision)
5150/7313 Reporting to External Agencies (Revision)

Policy Manual Conversion- Policies from 6000 Series: Support Services

Operations

Approval of School Trips

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston requested board approval of overnight and out of state school trips in accordance with DCS Board Policy 7.4 for Oak Grove High School Chorus and North Davidson High School Chorus. The board voted 5-0 to approve these trip requests.

North Davidson Middle School Chiller

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston requested board approval to purchase a Air-Cooled Scroll Chiller for North Davidson Middle School from Carrier Equipment Company in the amount of \$121,170.49 using local funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

School Nutrition Purchase of Beef Patties

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston and Director of School Nutrition Jayme Robertson requested board approval to award the purchase of local ground beef patties to Brasstown Beef at \$5.65 per pound. The total cost will exceed \$25,000 and funds will be paid using local funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Title IX Athletics Review Update

Executive Director of Operations Chris Johnston and Director of Operational Support Drew Hackett, in partnership with Helen Grant of Helen Grant Consulting, presented a summary of the comprehensive Title IX review of the district's athletic facilities and operations. The presentation will highlight key findings, areas of strength, identified opportunities for improvement, and recommendations to support continued compliance while ensuring equitable athletic opportunities for all student-athletes.

Student Support & Strategic Communications

CharacterStrong Tier 2-3 Elementary Curriculum

Executive Director of Student Support and Strategic Communications Dr. Kelsey Greer requested board approval for the purchase of CharacterStrong Tier 2 and Tier 3 Curriculum for use in all 18 elementary schools. CharacterStrong is an evidence-based, multi-tiered solution to support life-readiness and whole child success, and the core curriculum has been in use effectively across all DCS schools since 2024. The cost to add Tier 2 and Tier 3 services for elementary schools for the 2026-2027 school year is \$53,973.00 and will be paid using federal Title IV funds. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Memorandum of Agreement for Elemental Care School-Based Mental Health Services

Executive Director of Student Support and Strategic Communications Dr. Kelsey Greer requested board approval of the service agreement with Elemental Care for school-based counseling services to students in Davidson County Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Memorandum of Agreement for Haven of Hope Counseling School-Based Mental Health Services

Executive Director of Student Support and Strategic Communications Dr. Kelsey Greer requested board approval of the service agreement with Haven of Hope Counseling for school-based counseling services to students in Davidson County Schools for the 2026-2027 school year. The board voted 5-0 to approve this request.

Closed Session

- To prevent disclosure of information that is confidential or privileged [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(1)]
- To consult with the board attorney and protect the attorney-client privilege [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(3)]
- To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee [NCGS § 143-318.11(a)(6)]

Human Resources

Personnel Report

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Dr. Shon Hildreth presented the Personnel Report for board approval. The board voted 5-0 to approve the report.

Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Contract Renewal

The Board of Education voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the employment contract for Dr. Deana Coley, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction to extend to June 30, 2029.

Approval of Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Contract Renewal

The Board of Education voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the employment contract for Dr. Shon Hildreth, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources to extend to June 30, 2029.

2026 COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Central Davidson

Isabella Bellini
Noah Faulkner
Russell Hartley
Brooklyn Hedrick
Gianna Lio
Taylor McDaniel
Jaelynn Rhodes
Cyanna Walser

Davidson Early Collge

Alcon Blevins
Alex Chhay
William Edwards
Noah Ferrell
Colby Holmes
Cole Hutchins
Ruo lang Ma
Kure Tesh
Claudia West

East Davidson

Katia Aguirre
Ariel Baxley
Anabelle Cranford
Imma Lou Gainey
Callie Lambert
Ethan Lovell
Thania Pacheco
Daniel Phillips
Lexi Romanets
Gage Shoal
Kara Simmons
Joy Taylor
Danica Vogley
Madelyn Walker

Ledford

Isaiah Akinde
Aubrey Alcivar
Cabot Atkins
Kenny Borda
Nieko Bryant
Scarlett Crowder
Dailyn Denton
Mason Frye
Alivia Garner
Bianca Gonzalez
Mohanned Hameed
Andrew Magill
Charlie Rhodes
Parker Ridge

North Davidson

Tanner Cordaway
Lancaster Cullen
Maliyah Eccles
Caroline Hauser
Justin Hubbard
Emma Jones
Hamilton Kepley
Sadie Kibler
Zachary Knott
Olivia Lambeth
Bessanny Lammonds
Cullen Lancaster
Delfina Langu
Kalivia Leak
Mackenzie Leonard
Amy Lian
Zachary Macedo
Sydney Mayhew
Natalie Rodriguez
Bria Ross
Kendall Shoaf
Christian Smith
Gentry Smith
Eli Soom
Jace Tutterow
Blaine Vaught
Olivia Williams
Alan Xiao

Oak Grove

Leah Beavers
Matthew Bellow
Chloe Bennett
Graham Binkley
Rebecca Brown
Jacob DeHart
Ansley Ferree
Drew Gearren
Lila Hartley
Anabelle Hayes
Reagan Heaton
Braden Held
Elsa Helms
Alexis Holler
Blake Ingram
William Keates
Mia Lee
Millicent Lee
Isabella Lockamy
Victoria Lockamy
Owen Lupton
Layla Lyons
Magdalene Maddock
Dawson Meador
Landon Moser
Connor Nifong
Allieanne Nordan
Lyndon O'Dell
Hayden Otey
Eleanor Potter
Hailey Ray
Masen Rogers
Aubrey Shore
Frances Sink
Sudalyn Siphanthone

South Davidson

Hayden Gordon
Casey Gorman
Noah Lyons
Emmalee Stewart
Riley Tysinger

West Davidson

Miah Abreu
Temperance Bowers
Raelyn Brummels
Preston Decker
Aiden Hoffman
Christian Merlos Lara
Mason Neaves
Daniel Waddell

Valley Academy

William Cusick
Zachary Harmon
Joseph Solis