

DIALOGUE

A publication of the Dickinson Independent School District

Many changes in store as the Gators take flight and soar during 2023-2024

When teachers and students return in August 2023, they will be met with many changes as the district transitions to meet the needs of our growing school district. Dickinson ISD kicked off a two-year flight theme in 2022-2023 with "Prepare for Takeoff" as the district spent the year getting ready for the transitions taking place in 2023-2024.

The theme will now move to "Taking Flight: Together We Soar In 2023-2024." Dickinson ISD Flight 2023 takes off on Tuesday, August 22 with the start of the 2023-2024 school year. So buckle up and let Dickinson ISD be your pilot throughout the upcoming year as we see our Gator students soar to new heights. This issue of "Dialogue" is full of information and resources to help navigate the upcoming year, while learning more about the school district.

Opening of Dickinson Junior High

The 2023-2024 school year will take off with the opening of the district's third junior high. Dickinson Junior High is located on the most southern end of the district's boundaries on Central Park Boulevard off of FM 2004 in Texas City. Construction of the campus was approved by voters in the 2020 bond referendum. It will serve students in grades 6-8 from one-third of the district.

STEAM at all middle schools and junior highs

Except for eighth grade, all students enrolled in the district's STEAM Academy, which is offered in grades 5-8, will attend the program at their home campus. For 2023-2024,

eighth grade STEAM students will all attend Kranz Junior High so they can finish the program with their same cohort of students from the past several years. In 2024-2025, all STEAM students will attend the program at each student's home campus.

Full Implementation of Full-Day Pre-Kindergarten

Dickinson ISD's newest Gators in pre-kindergarten classes will attend a full-day of school from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. just like students in the other elementary school grades. Pre-kindergarten is available to students who turn four on or before September 1, 2023 and meet at least one of the qualifying criteria, which is detailed on page 6 of this newsletter.

Realignment of Grade Levels

Dickinson ISD is realigning grade levels for the 2023-2024 school year. This is being coordinated with the opening of Dickinson Junior High and the implementation of full-day pre-kindergarten. The new alignment will involve moving fourth grade students to middle school and sixth grade students to junior high. With these moves, elementary schools will house pre-kindergarten through third grade, middle schools will offer fourth and fifth grade, and junior high will include sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. These moves allow for additional space in the district's elementary schools for full-day pre-kindergarten classes and alleviates the junior high campuses from overcrowding for more than 10 years according to the district's demographer.

Shorts now allowed at secondary schools

The Board of Trustees approved adjustments to the dress code for secondary campuses for the 2023-2024 school year. Secondary students (grades 6-12) are now allowed to wear



shorts. They must be no shorter than mid-thigh in length with a hem. No cut-off shorts are allowed. Elementary students have been allowed to wear shorts, so this change makes shorts approved for all grade levels.

Bus transportation changes for 2023-2024

The Dickinson ISD Transportation Department is consolidating stops this coming school year to help with run times. This may mean that students will have a different bus stop than last year and a further walk to bus stops. Also, on the middle school and junior high routes, students may need to sit three students to a seat and band students will have to carry instruments in their lap in order to carry them on a bus.

The district's continually increasing enrollment and the difficulty filling vacant bus driver and monitor positions make this a necessity as the district strives to continue to provide bus service for all students, regardless of how close the student lives to the campus. Dickinson ISD is one of few districts that still provides bus service for students living within two miles of the campus.



Dickinson Junior High



Goodbye **DIALOGUE**

After 31 years of publishing the district newsletter, this will be the last printed issue of "Dialogue."

Keeping the community informed about the great things happening in Dickinson ISD is very important to us, so you will find lots of information electronically through the district's social media, the website at www.dickinsonisd.org, and the email newsletter, "Gator Bytes."

A Message from Superintendent Carla Voelkel..

Dear DISD Families and Community,

The 2022-2023 school year ended Gator strong, and we are thankful it was a year uninterrupted – no missed instructional days for a global pandemic, no missed instructional days for an Arctic blast, and no missed instructional days because of a tropical storm or hurricane. I want to thank our students for coming to school each day and for putting forth their best effort in our classrooms and in their extracurricular activities; I want to thank our families for supporting our teachers and staff, for encouraging your children, and for volunteering whenever help has been needed; and I want to thank our community for your involvement in the district and for your continuous support. This school year has passed quickly, and although it has had some challenges, it has been filled with many successes. Our students have excelled academically, athletically, in Fine Arts, in Career Technical Education, and in extracurricular activities. They have been recognized at multiple levels - district, region, area, and state, and during the summer months, some will participate and compete at the national level.

On Thursday, May 25th, over 800 students from Dickinson High School and the Dickinson Continuation Center walked across the stage to receive their high school diplomas. The Class of 2023 has received over \$2.2 million dollars in academic, community, and athletic scholarships, 16 students graduated with 60 college hours and an associate degree from College of the Mainland, 373 Career and Technical Education certifications in 10 different career fields have been earned, four students have committed to one of five branches of the military, and many have been accepted to colleges and universities. Please join me in congratulating and extending best wishes to the Class of 2023 as they leave high school and begin the next chapter of their lives.

During this school year, great strides have been made across the district. Our elementary, middle school, and junior high students were provided with the first district wide UIL A+ Challenge Meet. The feedback from this experience has been very positive, and it will become an annual enrichment event. Kranz Junior High has joined Barber Middle School and Calder Road Elementary and is our third campus to receive the distinction of National Professional Learning Community Model School. For the fourth consecutive year, DISD

has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as a Best Community for Music Education for outstanding achievements to provide music access and education to all students. The Dickinson Education Foundation awarded \$161,000 for innovative grants to teachers as well as over \$81,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors. On May 6th, the \$120 million bond was approved by voters. It will provide a Pre-K to 5th grade educational facility in the Lago Mar community, a 100,000 square foot Career Technical Education Center and updates to existing CTE areas at Dickinson High School, and additional safety upgrades throughout the district. Our sincere thanks to everyone who participated on the Facility Task Force and to all voters who participated in the election. The many accomplishments by our students, staff, and campuses make me extremely Gator proud. Without the support and encouragement from our families and community, many of these accomplishments would not be possible.

Throughout the school year we have been “Preparing for Take-Off” of major transitions. This has been a monumental task that has required the relocation of attendance boundaries, relocation of staff, and a tremendous amount of planning and preparation to ensure a smooth and successful transition for all. During the summer, we will be moving 4th grade resources to middle school campuses and 6th grade resources to the junior high campuses as well as supplies from the classrooms of many teachers. In August, Dickinson Junior High will open its doors to staff and students, all elementary campuses will have full day Pre-K, middle schools will be home to all 4th and 5th grade students, and junior high campuses will be home to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Although there is still a lot of work to do, we will be ready in August, and we will be “Taking Flight and Soaring Together in 2023-2024.”



Carla Voelkel
Superintendent

Back to School information for the 2023-2024 school year is available in this issue of Dialogue, and it is available on the district website. Beginning July 28th, the online registration process for all returning DISD students will be available, and we will host a centralized enrollment event for all new students to DISD on August 3rd and 4th. As the start of the new school year approaches, parents are encouraged to check their Skyward email and the district/campus websites for additional information.

Congratulations Class of 2023, and thank you again to our awesome students, hardworking staff, engaged families, and dedicated community who work together to make Dickinson ISD a great place to be. I extend my best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer break, and I look forward to the launch of an exciting 2023-2024 school year in August.

Sincerely,

Dickinson ISD Superintendent

TRANSITION DAY: AUGUST 21

For students entering Pre-K,
Kindergarten, Grades 4,5,6,7 and 9

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: AUGUST 22

For all grade levels

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Dickinson ISD will equip and empower all learners with skills and experiences to achieve academic excellence and make meaningful contributions to our world.

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2022-2023

Highlights



\$134,410

Raised at 2022 DISD Education Foundation Gala



\$50,000
Awarded in external grants



\$10,500
Generated through spirit nights and community fundraisers



\$83,752
Staff contributions through the Gator Nation Cornerstone Club



\$161,300
Distributed in Innovative Teaching Grants



\$81,750
Scholarships awarded to Class of 2023 seniors

Familiar faces moving into new leadership positions for the 2023-2024 school year

Dickinson ISD will have many new faces in leadership positions at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. When students and staff return, they will be greeted by new principals and assistant principals at campuses throughout the district. Many are familiar faces that have earned promotions to these leadership roles. A new district-level director, new principals, and assistant principals for 2023-2024 include:

Barber Middle School

Principal Lindsey Suarez is the district's new Director of Leadership Development and Professional Learning. The new principal at Barber is Brendan Fitzpatrick, who previously served as assistant principal at Kranz Junior High. Leading the campus with him is the school's former librarian, Chelsea Winters, who is moving into the assistant principal's position.

Dunbar Middle School

Former Barber Middle School Assistant Principal, Brandi Peterson, is the school's new principal. She is joined by Jillian Callaway, who is moving from Special Programs facilitator to assistant principal.

McAdams Junior High

Michael Herdman is a new assistant principal. He previously served as the district's Special Education Curriculum Specialist.

Dickinson Junior High

Temeka Brown has moved from her role as Principal at Dunbar Middle School to lead the opening of the district's new junior high campus. She is joined by three new assistant principals. They include Jose Molina, returning to Dickinson ISD after serving as an assistant principal in La Porte ISD for two years; Tiffany Mumford-Guyton, who served as an academic coach at Dunbar; and Clara Snelson, previous testing coordinator at DHS.

Kranz Junior High

Justin Faith, who was named the 2022-2023 Dickinson ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, has been promoted from Kranz science interventionist to assistant principal.

Dickinson High School

Courtney Ramirez is the new principal at Dickinson High School following the retirement of Dr. Billye Smith. She was previously the school's associate principal over the Ninth Grade Campus. Matt Cooper will be moving from assistant principal to associate principal at the Ninth Grade Center, while Donnie Brown, who served as Esmond Center program manager will move into an assistant principal position.



Lindsey Suarez



Brendan Fitzpatrick



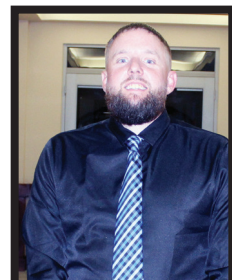
Chelsea Winters



Brandi Peterson



Jillian Callaway



Michael Herdman



Temeka Brown



Jose Molina



Tiffany Mumford-Guyton



Clara Snelson



Justin Faith



Courtney Ramirez



Matt Cooper



Donnie Brown



Dickinson ISD 2023-2024 Back to School

Online Registration July 28 - August 9 for returning 2023-2024 Dickinson ISD students

Dates and times for those unable to attend New Student Centralized Enrollment event Aug. 3-4

- **Bay Colony Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 8 or later.
- **Calder Road Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 9 or later.
- **Hughes Road Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7-8.
- **K.E. Little Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7-11.
- **Lobit Elementary** - Enrollment can be finished from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon or 1-3:30 p.m. August 7-11.
- **San Leon Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7 or later.
- **Silbernagel Elementary** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7-11 or 14-18.
- **Barber Middle School** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7 or later.
- **Dunbar Middle School** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7 or later.
- **Lobit Middle School** - Enrollment can be finished from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon or 1-3:30 p.m. August 7-11.
- **Dickinson Junior High** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7 or later from 8:30-11 a.m. or 1-3 p.m.
- **Kranz Junior High** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7-9 from 7:30-11:30 a.m. or 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- **McAdams Junior High** - Contact the campus to schedule an appointment for August 7 or later.
- **Dickinson High School** - Appointments will be taken to complete registration on the afternoon of August 22 or any weekday thereafter.

All Dickinson ISD families must complete the district's online registration process for returning students from July 28-August 9, 2023. These are students who attended a Dickinson ISD campus at the end of the 2022-2023 school year and will be returning for the 2023-2024 school year.

The online registration process of verifying and updating information and uploading a current proof of residency must be completed by August 9 in order for the student to ride a bus the first week of school. In the past, parents of returning students had to complete online registration but still bring a copy of a current proof of residency to the campus. However, the proof of residency feature is now part of the online registration process. If for some reason, the parent is unable to upload a proof of residency document, the parent can drop off a copy of the document at the child's school before August 9.

Proof of residency can be a copy of a parent's current lease agreement or mortgage statement, their most recent tax receipt indicating home ownership or

a current utility bill (electronic, gas or water) from the past month. This document must be in the name of the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student. If the parent can't provide one of the documents in his or her name, then the parent must complete the "Parent's/Guardian's Assurance of Bona Fide Residence" packet at the campus.

In order to complete the online registration process, parents must have their login information (user name and password) for Skyward Family Access. If a parent does not have login information, this can be obtained by showing proper identification in the front office at their child's school. Please make sure you have obtained login information ahead of time so you are not delayed in registering your student online.

For parents without access to the Internet, computers and assistance are available at the campuses during designated times to complete the online registration process. Please call the school for specific dates and times when computer assistance is available.

Dickinson ISD Proof of Residency Requirements

At the time of enrollment, and on an annual basis thereafter, the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student under order of a court must present proof of residency in the District as required by law. Acceptable documentation that may be used to verify residency include:

1. A current lease agreement or mortgage statement;
2. The most recent tax receipt indicating home ownership; or
3. A current utility bill (electric, gas, water bill from the past month).

These documents must be in the name of the parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control of the student. If the parent can't provide one of the documents in his or her name, then the parent must complete the "Parent's/Guardian's Assurance of Bona Fide Residence" packet at the campus.

For a student living separate and apart from his or her parent, guardian, or other person having lawful control under order of a court, the adult District resident with whom the student resides must provide proof of residency in the same manner as a parent and complete an "Authorization

Agreement for Voluntary Adult Caregiver" packet at the campus.

For a non-resident student (grades Pre-K-8th grade) whose resident grandparent provides a substantial amount of before/after-school care, the grandparent must provide proof of residency in the same manner as a parent and complete the "Grandparent's Before/After-School Care Affidavit for Non-Resident Student" packet at the campus. This affidavit is intended for students in eighth grade and under. The District will investigate stated residency as necessary.

Verification of Residency Information

In accordance with law, the District may make reasonable inquiries to determine whether the student is a resident of the District, including when a document submitted for purposes of proving residency is not in the name of the adult who is enrolling the student. Based on an individual's circumstance, the District may grant exceptions to the requirement to produce a document listed above. When required by law, the District will waive the requirement to prove residency in the District boundaries. [See Board Policy FD(LEGAL) and FD(LOCAL)]

Dickinson ISD hosting first-ever Centralized Enrollment event for all new DISD students

First, welcome to Dickinson ISD. We are excited to have your student join Gator Nation for the 2023-2024 school year. Dickinson ISD has created an exciting new event this school year to allow parents to take care of enrolling all of their new students at one location, regardless of which school the children will attend. Dickinson ISD New Student Centralized Enrollment will take place on Thursday-Friday, August 3-4 at Dickinson High School. From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, parents of new Dickinson ISD students are invited to Dickinson High School to complete the enrollment process.

STEP 1: Visit www.dickinsonisd.org/newenrollment.

If you are enrolling a student new to Dickinson ISD, your first step is to visit www.dickinsonisd.org/newenrollment for complete details on online enrollment for new students. You will also find important links to complete the online enrollment process through the district's student data system, Skyward.

STEP 2: Access online enrollment in Skyward.

Starting Friday, July 28, parents can access online enrollment. These forms must be completed before finishing the enrollment process at the New Student Centralized Enrollment Event on August 3-4.

- If the new student has siblings in Dickinson ISD, AND the parent enrolling the student has a Skyward Family Access log-in, then the parent will login to Skyward Family Access and click on New Student Online Enrollment. A link to the Skyward login page can be found at www.dickinsonisd.org/newenrollment.
- If the new student has siblings in Dickinson ISD, but the parent does not have their Skyward Family Access log-in information, the parent must contact the school of one of the siblings to receive log-in information.
- If the parent enrolling the student does not have a Skyward Family Access login, AND there are no siblings in Dickinson ISD, then the parent must first request an account. You will find a link at www.dickinsonisd.org/newenrollment to click on to request an account. After requesting an account, the parent will receive an email with their login information.

STEP 3: Gather all required enrollment documents.

There are several documents needed to complete enrollment for a new Dickinson ISD student. Make sure to gather together all the following documents for each new student. If possible, parents are requested to bring copies of all documents to leave with the campus and make the process run more quickly.

- Student's Birth Certificate and Immunization Record
- Proof of Residency - current utility bill (electric, gas, or water) or lease/mortgage/tax statement in parent's name
- Valid parent ID (Driver License, passport, or military ID)
- Student's Medication information, if applicable
- Student's Social Security Card (OPTIONAL, but needed if SSN was used at a previous district.)
- Court paperwork for Guardianship(s), if applicable
- Complete copy of official Divorce/Custody documents, signed by a judge, all pages, if applicable
- Special Education/Section 504 information, if applicable
- Copy of last report card if the student is transferring from another District, as well as the name, address and phone number of the last school attended
- High school students are asked to bring a copy of their unofficial transcript and/or a copy of their last report card to assist with the selection of courses.

STEP 4: Attend New Student Centralized Enrollment.

Parents of new Dickinson ISD students are asked to finish the enrollment process at the New Student Centralized Enrollment event on Thursday-Friday, August 3-4 at Dickinson High School. Once arriving at Dickinson High School, parents will be greeted, staff will verify the parent has completed online enrollment for each student and then the parent will be provided a checklist to get stamped by visiting several different stations.

Stations include:

- **Computer Lab** - This will be available for those parents who have not completed online enrollment. Completing the online forms before arriving is highly encouraged to speed up the enrollment process.
- **Documentation Check** - Staff will look over documentation provided by parents to make sure everything required is available. Addresses will be checked to verify school assignment.
- **Notary** - Notaries may be available for parents having to complete residency affidavits.
- **Nurse** - Nurses will look over student shot records to make sure the student has received all required immunizations. Personnel will be available to provide shots, if needed.
- **Campus Tables** - Each Dickinson ISD campus will have registrars and other campus representatives present to confirm information, provide Family Access log-in information, answer questions, and to upload documents.
- **Food and Nutrition Services** - FNS employees will be available to make sure Free/Reduced Meal Applications are completed.
- **Transportation** - Transportation employees will provide information on bus routes.
- **Special Programs** - Special Programs employees will answer questions about students qualifying for these services.
- **ID Pictures** - High school students will have photos taken for their student ID.
- **Counselors for Schedules** - Secondary counselors (grades 6-12) will work with parents and students to request classes.

STEP 5: Instructions for those unable to attend the New Student Centralized Enrollment.

We strongly encourage parents to make plans to attend New Student Centralized Enrollment; however, those unable to attend will need to complete enrollment at each student's campus. To find out more information about dates and times, turn to page 4.

STEP 6: Get ready to kickoff the new school year.

Congratulations, your student is now officially part of the Gator family! Sit back and get ready for the start of the 2023-2024 school year. You are encouraged to look through the this newsletter as well as the Back to School section on the district website at www.dickinsonisd.org/backtoschool for more important information.

CENTRALIZED ENROLLMENT

For new to Dickinson ISD Students

August 3 from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

August 4 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**at Dickinson High School
3800 Baker Drive, Dickinson**

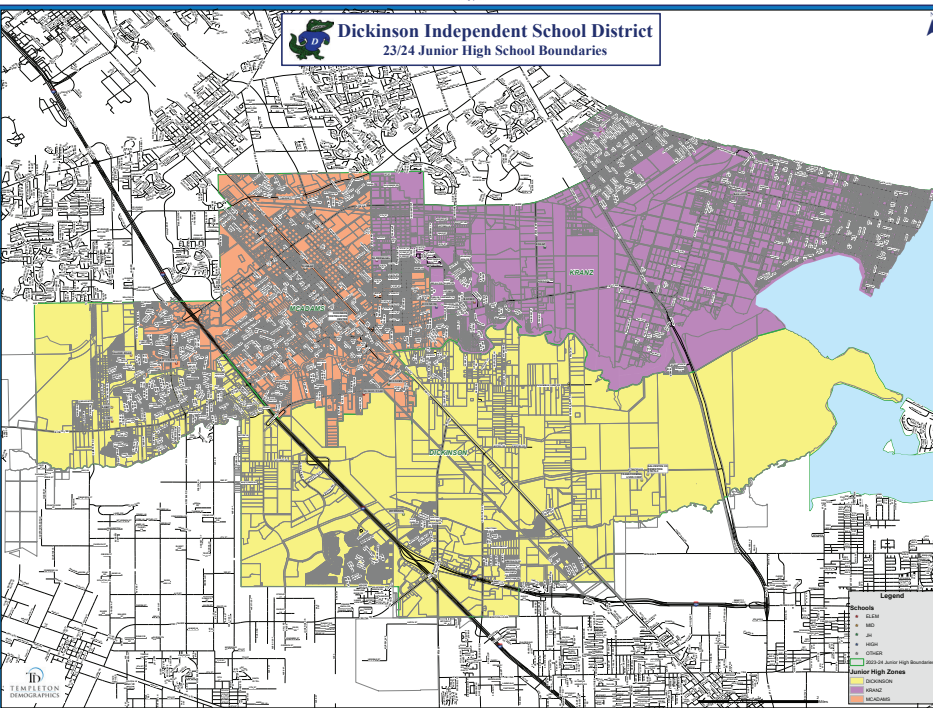
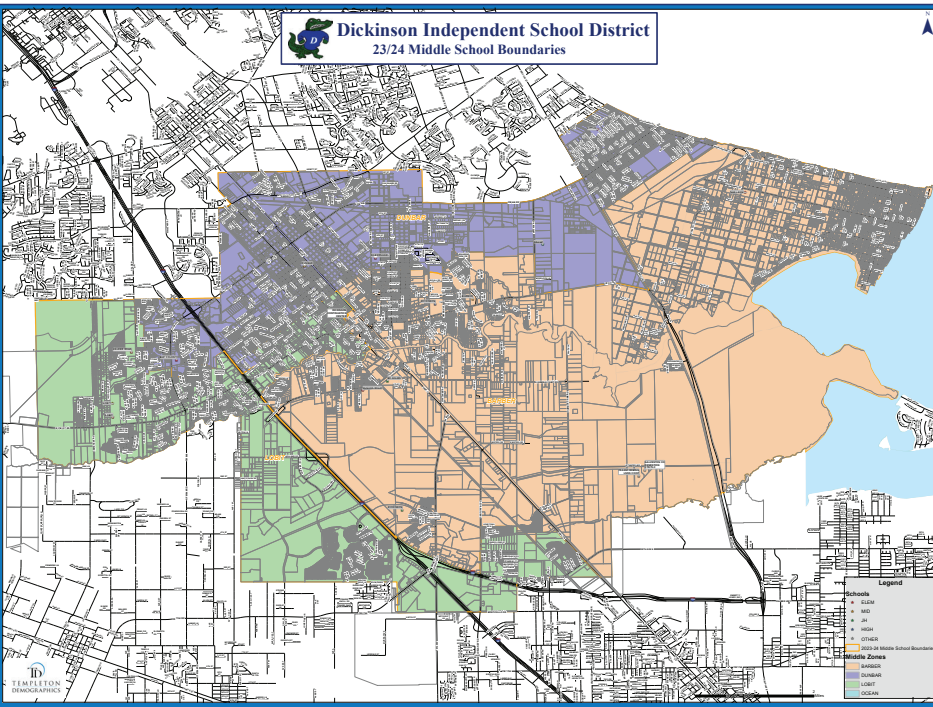
Attendance boundaries developed for junior highs, adjustments made to middle school boundaries

With the opening of a third junior high in August 2023, Dickinson ISD worked with a demographer to redesign the junior high boundaries to accommodate three campuses instead of just two. The boundaries were initially approved by the Board of Trustees in February 2023 and then after careful review of additional student enrollment data, the Board approved slight revisions to the plan in May 2023.

District administrators worked carefully with the district's demographer to make sure enrollment numbers between the three schools are equitable, while leaving a little extra room at Dickinson Junior High to accommodate the continually increasing number of students moving into the new subdivisions in that area.

The last time the junior high boundaries were adjusted was in 2018 to accommodate the opening of Kranz Junior High.

While reviewing junior high boundaries, district administrators also noticed that student enrollment numbers at Dunbar Middle School for 2023-2024 would be much higher than the other two middle schools. In order to make the numbers more equitable between the three middle schools, the Board of Trustees approved a slight adjustment which will move approximately 110 students from Dunbar to Barber Middle School for 2023-2024. There are no elementary boundary changes planned for 2023-2024.

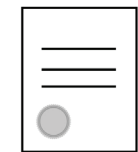


Pre-K and Kindergarten Enrollment Guidelines

Dickinson ISD is excited to meet many new young Gator students who will be joining us in 2023-2024 for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten. To be eligible for **Kindergarten**, a student must reside in Dickinson ISD and be five years old on or before September 1, 2023. To qualify for the **Pre-Kindergarten** program, a student must reside in Dickinson ISD, be four years old on or before September 1, 2023, and meet at least one or more of the pre-kindergarten criteria. Starting in 2023-2024, all Dickinson ISD pre-kindergarten classes will change to full-day classes with hours of 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., which are the same hours as other elementary students. For more information about the criteria and documents needed to enroll a student, see the graphic below.

documentation needed for pre-k registration

All Qualifiers:



Birth Certificate



Proof of Address



Parent ID



Immunization Record

Income Qualifiers:

- One of the following:
 - Current paycheck stub
 - Current tax return if self-employed
 - Current TANF or SNAP eligibility letter

Language Qualifiers:

- Fill out Home Language Survey (provided by school)
- Language test will be administered to the child

Military Qualifiers:

- One of the following:
 - Verification of U.S. Department of Defense photo I.D.
 - Statement of service
 - Copy of death certificate
 - Copy of Purple Heart orders
 - Copy of official letter from commander
 - Copy of a letter from US Dept. of Veteran's Affairs
 - Documentation that service member is MIA

Foster Care Qualifiers:

- Verification Letter of Prekindergarten Eligibility from DFPS

Star of Texas Award Qualifiers:

- Copy of the resolution (certificate) awarded to parent of child.

How to view 2023-2024 School Boundary Maps

To view the School Boundary Maps for Middle School and Junior High campuses, visit the district website at www.dickinsonisd.org and click on the plus sign next to the 23-24 Attendance Zones option under the Quicklinks section on the left-hand side of the homepage.

You will find links to both maps, as well as an Interactive Map link, which provides school zoning information for all grade levels. You can also scan the QR codes below to assess all three maps.



Interactive Map for all campuses



Middle School Boundary Map



Junior High Boundary Map



2023-2024 MEAL PRICES

BREAKFAST

Breakfast is free for all students.

LUNCH

Paid student prices are:

Elementary (grades PreK-3)
\$2.25

Middle School (grades 4-5)
\$2.50

Junior High (grades 6-8)
\$2.50

High School (grades 9-12)
\$2.75

Transition Day on Monday, August 21 open to students entering grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9

Students entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9 will have the opportunity to get ready for the 2023-2024 school year and a new campus by participating in the district's new Transition Day. On Monday, August 21, students entering these grades will be treated to a special day to become acquainted with their new campus, teachers, schedules and school procedures before the return of all students and the official start of the school year on Tuesday, August 22.

Dickinson ISD hopes that providing this day focused on these grade levels will help ease the fear and anxiety students sometimes experience when moving

into a new set of grade levels at a different campus. By having these students start a day earlier, campus administrators and teachers will have dedicated time to help the students adjust to the campus and answer questions before other grade levels return. The schedule for the day will run like a normal school day with buses picking up and dropping off students and breakfast and lunch meals in the school cafeteria. Campuses are busy customizing Transition Day plans to meet the needs of their campus students. Parents and students will receive more information about Transition Day in August before the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Dickinson ISD 2023-2024 School Times

	Start Time	Dismissal Time
High School (Grades 9-12)	7:05 A.M.	2:35 P.M.
Middle School and Junior High (Grades 4-8)	7:45 A.M.	3:15 P.M.
Elementary School (Grades PreK-3)	8:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M.

Get Your Alarms Ready for 2023-2024

GET READY FOR DICKINSON ISD FLIGHT 2023 BY SCANNING THE QR CODES BELOW FOR IMPORTANT BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION



School Supply Lists

Get your shopping list ready by reading over the 2023-2024 school supply lists for all grades PreK-12.



Dress Code

Two lists are available for dress code expectations - one for PreK-5 and a second one for grades 6-12.



School Calendar

Find out about school holidays and other important dates by viewing the 2023-2024 school calendar.



Immunizations

Make sure your child has all required immunizations by looking over the vaccine requirements for 2023-2024.

Congratulations to the Dickinson High School Class of 2023



Air Force JROTC earns Exceeds Standards rating

The Air Force Junior ROTC instructors and cadets of Dickinson High School earned an overall assessment score of "Exceeds Standards," which is the highest attainable rating, during their recent evaluation. The instructors created a dynamic and supportive learning environment coupled with an excellent community outreach, and they provided outstanding leadership in administering the cadet centered citizenship program. The Dickinson High School cadets performed exceptionally well and took great pride in leading and accomplishing their unit goals. The AFJROTC is led by DHS instructors Captain Craig Metz and Chief Master Sergeant Cyndee Frank.



Blue Heron "Spirit" on display at Sam Vitanza Stadium

Introducing Spirit, the latest Great Blue Heron of Dickinson that was unveiled this past school year at Sam Vitanza Stadium. Thank you to Huitt-Zollars for donating the heron statue, to the City of Dickinson for seeding the money for this project and installing it, to the Dickinson Art Guild for creating and coordinating this community partnership, and to McRee Ford for providing the protective coating.



A special shout out to our own Jenna Simsen, Dickinson ISD Director of Marketing and Digital Media, for designing and painting this beautiful bird. Her creative design represents DISD academics, fine arts, athletics, transportation, and traditions. Spirit will be proudly displayed at Sam Vitanza Stadium for many years to come.

Kranz joins Calder Road and Barber as a 2023 National PLC Model School

Kranz Junior High was recognized in May as a Solution Tree National Professional Learning Community Model School. They are the third Dickinson ISD campus to receive this prestigious honor from Solution Tree with Calder Road Elementary and Barber Middle School earning the honor in the Spring 2022. Kranz was selected for successful implementation of the PLC at Work process and its sustained success in raising student achievement.



DHS Val and Sal recognized

The Dickinson High School Class of 2023 was led by Valedictorian Daniella Moreno and Salutatorian Marco Gonzalez. They are both attending the University of Texas in the fall. The Class of 2023, which included more than 800 seniors, earned more than \$2.2 million in academic and athletic scholarships to use toward a college education.



16 students earned COM Associates Degrees

In 2022-2023, 48 Dickinson High School students were enrolled in the Collegiate High School through the College of the Mainland. Of those students, 16 earned 60 college hours and graduated with an Associates degree in mid-May before ever receiving their high school diploma. Collegiate High School is available to juniors and seniors who apply for the program. They attend all of their classes at College of the Mainland and only come to DHS if they are participating in after-school activities.

McAdams Band Hall named in honor of former director Wade McDonald

The legacy of Wade McDonald was honored this past school year with the dedication of the band hall at McAdams Junior High. Known to many as "Mr. Mac," McDonald served as a former Dickinson ISD band director and director of fine arts. Signage was officially unveiled for the "Wade McDonald Band Hall" at the event, which brought together approximately 200 former students, colleagues, mentors and mentees who came from near and far to recognize the impact Mr. Mac had on the lives of Dickinson ISD students.

In his career, Mr. Mac touched the lives of hundreds of students and helped establish a standard of excellence in music education and performance among the Dickinson ISD band programs. He retired in 2010 after 33 years and then came back to serve an additional 11 years as a part-time fine arts director for Dickinson ISD until 2021.

Wade McDonald Band Hall

For over four decades, Wade McDonald inspired students and staff through his faith, wisdom, and integrity.

Dedicated 2022

"To be early is to be on time; to be on time is to be late; to be late is to be sorry."



2022-2023 CTE Facts

373 Number of Certifications earned	10 Number of Career Clusters offered at DHS
27 Number of Pathways Leading to Certifications	91 Percentage of students enrolled in CTE courses

DHS students get hands-on experience through CTE community partnerships

Dickinson High School senior Toi Goffney spent two mornings each week this past school year learning alongside a dental hygiene assistant at League City Family Dentistry. Seniors Victoria Estrada and Aracely Pena learned about filling prescriptions, working with insurance companies, and helping customers while getting paid through part-time jobs in the Walgreens pharmacy. These are just two examples of the opportunities available to students while they are still in high school through Dickinson High School Career and Technical Education courses.

In 2022-2023, approximately 91 percent of Dickinson High School students were enrolled in at least one Career and Technical Education course, so providing courses focused on future careers and placing students in work-based learning opportunities is a major focus in Dickinson ISD.

"Dickinson ISD offers 10 of the 14 Texas Education Agency career clusters with 27 pathways leading to industry-based certifications. We are continually working to expand our CTE programs, especially in areas that address a workforce need in the Gulf Coast Region, are linked to industry-based certifications, and provide partnership or internship experiences for our students," said Dr. Melissa Everett, Director of Career and Technical Education in Dickinson ISD.

Everett said Dickinson High School will be implementing an Imaging Technology program at the campus in 2023-2024, and she is researching the possibilities of adding Culinary Arts, Firefighting, Maritime, and Cybersecurity in the future. Expansion of these programs would be done in coordination with the new CTE building to be constructed on the DHS campus. The new building was approved by voters in the May 2023 bond referendum. The bond also includes funds to renovate existing CTE areas with the school.

Toi, Victoria, and Aracely benefitted from the Dental Health Science and Pharmacy Technician courses at Dickinson High School, which are part of the Health Science pathway. This was a four-year process which started with basic courses in Health Science as a freshman and sophomore before moving into the more career-specific dental and pharmacy practicum courses as juniors and seniors.

As part of the senior-level practicum course, students divide their time between classroom instruction and hands-on experience working directly with a community healthcare partner. Classrooms are set up with the equipment and tools similar to what student's see in an actual healthcare provider's office. Dental chairs with a replica of a patient's mouth and a mock

pharmacy with prescriptions are just some of the items incorporated into the classroom. After several weeks of learning how the equipment works, students transition into the workplace to learn alongside healthcare professionals. In the dental classes, partnerships are available with League City Family Dentistry, Texas City Family Dentistry, Citrus Dental in Texas City, Bacliff Dental, and League City Pediatrics, while the pharmacy students have on-site opportunities at several Walgreens and CVS locations, and at Sullivan's Pharmacy in Bacliff.

"I learn better with hands-on experience and the muscle memory of doing the steps I'm taught," said Goffney, who visited League City Family Dentistry two days a week to learn alongside Lead Dental Assistant Joann Miller.

Goffney enjoys working with teeth and likes it because it is different than regular nursing fields. She will be attending the pre-dental program at Texas Women's University to major in dental hygiene. She started her internship at League City Family Dentistry at the end of the first semester and learned about the proper ways to set up and clean up rooms for the practice's dental hygienists and how to use the sterilizing equipment.

"The Dental Health Practicum course gives students the opportunity to experience the dental field, so they can decide if they want to further their education before investing money into the career choice," said Dental Health teacher Jenna Ryder.

Ryder said the nine students in her dental practicum class learned the basics of tooth numbering and the sterilization process, while getting comfortable working in someone else's mouth. She added that a student taking the course through a college or trade school could expect to spend anywhere from \$10,000-\$15,000, so having the opportunity to take the course and certification exam while in high school is a huge financial savings for the students and their families.

Miller loves helping the students learn everything they need to know about working in a dental office and assisting the dental hygienists.

"This is their opportunity to decide if this is a career they want and what type of dentistry they would like to do. It gets their foot in the door without the cost normally associated with attending the program after graduation," said Miller. "They get the experience and also references working with the hygienists and the dentists."

In Pharmacy, teacher Lacey Jackson had 12 health science practicum students, who were all placed with internship opportunities, including two in paid positions.



Jackson said the course covers 200 of the most common medications; teaches important job skills in professionalism, interviewing and customer service; filling and interpreting prescriptions; and other pharmacy technician job duties. The students' complete online modules through the National Healthcare Association, which are all part of the process to prepare for the state exam, which is given in April.

"Once students earn their certification, they can find jobs right out of high school making \$18-\$19 an hour. Some of these businesses will even help with higher education expenses and opportunities to grow within the company. They can also use their certification as a stepping stone into something else they may want to pursue in the healthcare field, such as nursing," said Jackson.

Healthcare is something that has always interested Pena. She explored veterinary medicine and pediatrics before deciding to work toward her pharmacy technician certification. She said working at Walgreens taught her patience, how to speak with customers, and provides her valuable experience in the pharmacy. However, her interest in healthcare and pharmacy, comes from a more personal experience. Pena's

grandmother passed away during her junior year from brain cancer and while she fought the disease for two years, Pena helped her mom with taking care of her grandma's medications and making her meals.

"My future career is dedicated to my grandmother," said Pena. Pena will be attending the University of Houston to pursue a medical degree specializing in oncology.

Near the end of the course, CTE students have the opportunity to take their certification exams. Those who pass these exams can go directly into the workforce, to pursue higher paying jobs upon high school graduation. For some, these jobs support them while pursuing a college degree.

In the Dental program, all students passed both the Registered Dental Assistant Examination as well as the Monitoring of Nitrous Oxide Sedation Examination. The Pharmacy Tech program had a 92 percent passing rate among the students enrolled in the practicum course.

CTE students are one step closer to their career goals once they successfully complete their course, pass their certification exams, and earn their diploma. No matter what the future holds, their work during high school will put them on the right track to a career in a healthcare field.



Toi Goffney works to prepare an exam room for a dental hygienist at League City Family Dentistry. She will be attending pre-dental program at Texas Women's University to major in dental hygiene.

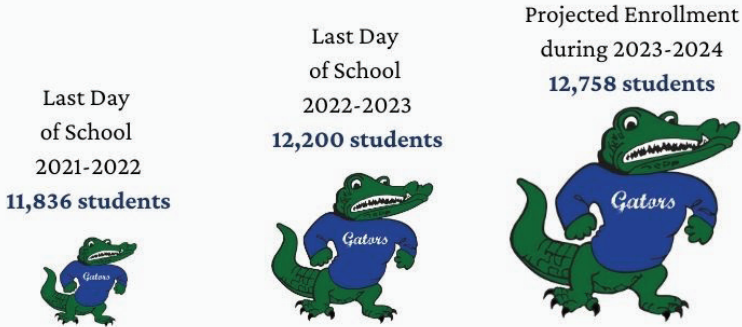


Victoria Estrada worked in the Pharmacy at Walgreens in Dickinson and has since been promoted to Lead Pharmacy Technician. She plans on attending College of the Mainland to continue her education.

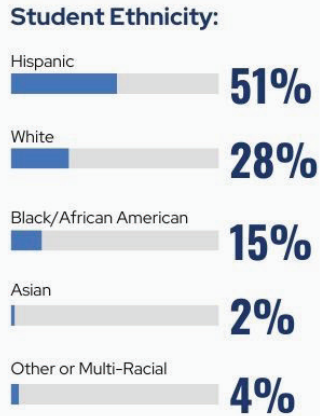
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At a Glance 2022-2023



Dickinson ISD offers families a diverse, growing community with a small-town atmosphere that is within easy access of big-town amenities. Students and staff experience a district rooted in tradition, but at the same time, excelling in high-quality learning opportunities covering academics, career and technology, athletics, fine arts and much more.



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DHS One-Act Play "The Tin Woman" earns sixth place in State UIL 6A Contest

The Dickinson High School One-Act Play, "The Tin Woman," advanced to the UIL 6A One-Act Play State Meet in May where they earned sixth place out of the eight schools performing. There are 247 Texas schools that participated in the UIL 6A One-Act Play program this year, so to compete at the state level and be part of the top eight plays in Texas in 6A is a very impressive accomplishment. In addition, this is the first time since 1969 that DHS has advanced to the state competition for One-Act Play, so it makes their achievements this year even more special. The play had an exciting journey to the State Meet with impressive finishes for the play as well as the cast and crew at the District, Bi-District, Area, and Regionals Meets over the past two months. Eight cast or crew members earned individual honors for their performances.



Five named as finalists in musical Tommy Tune Awards

The Dickinson High School Theatre Department participates in the Tommy Tune Awards through the Theatre Under the Stars, which allows high schools in the Houston area to enter their full-length musicals to compete in over 15 categories. Each school is judged by a team of volunteer mentors, professional Houston-based music/theatre artists. For 2023, 48 different high schools participated in the competition. Dickinson High School entered two musicals for consideration this past school year, including the all-district musical, "Beauty and the Beast," presented in October and the high school production of "The Drowsy Chaperone" presented in February. All the nominations that the production receives qualify the recipients to be named as a finalist for the Tommy Tune Awards Ceremony, which is held in May.

"Beauty and the Beast" received 24 nominations, including the categories of Outstanding Musical, Ensemble, Technical Achievement, Lead Performer, Supporting Performer, Singer, Actor, Director, Lighting, Sound, Stage Management, and Honorable Mention Performer. The "Drowsy Chaperone" earned 16 nominations from the categories of Outstanding Musical, Ensemble, Technical Achievement, Lead Performer, Supporting Performer, Singer, Actor, Director, Music Director, Lighting, and Stage Management.

For the Tommy Tune Awards Ceremony, five DHS students were named as finalists, including "The Drowsy Chaperone" for Outstanding Ensemble; Brianna Delaney in "The Drowsy Chaperone" for Outstanding Lead Performer; Michael Flores in "Beauty and the Beast" for Outstanding Supporting Lead Performer; Caidence Foster, Danae Dever, Ashley Sherk, and Haedyn Lynch in "Beauty and the Beast" for Outstanding Stage Management; and Laurel Powell in "The Drowsy Chaperone" for Outstanding Director. Four of the 34 DHS students attending the Tommy Tunes Awards Show were selected to participate as a performer at the show.

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Together Dickinson ISD Soars In Fine Arts

Winterguard earns first at contests

The Dickinson High School Winterguard had a tremendous season after months of preparation and countless hours of rehearsal for their production “Always Be My Baby.” They earned first place at the two Texas Educational Colorguard Association contests at Seguin and Jourdanton in A class, which allowed them to advance to the State level of competition on April 1. At the State level, also earned the first-place award. The DHS Winterguard is the largest guard in our area and the fifth largest guard in Texas.

KJH Rubies earn top awards

The Kranz Junior High Rubies Dance Team competed against 13 other junior high dance teams at the Ascension Northeast Houston Competition and earned several team awards, including Overall Grand Champion First Runner-Up, Overall Grand Champion First Place in Hip Hop, Overall Grand Champion First Runner-Up in Contemporary, Grand Champion First Place in their division in Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Kick, First Runner-Up in Pom, Team Challenge Elite Award and Judges Award, and Officers First Runner-Up and Superior Rating.

40 students named to Region Choir

The Dickinson High School Choir had 20 students named to one of the All-Region Choirs, which is the largest number from DHS in more than 10 years and five additional students over the previous year. At the junior high level, Kranz Junior High had 15 students and McAdams Junior High had five students earn a place in the All-Region Choir, which is the highest honor a junior high choir student can achieve.

KJH Band recognized nationally

For the second year in a row, the Kranz Junior High Honors Band is a National Winner in the Mark of Excellence/ National Wind Band Honors project. Coordinated by the Foundation for Music Education, the competition allows schools to enter recordings which are judged by nationally acclaimed adjudicators, with the top quarter being named National Winners and the second quarter named Commended Winners.

123 earn TMEA band honors

Dickinson ISD band students had a successful year with 123 junior high and high school students earning places in the Texas Music Educators Association band auditions. The students auditioning can be named to the District Band, Region Band, Freshman Region Band, Area Band, Region Orchestra, or All-State Band. At Dickinson High School, 50 students earned band placements, including Samuel Sheffield who was named to the All-State Band, which is the highest honor a high school band student can achieve. In addition, 25 of these students earned spots in the Freshman Region Band, which is the most in the region.

Earning a place in the All-Region Band is the highest honor a junior high band student can achieve. McAdams Junior High had 18 students and Kranz Junior High had 55 students earn places in the District or Region Band or Region Orchestra.

Junior high plays recognized

The One Act Play cast and crew at Kranz Junior High earned second place at Zone B Contest and advanced to the District Contest where they were awarded first place. The One Act Play cast and crew at McAdams Junior High earned first place at Zone A Contest and advanced to the District Contest where they were awarded fourth place. Students at both campuses earned individual honors for their performances.

DISD Bands earn top awards at UIL Concert/Sightreading Contest

Dickinson ISD bands earned top awards this past spring at UIL Concert and Sight-Reading Contest. A Sweepstakes award is earned for receiving straight “1” scores in both Concert and Sight-Reading. Honors included:

- Kranz Junior High - Honors Band and the Symphonic Band earned Sweepstakes awards.
- McAdams Junior High - Honors Band earned a Sweepstakes award. Symphonic Band and Concert Band both earned a Concert first division rating.
- Dickinson High School - Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Concert Band 1, and Concert Band 2 all earned Sweepstakes awards.

DISD is 4-time winner of NAMM Best Communities for Music Award

Dickinson ISD has once again been awarded the Best Communities for Music Education award from the National Association of Music Merchants. The school district has earned this national recognition for four consecutive years. This achievement is due to the hardworking students, teachers, and administrators district-wide.

Two advance to State VASE 3D art

After successful showings at the regional and area level, two Dickinson High School seniors advanced to the Visual Arts Scholastic Event State Contest for 3D art. Hayden Honicker earned a IV rating at regionals, area and state and also a gold medal at state. La’Jiya Johnson earn a IV rating at both the regional and area levels.

12 qualify to attend National Thespian Festival in Indiana

The Dickinson High School Theatre Department participated this past school year in the Texas Thespians Festival in San Antonio where over 2,100 students competed in various acting and technical competitions. DHS Theatre had 27 students attend the festival and 20 of those students returned home with trophies and medals, including 12 qualifying for the International Thespian Festival, which is a national contest being held this summer at Indiana University.

The national qualifiers include Hannah McGinty in monologue, Chase Casterline and Seth Taylor in duet acting, Brianna Delaney in solo musical, Michael Flores, Noah Nuetzmann, Andrew Johnson, and Kennady Spies in duet musical, Audrey Brooks, Olivia Silvas, and Jewel Richards in group acting, and Kenzington Bass in lighting design.

KJH Jazz Band places first

The Kranz Junior High Jazz Band performed at the Falls Jazz Festival and Kemah Boardwalk, where they ended up swinging to a first place finish in addition to the entire trombone section receiving an outstanding soloist award. This was the first Dickinson ISD jazz band competition in over a decade.



Outstanding season for DHS Band with return to State Marching Contest

The Dickinson High School Marching Band had a tremendous season this past school year for their show, “Cinematic.” The entertaining show featured several music pieces with a movie theme and many colorful props to complete the performance. The band’s honors include:

- **U.S. Bands Showcase**
First place out of seven schools competing in Group V; Best in Visual, Music, Overall General Effect, Percussion and Colorguard
- **Galena Park Marching Band Festival**
First place in the UIL 6A division consisting of 16 competing bands and Best in Music and Visual
- **UIL 6A Regional Marching Contest**
Division 1 rating for the 45th year in a row and advanced to the UIL Area E contest
- **Gulf Coast Marching Festival**
First place in the preliminary and finals competition, Division 1 rating and Best in Music and Overall Effect
- **UIL 6A Area E Marching Contest**
Fifth place in the preliminary round out of 25 bands, one of 10 bands advancing to the finals round, third place overall in the finals round, One of the top five bands advancing to the UIL 6A State Marching Competition
- **UIL 6A State Marching Band Contest**
Placed 24th out of the 42 qualifying bands, In the top five out of all Houston area bands competing.



Together Dickinson ISD Soars In Athletics

Five DHS track athletes advance to state

The Dickinson High School track teams had successful seasons with both the girls' and boys' teams ending the school year as UIL 24-6A 2023 District Champions. Five athletes advanced to the UIL 6A Track and Field State Meet. Nineteen other athletes earned many top awards at the district, area, and regional levels.

At the state meet, senior Marquis Johnson came out on top with an impressive first place finish in the 100-meter dash, second place in the 200-meter dash, and second place in the long jump.

The team of Jalyn Green, Kayden Henry, Anaya Jones, and Jada Lee traveled to the state meet as well. They earned fourth place in the 4x100 meter relay, which ranked them tenth in the nation, and fifth place in the 4x200 meter relay, which ranked them eighth in the nation. The team times for both relays were new school records.

Kayden Henry also competed in the state 200-meter run, where she placed sixth and was ranked 18th in the nation.



Boys Basketball -- District Champs

The Dickinson High School 2022-2023 Boys Basketball Team clinched the District Championship for the seventh time in the last eight years. They finished the season with a 10-2 district record and a 25-10 overall record for the season. They advanced to the second round of playoffs. Seven members of the team earned individual UIL 24-6A postseason honors for their performances this season.

Five female powerlifters qualify for state

The Dickinson High School Lady Gator Powerlifters competed at the State Powerlifting Championships in Frisco and did an outstanding job representing Dickinson High School.

Overall, there were 64 teams from across Texas competing in the school's division and the Lady Gators placed 8th as a team finishing in the top 10 in Texas.

Leading up to state meet, the Lady Gator Powerlifters had a successful season with 13 girls qualifying for the Regional

Championships. At the Regional Championships, the team earned 2nd place overall, eight ladies brought home medals, and five qualified to advance to the State Meet. Those advancing to the State Meet include Kaley Barajaz, seventh place in the 105 weight class; Ayah Bnider, second place in the 181 weight class; Deaisha Boone, fourth place in the 259 plus weight class; Fabiola Cerros-Martinez, 15th place in the 181 weight class; and Christy Richardson Randell, third place in the 165 weight class.



41 earn post-season football honors

The Dickinson High School Varsity Football Team had an impressive season and advanced to the second round of playoffs where they met up with defending state champion North Shore High School. The Gators fought hard keeping the score very close during the first half of the game but came up short in the end with a 43-34 loss. Forty-one players were recognized with post-season honors for their performances during the fall season through UIL District 24-6A.

17 earn post-season volleyball honors

The Dickinson High School Varsity Volleyball Team finished the season with an overall record of 20-21 and 4-8 record in District 24-6A and missed advancing to the playoffs by one game. Seventeen players were recognized with post-season honors for their performances during the fall season through UIL District 24-6A, Texas High School Coaches Association, and American Volleyball Coaches Association.

Six male powerlifters qualify for state

Six members of the Dickinson High School Boys Powerlifting Team qualified for the State Powerlifting Meet in Abilene at the end of March with several athletes scoring their personal best lifts. Leading up to the State Meet, 11 boys qualified for the Regional Championships held in Dickinson ISD at the beginning of March. At Regionals, the team earned second place overall and several boys earned individual honors, including the six boys qualifying for the State Meet.

Top accomplishments include Aaron Arratia, Regional second place in the 148 weight class & state qualifier; Aden Arredondo, Regional second place in the 165 weight class & state qualifier; Josyah Delekaita, Regional third place in the 132 weight class; Cace Jones, Regional second place in the 181 weight class & state qualifier;

Emilio Martinez, Regional fourth place in the 242 weight class & state qualifier; Jonathan Sagastizato, Regional fourth place in the 181 weight class & state qualifier; Tyler Vu, Regional fifth place in the 114 weight class; and Jay Reroma, Regional sixth place in the 220 weight class & state qualifier.



Girls Basketball advances to playoffs

The Dickinson High School 2022-2023 Lady Gators Basketball Team finished the season in second place in UIL 24-6A district play. They entered the first round of playoffs against Alief Hastings but unfortunately did not advance further. They ended their season 10-2 in district play and 24-8 overall. Eleven girls earned post-season honors for their performances during the season.

Athletes earn All-District honors

Congratulations to athletes from several other Dickinson High School sports on being recognized with All-District honors in UIL District 24-6A.

- Baseball - Five players awarded
- Boys Soccer - Eleven players awarded
- Softball - Nine players awarded

BOND 2020

DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dickinson ISD voters approved a \$94.2 million bond referendum in November 2020. The projects included in this bond will all be completed by the end of 2023.

Dickinson Junior High

The largest project in Bond 2020 is construction of the district's third junior high, which will open in August 2023 for students in grades 6-8.



Agricultural Center

Additions are underway at the Agricultural Center located on the perimeter of the DHS campus. By the end of 2023, students will have additional room to house animal projects, and more concrete parking areas.

Technology Center

Construction of an addition to the existing warehouse is underway for cubicles and storage. Renovations are being made to the existing space for a new conference room and support services.

Transportation Center

Additions and renovations are underway to provide additional space, a new fueling station, six additional service bays, and additional concrete parking for buses and district vehicles.

Safety and Security

Opaque window film was added on all interior classroom windows at Lobit Education Village and Kranz Junior High. Secure vestibules were constructed featuring ballistic window film at the front entrances to all schools, transaction windows, and controlled access.

HRES Parking & MJHS Track

Substantial drainage work and an additional parking lot at Hughes Road Elementary was complete in 2021. The running track at McAdams Junior High is scheduled to be resurfaced this summer.



BOND 2023

DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dickinson ISD voters approved the \$120 million bond referendum in May with 62.82% voting in favor. The bond focuses on three main projects over the next 3-4 years.

PreK-5 Education Complex

This new education complex will be located on property the district purchased at the corner



of Lago Crossing and Hughes Road in the Lago Mar community and serve students in Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. Planning for the new campus will begin in the fall.

Safety and Security

Safety and security upgrades will continue to be implemented to address access control around and within campuses with safety film, perimeter fencing and alarm security, as well as funds for security technology and cybersecurity.

Career and Technical Education

A 100,000 square foot Career and Technical Education (CTE) facility will be constructed on the Dickinson High School campus to accommodate the high school enrollment as well as provide classrooms and labs designed specifically for CTE programs. In addition, existing CTE facilities inside DHS will be renovated and updated. Planning for the new facility and upgrades will begin this fall.

Planning and construction is expected to take between 2-3 years. With the additional space dedicated to CTE, Dickinson ISD is exploring adding several new programs of study, such as culinary arts, maritime, firefighting, construction science, and IT/Cyber Security.

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The district's overall Principals and Teachers of the Year were each surprised at the Blue and White Awards Night with \$250 gift cards from AMOCO Federal Credit Union. Pictured above are Elementary Teacher of the Year Dee Hopper, Secondary Teacher of the Year Justin Faith, AMOCO Business Development Officer Becky Ferguson, Elementary Principal of the Year Stephanie Williams, and Secondary Principal of the Year David "Mac" McConnell.

Four top teachers, principals honored for 2022-2023

Four overall top educator awards were announced as part of the 2022-2023 Dickinson ISD Blue and White Awards Night employee recognition banquet held in May.

Dee Hopper earned the Elementary Teacher of the Year honor. She has 15 years of education experience, all in Dickinson ISD, and is a SAILS Special Education teacher at San Leon Elementary. Dee has this advice for teachers. "Every day, you are faced with challenges that may leave you feeling overwhelmed. You are asked to be educators, mentors, entertainers, interventionists, and team plays, often with limited resources and endless demands on your time. But despite these challenges, you continue to show up, day after day, to ensure that your students have the best possible education and that your teams have the support they need to be successful."

Justin Faith was honored with the Secondary Teacher of the Year award. He has seven years of teaching experience, including the past two years in Dickinson ISD. He was a science teacher at Kranz Junior High this past year and has been promoted to assistant

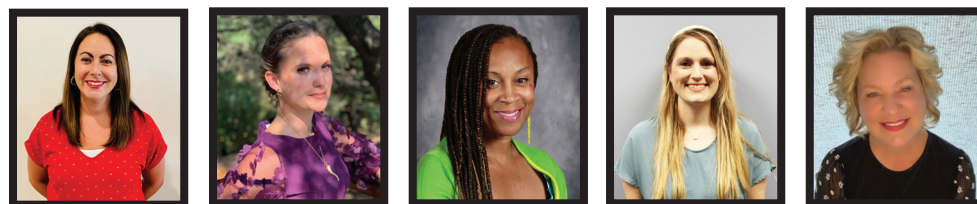
principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Justin says, "As teachers we must have a heart for those we service. Empathy is vital to making real connections between people. If you aren't empathetic, take it until you make it. We must be innovative, and not just in how we teach. We must be willing to learn, to change, and face new challenges with vigor. To truly service your students you must connect to their community, parents, administrators, and hobbies."

Stephanie Williams was honored with the Elementary Principal of the Year award. She is celebrating 25 years of service in Dickinson ISD. She has served as principal at Lobit Elementary since it opened in 2016.

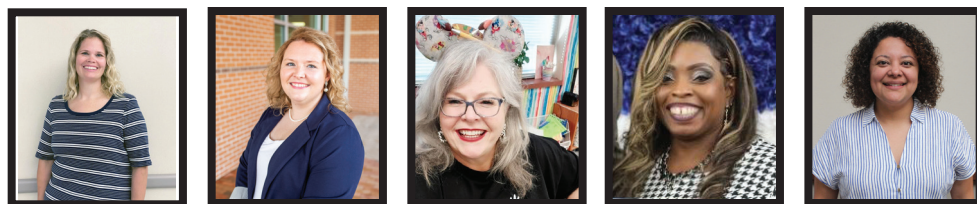
David "Mac" McConnell earned the Secondary Principal of the Year award. With 29 years in education, including the past three years in Dickinson ISD, he serves as principal at the Dickinson Continuation Center and Dickinson Alternative Learning Center.

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Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Dickinson ISD Campus Teachers of the Year



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Lynz Costa Calder Road El
Javana Gatewood Hughes Road El
Megan Betcher K.E. Little El
Cindy Carnes Lobit El



Dee Hopper San Leon El
Kelsey Helton Silbernagel El
Kimi White Barber MS
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