

Cleveland City Schools
Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 6, 2026 5:30 PM
Educational Support Center



1. **Welcome**
2. **Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance**
 - Student Board Representative, Lily Hakes, will lead us in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Comments from Chairman Tucker**
5. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **Approval of Regular Agenda**
 - B. **Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2026, Board Meeting**
 - C. **Approval of Overnight Field Trips**
 - 2885
 - 2874
 - 2913
 - 2932
 - D. **Approval of Second Reading of Policies- None**
 - E. **Approval of Curriculum Changes for 2026-27- None**
 - F. **Approval of Virtual Testing Days for CHS End of Course Exams**
 - G. **Approval to Use Stockpiled Days for PD on May 15**
6. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. ***CHS 2026-27 Course Guide was removed from the Consent Agenda and moved to the Regular Agenda**
 - The Board removed this item from the Consent Agenda
 - B. **Director's Update**
 - Director of Schools, Dr. Jeff Elliott, will present an update to the Board highlighting all the great things happening in Cleveland City Schools
 - C. **Spotlight**
 1. **CHS Wrestling Recognition- TSSAA State Champions**
 - Principal, Bob Pritchard, will recognize the CHS Wrestling State Champions, including:
Girls Team: Easton Dadiomoff, Chyna Dodd, La'kyla Dodd, Adamarie France, Fressia Garcia, Jaylyn Garcia, Senna Grassman, Saniya Hammonds, Caroline Hilton, Yeralin Mercado, Kailee Miller, Audreyona Perkins, Aiden Pilarowski, Aveyona Smith, Anasjah Tate, Emma Thompson, Kaydence Tigue, Ava Walker

Boys Team: Gabriel Ayala, Ralston Blake, Aiden Boyd, Hudson Chittum, Hayden Clark, Preston Congdon, Dominic Cordero, Jose

Cordero, Taylor Crawley, Max Denetolis, Tracey Dennard, William Hartgraves, Mikiah Haun, Bronson Hayes, Jayden Heath, Jace Hidalgo, Gary High, Cole Hitson, Ezra Ledlow, Dylan Mason, Colt Maughon, Boone Maughon, Kaleb Miller, Gabe Moore, Destin Morris, Elijah Nichols, Leonid Novochkov, Braxton Pulley, Braylon Pulley, Logan Raske, Zaviour Richmire, Carson Russell, Kellen Sanders, Tucker Sepenuk, Zechariah Shipman, Cason Stewart, Xavier Terry, Caleb Valentin, Bryce Webb, Elijah York

Individual Girls State Champs: Easton Dadiomoff, Senna Grassman, Caroline Hilton

Individual Boys State Champs: Jose Cordero, Dominic Cordero, Kellen Sanders, Braxton Pulley, Gabe Moore

Coaches: Josh Bosken, Matt High, Jacob Murphy, Shawn Cordell

2. **School Spotlight- Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary**
 - Principal, Sara Whitener, will present an update to the Board showcasing Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary
- D. **SCOPE Conference Update**
 - Principal Bob Pritchard will introduce the SCOPE Conference participants and give an update to the Board
- E. ***2026-27 Child Nutrition Contract**
 - Dr. Jeff Elliott will present the Child Nutrition contract for 2026–27 to the Board for approval
- F. ***First Reading of Policies**
 - 1.404
 - 6.200
- G. **Strategic Plan Focus- Student Information Systems**
 - Director of Student Information Systems, Michael Kahrs, will present an update to the Board
- H. **Student Representative's Update**
 - Student Representative, Lily Hakes, will present a Cleveland High School update to the Board
7. **Facilities Update**
 - Facilities Chair, Andy Lay, will present an update to the Board
- A. ***Candy's Creek Granite Tree Marker Placement**
- B. ***Tree Donation at Denning Center and Blythe Bower Elementary**
- C. ***CHS Mural Design for Denning Center**
8. **Legislative Updates**
 - Carolyn Ingram will give a TSBA update to the Board
9. **"B" Agenda**
 - A. **Financial Report**
 - B. **Personnel Report**
 - C. **CMS Highlights**

D. **Dates to Remember**

April-

- 3- Easter Holiday- District Closed
- 6- Staff Development Day- No School for Students
- 6- Board of Education Meeting
- 25- Celebrate Blue Event
- 28- Breakfast with the Board- Mayfield
- 28- BOE Facilities Meeting

May-

- 4- Board of Education Meeting
- 5- Staff Development Day- No School for Students
- 8- Graduation- CHS Arena
- 21- Lunch with the Board- Operations Annex
- 22- Abbreviated Day for Students
 - CMS/CHS Dismissal 10:30am
 - Elementary Dismissal- 11:30am

June-

- 15- Board of Education Meeting

10. **Adjourn**

Transportation will bill the Trip Sponsor for the driver/mileage/bus/damage after the trip is completed. This will be done on a monthly basis.

Trip Number **2885**
* Category Travel With Students
* Type of Trip Athletic
* Athletic Event (you may check more than one)
Tennis

Trip Leave

* Date 3/27/26 Friday
* Time 6:00 AM

Trip Return

* Date 3/28/26
* Time 5:00 PM

Trip Year/Week 2026-13

Buses are not available before 4:30 PM and must be returned by 12:00 AM.

* Is this an overnight trip? Yes

Is this an overnight trip? Additional Information

* Please list all chaperones for this overnight trip including non-staff. Lisa Casteel, Pam Womack, Seth Cannon

* Indicate cost per person and how the trip is being funded (parent or district?) \$40 per player

Comments

Enter any comments about this trip that is important for the driver to know such as drop off location. Also, indicate the group, club or organization that is traveling, and any information about parking at the destination. This information will print on the trip ticket for the driver.

Carpooling with parents

* **Your School/Dept** ⓘ 019 CHS Athletics
850 Raider Dr, Cleveland, TN 37312

* **Main Destination** ⓘ Other (Type Below)
209 Market Pl Blvd, Knoxville, TN 37922, USA

Destination Not Listed 209 Market Place Boulevard, Knoxville, TN, USA

Destination Name Knoxville Halls Tennis T

Add a Stop on the Way There

Add a Stop on the Return

* **Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip** 140.36 **CALCULATE MILES**

* **Funding Source #1** School **Budget Code** 606

Funding Source Desc **Budget Code Desc**

Funding Approver

* **Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name** Seth Cannon
* **Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone #** 4233108053
Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email scannon@clevelandschools.org

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

* **Emergency Contact Name** Seth Cannon

* Emergency Contact Phone # 4233108053

Number of Individuals Making Trip

* Male Adult/Chaperone	1	* Female Adult/Chaperone	2	Total Adult/Chaperone	3
* Male Students	7	* Female Students	7	Total Students	14

Additional Information

* Will you be using external transportation-Does NOT include charters-- (includes plane, rental van, personal vehicle or walking)?

* Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itinerarie: please do not indicate that in this section. Use the next section to reserve the vehicle.

Leaving for tennis tournament at 6am. Staying overnight at Baymony by Wyndham Knoxville Cedar Bluff.

Vehicles Needed

* Do you need a school bus, staff van or charter bus? Yes No

Person Submitting Request scannon@clevelandschools.org

Date Submitted Mar 3, 2026, 8:33:17 AM

▶ Trip Estimator (click to open and enter additional information for estimating trip cost)

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name almorris@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Mar 3, 2026, 9:58:14 AM

Level 07 Approval - Overnight Trip Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name jelliott@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Mar 4, 2026, 6:44:05 AM

Level 10 Approval - School Board Approval

Comment

Decision Approved Denied

Designated Approver awheeler@clevelandschools.org

Name

Decision Date

Supporting Documents

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Request Status Trip: **2885** Pending School Board Approval

Final Approval Date

Email Audit Log:

Date
3/4/26, 6:44:05 AM
3/3/26, 9:58:14 AM

User
jelliott@clevelandschools.org
almorris@clevelandschools.org

Action
Central Office Level Approved
Location Level Approved



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Transportation will bill the Trip Sponsor for the driver/mileage/bus/damage after the trip is completed. This will be done on a monthly basis.

Trip Number **2874**
* Category Travel With Students
* Type of Trip Field Trip
* Field Trip Event
Standard Field Trip

Trip Leave

* Date 5/5/26 Tuesday
* Time 6:00 AM

Trip Return

* Date 5/7/26
* Time 4:00 PM

Trip Year/Week 2026-19

* Is this an overnight trip? Yes

Is this an overnight trip? Additional Information

* Please list all chaperones for this overnight trip including non-staff.

Josiah Vacheresse and Laura Vacheresse

* Indicate cost per person and how the trip is being funded (parent or district?)

Costs paid for by Gilder Lehrman Institute

Comments

Enter any comments about this trip that is important for the driver to know such as drop off location. Also, indicate the group, club or organization that is traveling, and any information about parking at the destination. This information will print on the trip ticket for the driver.

Bus Driver will not be needed.

* Your School/Dept ⓘ

020 Cleveland High School
850 Raider Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312

* Do you have students with health concerns on this trip? Don't list student names, only the health conditions due to FERPA/HIPPA.

Yes No

* Main Destination ⓘ

Other (Type Below)
New York, NY, USA

Destination Not Listed

New York City, NY, USA

Destination Name

The Hotel Edison

Add a Stop on the Way There

Add a Stop on the Return

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip

1570.48

CALCULATE MILES

* Funding Source #1

Other

Budget Code

Gilder Lehrman Institute, as part of the cc

Funding Source Desc

Please indicate the funding information in the Budget Code Field to the right.

Budget Code Desc

Funding Approver

Are funds payable to a third party?

Yes No

(Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name

David Josiah Vacheresse

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone #

4235073803

Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email

jvacheresse@clevelandschools.org

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info

Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

* Emergency Contact Name

Laura Vacheresse

* Emergency Contact Phone #

4235073736

* Grade Level(s) Making Trip

All Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

* Educational Objective for Field Trip

Students will be seeing a live performance of the historical musical Hamilton on Broadwa

Number of Individuals Making Trip

* Male Adult/Chaperone	1	* Female Adult/Chaperone	1	Total Adult/Chaperone	2
* Male Students	0	* Female Students	2	Total Students	2

* Will the students be away from school during lunch? Yes No

* If so, will these students need packed lunches? Yes No

Nbr Students 2 Teacher David Josiah Vacheresse

Students will be away from school during the lunch period, so therefore lunches are not needed.

Additional Information

* Will you be using external transportation-Does NOT include charters-- (includes plane, rental van, personal vehicle or walking)?

* Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itinerarie; please do not indicate that in this section. Use the next section to reserve the vehicle.

May 5th
Flight from Chattanooga to LaGuardia airport, NYC 6:00 am
Airport transfer to hotel to drop off luggage

Vehicles Needed

* Do you need a school bus, staff van or charter bus? Yes No

Person Submitting Request

jvacheresse@clevelandschools.org

Date Submitted

Feb 26, 2026, 10:44:17 AM

▶ [Trip Estimator \(click to open and enter additional information for estimating trip cost\)](#)

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision

Approved

Name

bpritchard@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date

Mar 7, 2026, 9:03:35 PM

Level 02 Approval - Second Level Location Approval

Comment

Decision

Approved

Name

llaing@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date

Mar 8, 2026, 11:04:09 AM

Level 07 Approval - Overnight Trip Approval

Comment

Decision

Approved

Name

jelliott@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date

Mar 22, 2026, 6:39:16 PM

Level 10 Approval - School Board Approval

Comment

Decision

Approved Denied

Designated Approver

awheeler@clevelandschools.org

Name

Decision Date

Supporting Documents

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Request Status Trip: **2874**

Pending School Board Approval

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jelliott@clevelandschools.org

Central Office Level Approved

3/8/26, 11:04:09 AM

llaing@clevelandschools.org

Second Level Location Level Approved

3/7/26, 9:03:35 PM

bpritchard@clevelandschools.org

Location Level Approved



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Trip Number **2913**

* Category Travel With Students

* Type of Trip Field Trip

* Field Trip Event
CTE Field Trip

Trip Leave

* Date 4/24/26 Friday

* Time 4:00 PM

Trip Return

* Date 4/29/26 W

* Time 3:00 PM

Trip Year/Week 2026-17

* Is this an overnight trip? Yes

Is this an overnight trip? Additional Information

* Please list all chaperones for this overnight trip including non-staff. Anne Person, Becky Brady, Lisa Casteel and Adam Casteel

* Indicate cost per person and how the trip is being funded (parent or district?) \$703 DECA for the registration and hotel. CTE will pay for mileage and fuel. Teacher(s).

Comments

Enter any comments about this trip that is important for the driver to know such as drop off location. Also, indicate the group, club or organization that is traveling, and any information about parking at the destination. This information will print on the trip ticket for the driver.

* Your School/Dept ⓘ 020 Cleveland High School
850 Raider Drive, Cleveland, TN 37312

* Do you have students with health concerns on this trip? Don't list student names, only the health conditions due to FERPA/HIPPA. Yes No

* Main Destination ⓘ Other (Type Below)
265 Peachtree Center Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30303, USA

Destination Not Listed Atlanta Marriott Marquis, Peachtree Center Avenue Northeast, Atlanta, GA 30303, USA Destination Name ICDC

Add a Stop on the Way There

Add a Stop on the Return

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip 123.00 **CALCULATE MILES**

* Funding Source #1 CTE Budget Code Perkins 72130-599C

Funding Source Desc For Career/Tech trips and Band use only Budget Code Desc

Funding Approver rstephens@clevelandschools.org

Are funds payable to a third party? Yes No
(Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

Amount of Payment 5010

Payment Option Mail Check

Will Pick Up Check

Purchase Order/Requisition Nbr

Payment Due To

Tennessee DECA - (Attn Zack Buchanan)
525 Royal Pkwy, Unit 291929
Nashville, TN 37229-4051

Comments Concerning Payment

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name

Anne Person

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone #

(423) 716-7901

Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info

Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

* Emergency Contact Name

Anne Person

* Emergency Contact Phone #

(423) 716-7901

* Grade Level(s) Making Trip

All Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

* Educational Objective for Field Trip

DECA - ICDC

Number of Individuals Making Trip

* Male Adult/Chaperone	1	* Female Adult/Chaperone	0	Total Adult/Chaperone	1
* Male Students	2	* Female Students	3	Total Students	5

* Will the students be away from school during lunch? Yes No

* If so, will these students need packed lunches? Yes No

Nbr Students 5 Teacher Anne Person

Students will be away from school during the lunch period, so therefore lunches are not needed.

Additional Information

* Will you be using external transportation-Does NOT include charters-- (includes plane, rental van, personal vehicle or walking)?

* Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itinerarie; please do not indicate that in this section. Use the next section to reserve the vehicle.

Personal vehicles. Students will ride with parents. Leaving Cleveland High School Saturday morning. ICDC conference will start Saturday after

Vehicles Needed

* Do you need a school bus, staff van or charter bus? Yes No

Person Submitting Request

aperson@clevelandschools.org

Date Submitted

Mar 19, 2026, 9:10:37 AM

▶ [Trip Estimator \(click to open and enter additional information for estimating trip cost\)](#)

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision

Approved

Name

bpritchard@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date

Mar 22, 2026, 9:30:14 PM

Level 05 Approval - Funding Source Approval

Comment
 Decision: Approved
 Name: rstephens@clevelandschools.org
 Decision Date: Mar 23, 2026, 8:15:32 AM

Level 07 Approval - Overnight Trip Approval

Comment
 Decision: Approved
 Name: jelliott@clevelandschools.org
 Decision Date: Mar 23, 2026, 10:52:39 AM

Level 08 Approval - CTE/Fine Arts Approval

Comment
 Decision: Approved
 Name: rstephens@clevelandschools.org
 Decision Date: Mar 23, 2026, 2:42:42 PM

Level 10 Approval - School Board Approval

Comment:
 Decision: Approved Denied
 Designated Approver: awheeler@clevelandschools.org
 Name:
 Decision Date:

Supporting Documents

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Request Status Trip: **2913** Pending School Board Approval

Final Approval Date

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3/23/26, 2:42:42 PM	rstephens@clevelandschools.org	Level 08 Approved	
3/23/26, 10:52:39 AM	jelliott@clevelandschools.org	Central Office Level Approved	
3/23/26, 8:15:32 AM	rstephens@clevelandschools.org	Funding Level Approved	
3/22/26, 9:30:14 PM	bpritchard@clevelandschools.org	Location Level Approved	
3/19/26, 9:38:46 AM	aperson@clevelandschools.org	Save and Close Trip (Submit Page Determines Return)	

Transportation will bill the Trip Sponsor for the driver/mileage/bus/damage after the trip is completed. This will be done on a monthly basis.

Trip Number **2932**
* Category Travel With Students
* Type of Trip Field Trip
* Field Trip Event
Standard Field Trip

Trip Leave

* Date 6/23/26 Tuesday
* Time 2:00 PM

Trip Return

* Date 6/27/26
* Time 2:00 PM

Trip Year/Week 2026-26

* Is this an overnight trip? Yes

Is this an overnight trip? Additional Information

* Please list all chaperones for this overnight trip including non-staff.

Ali Creel, Jeani Featherngill, Josh Woods, Sr

* Indicate cost per person and how the trip is being funded (parent or district?)

\$375/student
\$250/parent chaperone
Funded by parent.

Comments

Enter any comments about this trip that is important for the driver to know such as drop off location. Also, indicate the group, club or organization that is traveling, and any information about parking at the destination. This information will print on the trip ticket for the driver.

* Your School/Dept ⓘ

018 Cleveland Middle School
3635 Georgetown Rd., Cleveland, TN 37312

* Do you have students with health concerns on this trip? Don't list student names, only the health conditions due to FERPA/HIPPA.

Yes No

Details Concerning Health Concerns

Parents have outlined any health concern lactose intolerance. I have two students require an epipen (parents are going on l

* Main Destination ⓘ

Other (Type Below)

2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214, USA

Destination Not Listed

2800 Opryland Dr. Nashville, TN 37214

Destination Name

Gaylord Conventor

Add a Stop on the Way There

Add a Stop on the Return

* Approximate Nbr of Miles Round Trip

334.18

CALCULATE MILES

* Funding Source #1

Other ▾

Budget Code

Parent/student pay

Funding Source Desc

Please indicate the funding information in the Budget Code Field to the right.

Budget Code Desc

Funding Approver

Are funds payable to a third party?

Yes No

(Does venue require payment prior to trip?)

Amount of Payment

\$75/student

Payment Option

- Mail Check
- Will Pick Up Check

Purchase Order/Requisition Nbr

Payment Due To

National BETA
 Address
 City / State / ZIP

Comments Concerning Payment

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Name

Ashley Henderson

* Teacher / Advisor / Staff Phone #

4232841059

Teacher / Advisor / Staff Email

ahenderson@clevelandschools.org

Note: This email will receive the requester emails if different from requester

Emergency Contact Info

Same as Teacher / Advisor / Staff

* Emergency Contact Name

Ali Creel

* Emergency Contact Phone #

423790-4383

* Grade Level(s) Making Trip

- All Pre-K K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

* Educational Objective for Field Trip

To represent our school in competition involving academics, fine arts, and STEM activities to network, participate in public speaking, and engage with students from around the cou

Number of Individuals Making Trip

* Male Adult/Chaperone	1	* Female Adult/Chaperone	2	Total Adult/Chaperone	3
* Male Students	8	* Female Students	17	Total Students	25

- * Will the students be away from school during lunch? Yes No
- * If so, will these students need packed lunches? Yes No

Nbr Students 25 Teacher Ashley Henderson

Students will be away from school during the lunch period, so therefore lunches are not needed.

Additional Information

- * Will you be using external transportation-Does NOT include charters-- (includes plane, rental van, personal vehicle or walking)?
- * Please indicate mode of travel instead of, or in addition to, the reserved vehicle(s). Please include details of trip, including itinerarie; please do not indicate that in this section. Use the next section to reserve the vehicle.

Josh Woods Sr will drive a personal vehicle.

Vehicles Needed

- * Do you need a school bus, staff van or charter bus? Yes No

Check here to indicate trip is drop-off only Location

Check here to indicate trip is pickup only Location

Vehicle Pickup	Arrive at Venue (Info Only)	Depart Venue (Info Only)	Vehicle Re
* Date 6/23/26	* Date 6/23/26	* Date 6/27/26	* Date
* Time 8:00 AM	* Time 4:00 PM	* Time 9:00 AM	* Time

Total Trip Hours 104.00

* Type of vehicles needed to reserve Van #2

* How many vehicles do you need? 2

[Vehicle Guidelines](#)

School Bus Capacity
Elementary School Students=78 max

* Do you need a wheelchair lift? No

Nbr Wheelchair Slots 0 Nbr Seatbelts 0 Nbr Fold Down Seats 0

Special Needs

Comments or Details Concerning Needs

General Information This will be over summer break.

Owner vmack@clevelandschools.org

Bid Id/Closing Date

Reserve Vehicles

Location Used to Reserve Vehicles 000 Transportation vmack@clevelandschools.org

Trip Location Zone Main

Trip Year/Week:

Trip Hours: 104.00

Total Number of Vehicles Needed: 2

Number w/ Lift:

Person Submitting Request ahenderson@clevelandschools.org

Date Submitted Mar 30, 2026, 2:20:05 PM

▶ Trip Estimator (click to open and enter additional information for estimating trip cost)

Level 01 Approval - Location Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name nakiona@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Apr 4, 2026, 8:32:52 AM

Level 02 Approval - Second Level Location Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name llaing@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Apr 5, 2026, 11:11:26 AM

Level 07 Approval - Overnight Trip Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name jelliott@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Apr 6, 2026, 6:03:59 AM

Level 09 Approval - Transportation Approval

Comment

Decision Approved

Name vmack@clevelandschools.org

Decision Date Apr 6, 2026, 9:10:11 AM

Level 10 Approval - School Board Approval

Comment

[Empty text box for comment]

Decision Approved Denied

Designated Approver awheeler@clevelandschools.org

Name

Decision Date

Supporting Documents

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Request Status Trip: **2932**

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4/6/26, 6:03:59 AM	jelliott@clevelandschools.org	Central Office Level Approved
4/5/26, 11:11:26 AM	llaing@clevelandschools.org	Second Level Location Level Approved
4/4/26, 8:32:52 AM	nakiona@clevelandschools.org	Location Level Approved



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MEMO

To: Cleveland City Schools Board of Education
Dr. Jeff Elliott

From: Michael Kahrs, Director of Student Information Systems

Date: March 25, 2026

Re: Virtual Testing Days for Cleveland High School End of Course Exams

Having received a comprehensive plan from Cleveland High School, I am requesting the use of Wednesday, April 29, 2026 and Thursday, April 30, 2026 as Virtual Learning Days for Cleveland High School as allowed by Board Policy 4.212 and T.C.A. § 49-6-3004(i)(3) to complete TCAP End of Course Testing. The flexibility offered by virtual days is crucial to providing the appropriate coverage to ensure a positive testing experience for teachers and students.

Attached is Mr. Pritchard's original proposal.



Dr. Elliott,

I am writing to formally submit Cleveland High School's proposal for End of Course (EOC) testing dates, along with detailed testing logistics and academic/operational plans to ensure a secure, efficient, and student-centered administration process.

Testing Logistics and Details

Cleveland High School proposes the following EOC testing schedule:

- Wednesday, April 22– ELA Subpart 1
- Wednesday, April 29(Virtual Learning Day) – ELA Subparts 2 & 3 and Biology
- Thursday, April 30(Virtual Learning Day) – Math Subparts 1, 2, & 3 and U.S. History

The number of students testing per content area is as follows:

- ELA I – 416 students
- ELA II – 466 students
- Algebra I – 393 students
- Algebra II – 419 students
- Geometry – 440 students
- U.S. History – 311 students
- Biology – 446 students

Cleveland High School has a total student population of 1,635 students. While some students will participate in multiple assessments, the total number of exams to be administered is 2,445.

To ensure optimal testing conditions, including reduced group sizes and increased test security, non-tested students will participate in virtual learning on April 29 and April 30. This approach allows us to decrease the number of students per testing room and provide a more controlled and distraction-free environment.

All Cleveland High School teachers will report to the building on testing days and will be assigned roles as test administrators or proctors. This staffing model ensures that each testing location is adequately supervised, further supporting test integrity and compliance with state guidelines.

Academic and Operational Details

Students who are not scheduled for testing will engage in virtual learning from home. Assignments will be provided by content-area teachers and will be accessible through Canvas, our learning management system (LMS). This ensures continuity of instruction while maintaining focus on testing operations within the building.

All staff members will be actively utilized during testing. In addition, standard procedures for breakfast and lunch service will remain in place on virtual days to ensure students continue to have access to meals.



Cleveland High School has implemented ongoing, year-long academic interventions through our RTI framework, as well as through STAR (Students Taking Academic Responsibility). In prior attempts to implement Learning Labs for intervention during virtual testing days, we encountered significant challenges, including student behavioral concerns, lack of attendance, and difficulty maintaining adequate supervision. These issues were compounded by the need to allocate the majority of staff to EOC administration in order to maintain smaller testing groups and uphold testing integrity.

Given these challenges, we believe the proposed virtual learning structure for non-tested students is the most effective and efficient approach; however, seniors who are currently failing will be required to attend school on the virtual days.

For students who may not have transportation immediately following their testing session, designated staff members will supervise assigned locations within the building. Historically, the number of students requiring this accommodation has been minimal and manageable.

In summary, this proposal prioritizes test security, optimal testing conditions, effective use of staff, and continued academic engagement for all students. We are confident that this plan will support a smooth and successful administration of EOC assessments at Cleveland High School.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Bob Pritchard

Principal, Cleveland High School



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MEMORANDUM

To: Cleveland City Schools Board of Education

From: Jeff Elliott, Director of Schools

Date: April 6, 2026

Subject: Recommendation to Modify May 15, 2026 School Calendar

Since Cleveland City Schools has not utilized all allocated stockpile days for the current school year, I recommend converting Friday, May 15, 2026, from a regular instructional day to a professional development day for staff. This adjustment will provide valuable time for our educators to prepare for end-of-year programs, plan for summer learning opportunities, and engage in curriculum alignment work in preparation for the 2026–2027 school year.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

April 6, 2026



The Cleveland City Schools Shield Represents Our 4 Core Beliefs

- **Ensuring Student Academic Success**
- **Supporting Students and Families With Services**
- **Creating a Clear Culture of Communication**
- **Recruiting, Developing, and Retaining Highly Effective Employees**



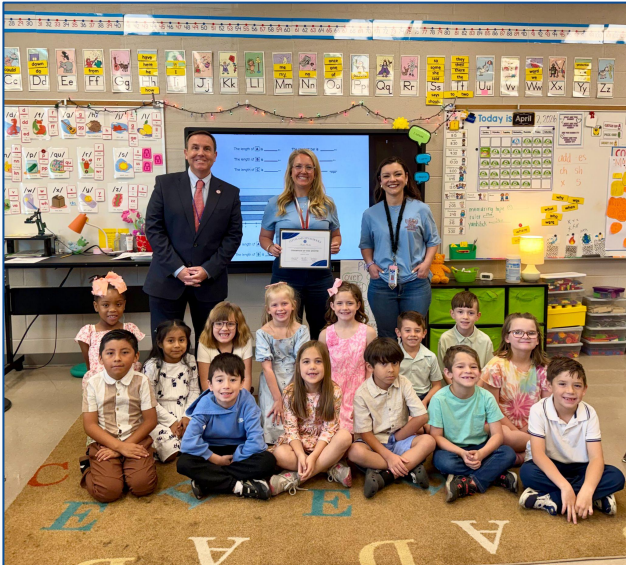
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**CHAMPION
OF THE
MONTH
AWARD**



Mrs. Beth Botta - 1st Grade



Naomi York - 4th Grade

Highlights



March 2-3: SCOPE Conference in Nashville at Belmont



March 3-5: TOSS Legislative and Learning Conference in Nashville



March 4-6: Coordinated School Health Conference



March 9-13: Spring Break



March 17: Raiderpalooza 8th Grade Night at CHS



March 20: Elementary Honors Chorus Concert at Conn Center



March 24: Breakfast with the Board at Candy's Creek Cherokee



March 24: Facilities Committee at Candy's Creek Cherokee



March 27: Board Retreat at Cleveland Jetport



March 28: Kindergarten Registration Day at Raider Arena



March 31: Elementary PE Celebration of Movement at CHS Arena



Spring Sports, Family Nights, Concerts, Plays



Cleveland City Schools Announces New Principals for 2026-2027



Donald Benton
Ross Elementary



Dr. Alicia Kahrs
Arnold Memorial
Elementary



Dr. Joe Parker
Blythe-Bower Elementary

Upcoming Events

April 13**TCAP/ EOC Test Window**

Opens & Window Opens

April 23**Graduates of Distinction**

6 p.m. at CHS

April 25**Celebrate BLUE**

6 p.m. at CHS

April 27**Senior Honors**

at 6 p.m. at First Baptist

April 28**Breakfast**

at 8 a.m. at Mayfield

April 28**Facilities Committee**

Mayfield at 9:30 a.m.

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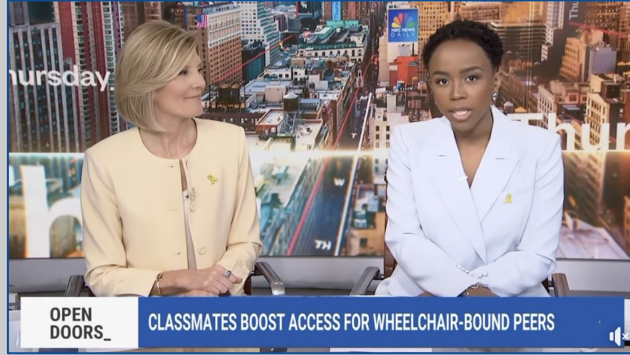
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Cleveland Middle Students Use STEM to Help Classmates



Building Champions.
Building Community.



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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

April 6, 2026





Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary School

Annual Report to the School Board

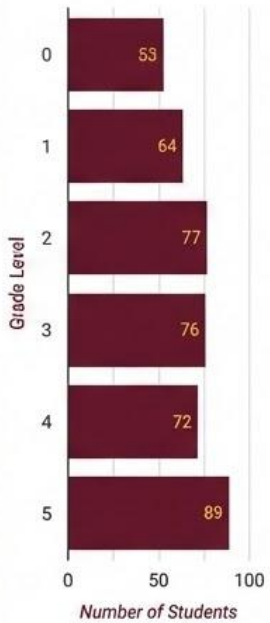
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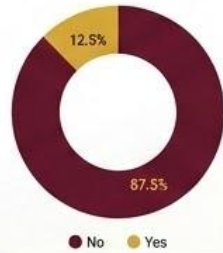


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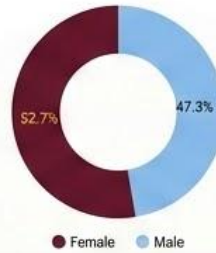
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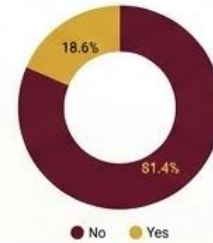
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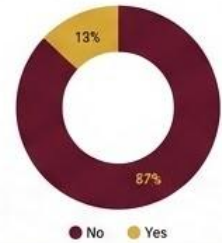
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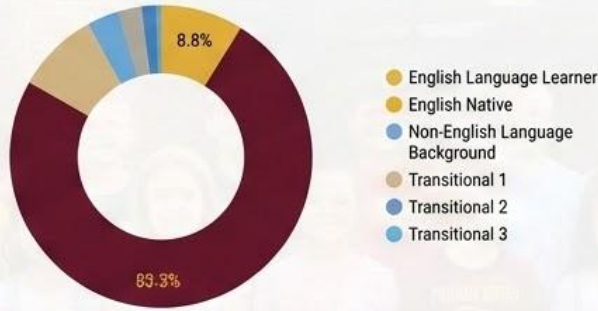
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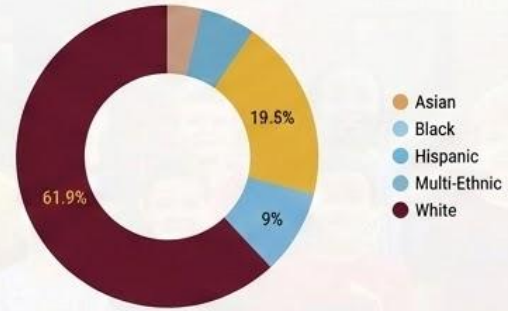
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English as a Second Language Code



Tennessee Race/Ethnicity





ATTENDANCE IMPROVEMENTS!

Average Daily Attendance (ADA)



25-26 School Year - ADA **95.1%**

24-25 School Year - ADA 94.4%

23-24 School Year - ADA 93.7%

Students Considered Chronically Absent



25-26 School Year - **10.8%** of students

24-25 School Year - 14% of students

23-24 School Year - 17% of students



HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR



Pre-K added classroom



Opening of the STEM Lab



Opening of the
STEM Lab



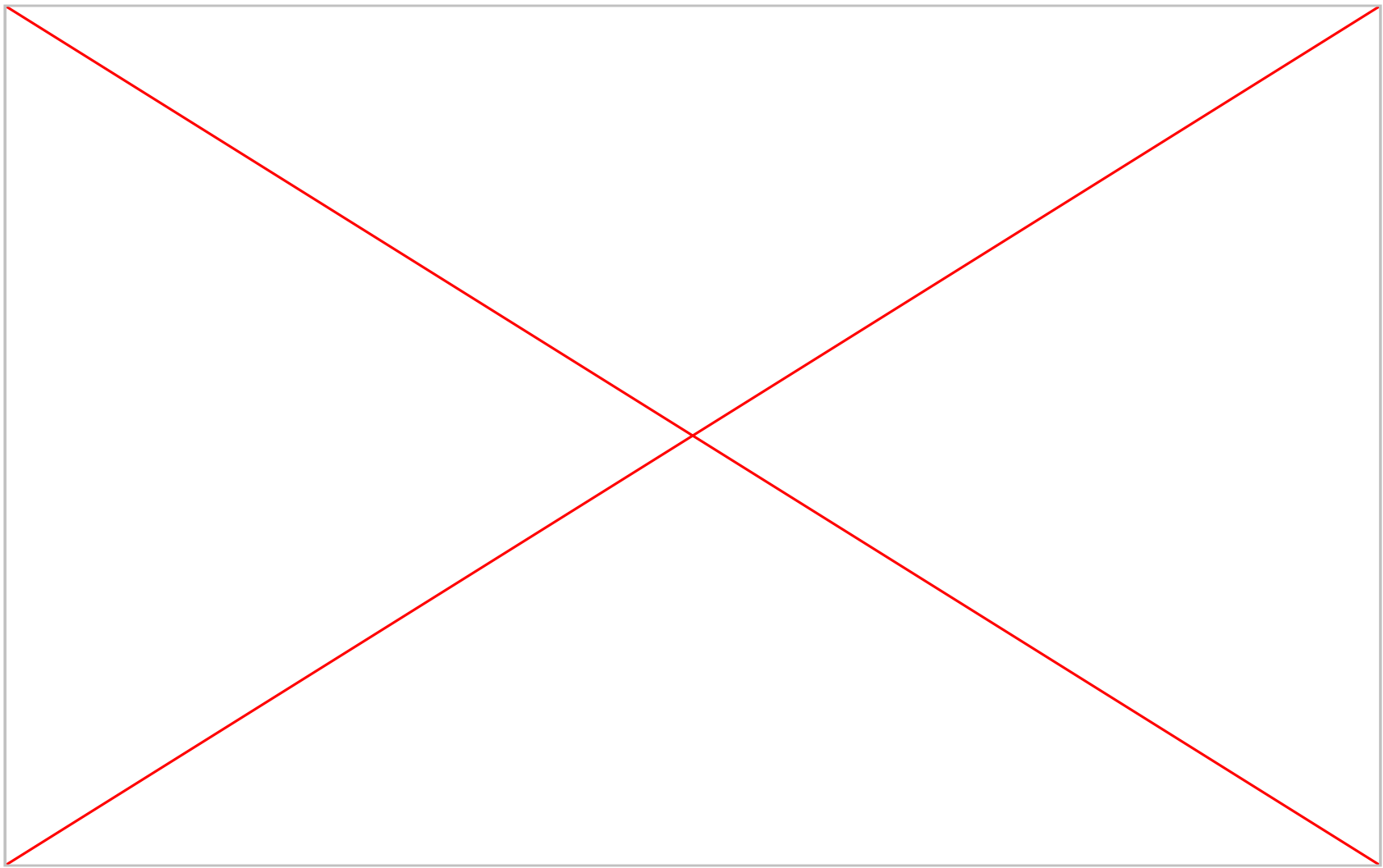
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Campus Improvements



A+ School Rating





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April 6, 2026

TO: Cleveland City Schools Board of Education
Dr. Jeff Elliott, Director of Schools

FROM: Cindy Geren, Director of Finance
Kathy Barry, Supervisor of Child Nutrition

SUBJECT: Cleveland Middle School and Cleveland High School cafeterias

As you are aware, the Food Service Management Contract (FSMC) with Sodexo ends June 30, 2026.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally request that the FSMC not be renewed and management of the Cleveland Middle School and Cleveland High School cafeterias be transitioned to the Child Nutrition Department effective July 1, 2026.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Cleveland City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in September	Descriptor Term: Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board	Descriptor Code: 1.404	Issued Date: 05/04/26
		Rescinds: 1.404	Issued: 09/05/23

1 APPEALS TO THE BOARD

2 Any matter relating to the operation of the school system may be ~~addressed~~ **appealed** ~~at a~~ **to the** Board
3 ~~meeting~~. However, the Board desires that all matters be settled at the lowest level of responsibility and
4 **the Board will shall** not hear complaints or concerns which have not advanced through the proper
5 administrative procedure ~~from the point of origin~~.

6 If all steps of the administrative procedure have been pursued and there is still a desire to appeal to the
7 Board, the matter shall be referred in writing to the office of the Director **of Schools**, **and** the Board shall
8 determine whether to hear the appeal.

9 ~~APPEARING BEFORE THE BOARD/PRE-MEETING REQUEST~~

10 **Individuals* speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the Chair and may direct questions to**
11 **individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the Chair. The Chair shall have the**
12 **authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who violates state law or does not adhere to Board**
13 **rules.¹ Members of the Board and the Director of Schools may have the privilege of asking questions**
14 **of any person who addresses the Board.**

15 ~~There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the~~
16 ~~exception of teacher disciplinary hearings.² Individuals* desiring to appear before the Board must~~
17 ~~submit a written request with descriptive materials to the office of the Director three (3) days before~~
18 ~~the meeting. If the request is approved by the Executive Committee, the item will be placed on the~~
19 ~~agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given~~
20 ~~time to speak when their topic of interest is addressed on the agenda. All requests submitted, whether~~
21 ~~approved or denied by the Executive Committee, will be included in the board packet.~~

22 Delegations must select only one **(1)** individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined
23 by the Board.

24 The ~~chairman~~ **Chair** may recognize individuals not on the agenda for remarks to the Board if he/she
25 determines that such is in the public interest. A majority vote of members present can overrule the
26 decision of the chairman.

27 ~~Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the chairman and may direct questions to~~
28 ~~individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the chairman. Each person speaking~~
29 ~~shall state his name, address, and subject of presentation. Remarks will be limited to five (5) minutes~~
30 ~~unless time is extended by the Board. The chairman shall have the authority to terminate the remarks~~
31 ~~of any individual who is disruptive or does not adhere to Board rules.¹ Members of the Board and~~
32 ~~Director of Schools may have the privilege of asking questions of any person who addresses the Board.~~

1 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to
2 the office of the Director of Schools.

3 ~~ADDRESSING THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS/ SAME-DAY REQUEST~~

4 *Public Comment Period²*

5 There shall be a public comment period for each meeting with actionable items on the agenda, with the
6 exception of teacher disciplinary hearing. Comments shall be limited to topics listed on the agenda and
7 matters germane to the school board's jurisdiction. The total public comment period shall be for no more
8 than thirty (30) minutes unless extended by the majority vote of the board members present. If any
9 individual wishes to address the Board, he/she shall sign up on the form provided at the beginning of the
10 board meeting to request a time to speak. Any person wishing to address the board must list his/her
11 name, address, and item for comments. Each person will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board
12 unless time is extended by majority vote of members present. A copy of the meeting agenda and a sign-
13 in sheet will be made available thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of any meeting of the Board.

14 *Adding an Item to the Agenda*

15 Individuals* desiring to appear before the Board shall submit a written request with descriptive materials
16 to the office of the Director of Schools three (3) days before the meeting. If the request is approved by
17 the Executive Committee, the item will be placed on the agenda. Individuals placed on the agenda will
18 be recognized at the beginning of the meeting and given five (5) minutes to speak when their topic of
19 interest is addressed on the agenda unless their time is extended by the Board. All requests submitted,
20 whether approved or denied by the Executive Committee, will be included in the board packet.

21 ~~Any person* may request the opportunity to address the Board on an agenda item. A copy of the meeting
22 agenda and a sign-in sheet will be made available thirty (30) minutes prior to the start of any meeting of
23 the Board. Any person wishing to address the board must list his/her name, address, and agenda item
24 for comments. The chair will recognize the first five (5) persons requesting to comment on an agenda
25 item immediately following adoption of the agenda. Any additional person(s) may be approved by
26 majority vote of the members present. Each person will be given three (3) minutes to address the Board
27 unless time is extended by majority vote of members present. The Board reserves the right to terminate
28 public comments by majority vote after thirty (30) minutes.~~

29 Each person requesting to comment on an agenda item must agree to the following statement before
30 addressing the Board:

31 The Board wishes to hear the opinion of interested parties on matters pertaining to the business of the
32 Board. All comments shall be restricted to the scope of the agenda item and shall not address topics
33 outside the Board's meeting agenda. Failure to adhere by the rules of the Board¹ shall result in the chair
34 terminating the remarks of the individual.

35 Individuals speaking to the Board shall address remarks to the Chair and may direct questions to
36 individual board members or staff members only upon approval of the Chair. Each person speaking shall
37 state his/her name, address, and agenda item for comment. The Chair shall have the authority to terminate
38 the remarks of any individual who is disruptive violates state law or does not adhere to Board rules.¹

1 Individuals desiring additional information about any item on the agenda shall direct such inquiries to
2 the office of the Director of Schools.

3 *An individual or person referenced within this policy refers to a city resident, a Cleveland City Schools
4 employee, or a parent/guardian of a Cleveland City Schools student.

Legal References

1. [TCA 39-17-306](#), **Public Chapter 620, 2026**
2. [TCA 8-44-112](#)

Cross References

School Board Meetings 1.400
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Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-
bullying, and Intimidation 6.304
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Cleveland City Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in March	Descriptor Term: Attendance	Descriptor Code: 6.200	Issued Date: 05/04/26
		Rescinds: 6.200	Issued:

1 *General*

2 Attendance is a key factor in student achievement; therefore, students are expected to be present each
3 day school is in session.

4 The Director of Schools/designee shall ensure that this policy is posted in each school building and
5 disseminated to all students, parent(s)/guardian(s), teachers, and administrative staff.

6 The Attendance Supervisor shall oversee the entire attendance program which shall include: ¹

- 7 1. All accounting and reporting procedures and their dissemination;
- 8 2. Alternative program options for students who severely fail to meet minimum attendance
9 requirements;
- 10 3. Ensuring that all school age children attend school;
- 11 4. Providing documentation of enrollment status upon request for students applying for new or
12 reinstatement of driver's permit or license; and
- 13
- 14 5. Notifying the Department of Safety whenever a student with a driver's permit or license
15 withdraws from school.²

16 Student attendance records shall be given the same level of confidentiality as other student records. Only
17 authorized school officials with legitimate educational purposes may have access to student information
18 without the consent of the student or parent(s)/guardian(s).³

19 Absences shall be classified as either excused or unexcused as determined by the principal/designee.
20 Excused absences shall include: ⁴

- 21 1. Personal illness/injury;
- 22
- 23 2. Illness of immediate family member;
- 24
- 25 3. Death in the family;
- 26
- 27 4. Extreme weather conditions;
- 28

- 1 5. Religious observances;⁵
- 2
- 3 6. Pregnancy;
- 4
- 5 7. School-endorsed activities;
- 6
- 7 8. Summons, subpoena, or court order; or
- 8
- 9 9. Circumstances which in the judgment of the principal create emergencies over which the
- 10 student has no control.

11 The principal shall be responsible for ensuring that:⁶

- 12 1. Attendance is checked and reported daily for each class;
- 13
- 14 2. Daily absentee sheets contain sign in/sign out sheets and indicate students present or absent
- 15 for the majority of the day;
- 16
- 17 3. All student absences are verified;
- 18
- 19 4. Written excuses are submitted for absences and tardiness; and
- 20
- 21 5. System-wide procedures for accounting and reporting are followed.

22 **TRUANCY**

23 Annually, the Director of Schools/designee will provide written notice to parent(s)/guardian(s) that
24 attendance at school is required. Students shall be present at least fifty percent (50%) of the scheduled
25 school day in order to be counted present. Students may attend part-time days, alternating days, or for a
26 specific amount of time as indicated in their Individualized Education Plan or 504 Plan and shall be
27 considered present for school attendance purposes. If a student is required to participate in a remedial
28 instruction program outside of the regular school day where there is no cost to the parent(s)/guardian(s)
29 and the school district provides transportation, unexcused absences from these programs shall be
30 reported in the same manner.⁷

31 A student who is absent five (5) days without adequate excuse shall be reported to the Director of
32 Schools/designee who will, in turn, provide written or actual notice to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the
33 student's absence. If a parent/guardian does not provide documentation within adequate time excusing
34 those absences or request an attendance hearing, then the Director of Schools shall implement tier two
35 of the progressive truancy plan described below prior to referral to juvenile court.

36 *Progressive Truancy Plan*⁸

37 Tier 1: Prevention-Oriented Supports

- 38 a. The progressive truancy plan will be published annually to parents and students prior to the
- 39 start of the school year.

1 b. Each school will be responsible for contacting the parent/guardian of a student who
2 accumulates 5 days of unexcused absences. If the student accumulates another unexcused
3 absence after contact is made with the parent/guardian, a referral to Tier 2 will be made and the
4 Campus Court Mediation process will begin.

5 Tier 2: Campus Court Mediation

6 a. School personnel will schedule a meeting with the student, parent/guardian, relevant school
7 personnel, and Juvenile Court Staff mediator;

8 b. During the meeting, an agreement will be drafted and signed by the student, parent/guardian,
9 school personnel, and Juvenile Court Staff Mediator. A review date will be set for each
10 agreement. The agreement will include, but will not be limited to:

11 i. Attendance expectations;

12 ii. Penalties for additional absences;

13 iii. Any additional expectations determined necessary by meeting members; and/or

14 iv. If necessary, referral of the child to counseling, community-based services, or other
15 in-school or out-of-school services aimed at addressing the student's attendance
16 problems.

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18 c. A report of the meeting will be drafted and maintained in the Campus Court system. The
19 report will include the basis for the student's absences provided by the parent, as well as a
20 report from the school concerning the student's absences.

21 d. A review date will be set for each Tier 2 case.

22 Tier 3: Campus Court Review and Services

23 a. If following the Tier 2 process, a student accumulates one or more unexcused absences, a
24 review meeting will be scheduled with the student, parent/guardian, relevant school personnel,
25 and the Juvenile Court Staff mediator.

26 b. The mediator may recommend any services deemed necessary by the mediator.

27 c. The student may be referred to the "Behavior Unit" for a service assessment.

28 d. Further absences or non-compliance will result in a Juvenile Court petition for truancy
29 pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6-3009 through Bradley County Juvenile Court.

30 If Tier 2 or Tier 3 is unsuccessful with a student and the school can document that the student's
31 parent/guardian is unwilling to cooperate with the truancy intervention plan, then a referral may be
32 made to Bradley County Juvenile Court without first having to implement subsequent intervention
33 tiers, if any, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-6- 3009(f)(1-2). Evidence that a parent/guardian is unwilling to
34 cooperate can include, but is not limited to, a parent/guardian's failure or refusal, on multiple
35 occasions, to attend meetings scheduled for Tier 2 or 3 interventions, return telephone calls, attend

1 follow-up meetings, enter into an attendance agreement, or actively participate in any of the tiers of the
2 truancy intervention plan.

3 **NON-SCHOOL SPONSORED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY**⁹

4 A principal/designee may excuse a student to participate in non-school sponsored extracurricular
5 activities. The principal shall document the approval in writing and shall excuse no more than ten (10)
6 absences each school year. No later than seven (7) business days prior to the student's absence, the
7 student shall provide documentation to the school as proof of the student's participation along with a
8 written request for the excused absence from the student's parent/guardian. The request shall include
9 the following:

- 10 1. Student's name and personal identification number;
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- 12 2. Student's grade;
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- 14 3. The dates of the student's absence;
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- 16 4. The reason for the student's absence; and
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- 18 5. The signatures of the student and parent/guardian.
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- 20 6. Excuse for a sibling's attendance in this activity must be requested at the student's individual
- 21 school.

22 **RELEASED TIME COURSE**¹⁰

23 A principal/designee may excuse a student to attend a course in religious moral instruction for up to
24 one (1) class period per school day. Students shall not be excused during any class which requires an
25 examination for state or federal accountability purposes.

26 **Students shall only be permitted to attend courses provided by entities that certify in writing that they**
27 **have complied with background check requirements outline in state law.**¹¹ The student shall submit a
28 written consent form signed by the student's parent/guardian prior to participation in the released time
29 course. The principal/designee shall document the approval in writing. The student shall provide
30 documentation to the principal/designee as proof of the student's participation in the released time
31 course.

32 The district shall not be responsible for transporting students to and from the place of instruction.

33 **MAKE-UP WORK**

34 Students will have an equal amount of time plus one day to make up work missed due to an excused
35 absence. (I.e. student is absent Monday, make-up work must be turned in Wednesday; student misses
36 Monday and Tuesday, make-up work must be turned in Friday). Make-up work for unexcused
37 absences will be handled on a case by case basis. Make-up work for absences (arranged at least one
38 week in advance) may be provided.

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2 STATE-MANDATED ASSESSMENT

3 Students who are absent the day of the scheduled end-of-course (EOC) exams shall present a signed
4 doctor's excuse or shall have been given an excused release by the principal prior to testing to receive
5 an excused absence. Students who have excused absences will be allowed to take a make-up exam.
6 Excused students will receive an incomplete in the course until they have taken the EOC exam.

7 Students who have an unexcused absence shall receive a failing grade on the EOC exam which shall be
8 averaged into their final grade.

9 CREDIT/PROMOTION DENIAL

10 Credit/promotion denial determinations may include student attendance; however, student attendance
11 may not be the sole criterion.¹² If attendance is a factor prior to credit/promotion denial, the following
12 shall occur:

- 13 1. The student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be advised if the student is in danger of
14 credit/promotion denial due to excessive absenteeism; and
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- 16 2. Procedures in due process are available to the student when credit or promotion is denied.

17 DRIVER'S LICENSE REVOCATION²

18 A student who has more than ten (10) consecutive or fifteen (15) unexcused absences during any
19 semester shall be ineligible to retain a driver's permit or license.

20 ATTENDANCE HEARING¹³

21 Students with excessive (more than five (5)) unexcused absences or those in danger of credit/promotion
22 denial shall have the opportunity to appeal to an attendance hearing committee appointed by the
23 principal. If the student chooses to appeal, the student or his/her parent(s)/guardian(s) shall be provided
24 written or actual notice of the appeal hearing and shall be given the opportunity to address the committee.
25 The committee will conduct a hearing to determine if any extenuating circumstances exist to excuse an
26 absence(s) or to determine if the student has met attendance requirements that will allow him/her to pass
27 the course or be promoted. Upon notification of the attendance committee decision, the principal shall
28 send written notification to the Director of Schools/designee and the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the student
29 of any action taken regarding the excessive unexcused absences. The notification shall advise
30 parent(s)/guardian(s) of their right to appeal such action within two (2) school days to the Director of
31 Schools/designee.

32 The appeal shall be heard no later than ten (10) school days after the request for appeal is received.

33 Within five (5) school days of the Director of Schools/designee rendering a decision, the student's
34 parent(s)/guardian(s) may request a hearing by the Board, and the Board shall review the record.
35 Following the review, the Board may affirm or overturn the decision of the Director of Schools/designee.
36 The action of the Board shall be final.

Legal References

1. [TCA 49-6-3006](#)
2. [TCA 49-6-3017\(c\)](#)
3. [20 USCA § 1232g](#)
4. [TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.17\(5\)](#); [State Board of Education Policy 4.100](#)
5. [TCA 49-6-2904\(b\)\(5\)](#)
6. [TCA 49-6-3007](#)
7. [TCA 49-6-3021](#)
8. [TCA 49-6-3007](#); [TCA 49-6-3009](#)
9. [TCA 49-6-3022](#)
10. [TCA 49-2-130](#)
11. [TCA 49-2-130i](#)
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13. [TRR/MS 0520-01-02-.17\(7\)](#)

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Strategic Plan Update

Department of Student Information Systems
April 2026 Board Meeting

Michael Kahrs, Director



Cleveland
CITY SCHOOLS
STUDENT INFORMATION

Department Overview and Team



Student Information & State Reporting

Ensuring accurate student records and compliance with state data submission requirements.



Assessments

Managing and coordinating district-wide student assessment programs and platforms.



Data, Analytics, and Accountability

Providing data insights, performance analysis, and accountability reporting for strategic decision-making.



Michael Kahrs
Director



Kathy Blackner
Database Coordinator



Kim Shay
SIS Coordinator



Savannah Shell
Secondary Coordinator



Karen Linn
Administrative Assistant

EDUCATE: Our Operational Core

Educate. Innovate. Elevate.

Securing Funding

Ensuring accurate and timely state reporting to maximize district resources. Over 1 million data points are checked each year from PowerSchool SIS and TNPulse to ensure maximum funding.



Seamless Access

Streamlining student and staff access to educational platforms through automated rostering. Nightly syncs and real-time connections make it possible to jump into online platforms as quickly as possible.



Actionable Insights

Delivering data analysis and services to evaluate existing programs and guide future academic initiatives. School teams can be confident their initiatives are working with real-time and historical data to guide them.



Innovate: Modernizing Systems

Educate. Innovate. Elevate.

De-Siloing Data

Breaking down information barriers to put actionable data directly into the hands of school-level users. School teams no longer have to wait on the district to analyze data with new tools.



AI-Powered Support

Launched "PowerSchool Ninja" built on Google Gemini and NotebookLM to provide an on-demand, virtual help desk for staff. No more lag time waiting on return calls or emails.



Strategic Restructuring

Realigning department duties with Kathy Blackner's retirement in order to maximize efficiency across assessments, enrollment, state reporting, accountability, and analytics.



Elevate: Enhancing User Experience

*Educate. Innovate. **Elevate.***

Frictionless Enrollment

No additional account creation will be needed for PS Enrollment Express, as we upgrade to dramatically reduce the administrative burden on families and school staff in Summer 2026.



MyPowerHub Launch

Transforming the current PowerSchool teacher, parent, and student portals into a vastly more comprehensive, user-friendly hub for in Summer 2026.



Digital Assessments

With less administrative burden and exponentially faster results, we are partnering with Innovation for the district-wide transition to online state testing for the 2026-2027 school year.



25/26 Key Achievements and Big Wins



State Reporting

Successfully transitioned to the state's new TEDS/EdFi data system.



School Empowerment

Transitioned Cleveland High School to independently create master and student schedules.



Student Tracking

Created a comprehensive new tracking system for Homeschool and Non-Public School students.



Records Management

Launched a major initiative to organize, digitize, and compress historical student records.

I LOVED YOUR PRESENTATION



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April Update



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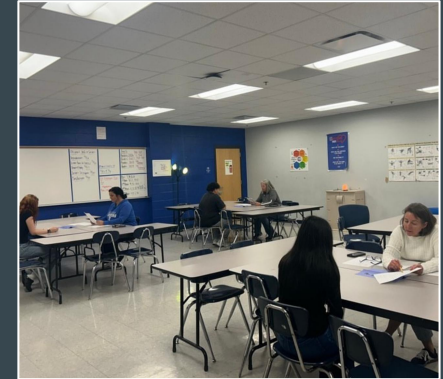
Raider Palooza

This month CHS opened its doors for incoming freshman to take tours, see all the things they can get involved in at CHS. Every sport and club worked hard to show up and out for this event. Additionally, later in the month eighth graders from CHS were able to spend the day touring the school and experiencing what their life will be like next year.



Interviews

This month the senior class participated in mock interviews with members of the community to prepare them for their future career endeavors. Additionally, the Freshman experiences classes were able to have mock interviews after practicing how to make cover letters, resumes, and how to complete a job application.



Other News

Students Garrett Corum, Shakhaina Gasaway, Lila Dunn, and Colt Maughon participated with other 9th-12th grade students across the state in the Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE).

Additionally, in cosmetology, three students earned their Tennessee Hair Braiding Certification.



Sports

The seniors on the tennis team were honored this month.

Additionally, other spring sports are in full swing.



Upcoming Events

Special Olympic Events

Prom April 11th

Seussical the Musical April 17-20th

Graduates of Distinction Ceremony April 23rd

Senior Awards Night April 27th



Digital mockup of proposed mural- 04/01/26

Cleveland City Schools					
Summary Financial Statement					
February 2026					
141 General Purpose School					
Account	Description	Original Budget	Year-to-Date Actual	% of Budget	Month-to-Date Actual
Revenues					
40000	Local Taxes				
40110	Current Property Tax	7,374,752.00	5,475,420.91	74.25%	1,299,248.94
40120	Trustee's Collections - Prior Year	182,061.00	116,024.05	63.73%	9,270.09
40130	Cir Clk/Clk & Master Collections-Pr Yr	116,000.00	68,461.32	59.02%	0.00
40140	Interest And Penalty	31,369.00	17,675.64	56.35%	4,529.66
40162	Payments In Lieu Of Taxes-Local	3,805.00	1,963.14	51.59%	0.00
40163	Payments In Lieu Of Taxes - Other	487,000.00	243,248.01	49.95%	103,426.34
40210	Local Option Sales Tax	9,575,941.00	4,064,204.65	42.44%	0.00
40275	Mixed Drink Tax	204,325.00	123,530.97	60.46%	15,487.76
40320	Bank Excise Tax	28,376.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Total Local Taxes	18,003,629.00	10,110,528.69	56.16%	1,431,962.79
41000	Licenses and Permits				
41110	Marriage Licenses	2,825.00	2,069.14	73.24%	147.55
	Total Licenses and Permits	2,825.00	2,069.14	73.24%	147.55
43000	Charges for Current Services				
43511	Tuition - Regular Day Students	101,935.00	27,600.00	27.08%	4,625.00
43583	TBI Criminal Background Fee	150.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Total Charges for Current Services	102,085.00	27,600.00	27.04%	4,625.00
44000	Other Local Revenues				
44110	Interest Earned	250,000.00	310,826.89	124.33%	36,394.66
44160	Retirees' Insurance Payments	0.00	(0.71)	0.00%	0.00
44170	Miscellaneous Refunds	98,841.00	34,900.90	35.31%	4,385.47
44530	Sale Of Equipment	6,900.00	14,584.00	211.36%	0.00
44560	Damages Recovered From Individuals	1,800.00	150.00	8.33%	0.00
44570	Contributions & Gifts	129,628.00	95,753.63	73.87%	17,026.63
44990	Other Local Revenues	25,461.00	7,038.68	27.64%	12.64
	Total Other Local Revenues	512,630.00	463,253.39	90.37%	57,819.40
46000	State of Tennessee				
46510	TN Investment in Student Achievement	44,755,804.00	31,922,856.36	71.33%	4,495,586.77
46513	TISA On-Behalf Payments	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
46515	Early Childhood Education	937,402.00	633,306.50	67.56%	41,625.00
46520	School Food Service	32,257.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
46590	Other State Education Funds	0.00	1,118,269.40	0.00%	0.00
46596	Paid Parental Leave	150,000.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00

46610	Career Ladder Program	26,793.00	13,299.20	49.64%	0.00
46980	Other State Grants	0.00	19,653.92	0.00%	5,094.00
	Total State of Tennessee	45,902,256.00	33,707,385.38	73.43%	4,542,305.77
49000	Other Sources (Non-Revenue)				
49810	City General Fund Transfer	6,606,800.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Total Other Sources (Non-Revenue)	6,606,800.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Total Revenues	71,130,225.00	44,310,836.60	62.30%	6,036,860.51
	Expenditures				
70000	Education				
71100	Regular Instruction Program	36,971,268.00	20,682,871.22	55.94%	3,033,997.54
71200	Special Education Program	6,268,262.00	3,506,897.84	55.95%	541,105.14
71300	Vocational Education Program	2,037,562.00	1,106,399.33	54.30%	156,759.93
72110	Attendance	166,129.00	108,201.43	65.13%	13,392.78
72120	Health Services	651,180.00	380,460.16	58.43%	51,780.60
72130	Other Student Support	3,758,275.00	2,186,671.19	58.18%	299,481.63
72210	Regular Instruction Program	2,698,135.00	1,686,851.80	62.52%	221,189.67
72220	Special Education Program	247,677.00	166,339.99	67.16%	20,988.73
72230	Vocational Education Program	196,624.00	129,035.63	65.63%	16,865.41
72250	Technology	1,112,265.00	742,896.05	66.79%	70,925.38
72310	Board Of Education	696,765.00	652,418.69	93.64%	42,473.76
72320	Office Of The Superintendent	758,181.00	483,844.63	63.82%	58,668.30
72410	Office Of The Principal	4,260,049.00	2,544,560.75	59.73%	342,349.28
72510	Fiscal Services	544,793.00	374,125.83	68.67%	40,562.17
72610	Operation Of Plant	4,778,121.00	3,480,824.42	72.85%	422,095.40
72620	Maintenance Of Plant	2,086,159.00	1,622,099.98	77.76%	140,893.74
72710	Transportation	1,809,553.00	1,203,448.40	66.51%	120,044.18
73100	Food Service	191,544.00	151,517.80	79.10%	12,252.37
73300	Community Services	52,140.00	74,190.19	142.29%	1,875.32
73400	Early Childhood Education	937,402.00	706,850.93	75.41%	41,625.00
76100	Regular Capital Outlay	97,180.00	862,457.95	887.49%	62,346.11
	Total Education	70,319,264.00	42,852,964.21	60.94%	5,711,672.44
80000	Debt Service				
82130	Principal on Bonds	520,696.00	20,152.00	3.87%	0.00
82230	Interest on Bonds	95,565.00	2,472.00	2.59%	0.00
82330	Other Debt Service	194,700.00	0.00	0.00%	0.00
	Total Debt Service	810,961.00	22,624.00	2.79%	0.00
	Total Expenditures	71,130,225.00	42,875,588.21	60.28%	5,711,672.44
	Budgeted Use of Fund Balance	0.00			

Personnel Items – March 2026

Assignments

Morris, Andrew, ESC (Groundskeeper), Effective March 16, 2026

Sanger, Paul, ESC (Bus Monitor), Effective March 25, 2026.

Liddle, Ryan, ESC (Bus Driver), Effective March 16, 2026

Resignations

Transfers

Retirements

Leaves of Absence

Hensley, Martin, CHS, Effective March 16, 2026

Garcia, Juan, MAY, Effective March 16, 2026

Murray, Marissa, ARN, Effective March 16, 2026

Janzen, Cheryl, CHS, Effective March 23, 2026

Allen, TJ, ESC, Effective March 16, 2026

Norman, Sonjia, ARN, Effective March 31, 2026



RISING RAIDER NIGHTS

Rising Raider Nights at our elementary schools were a huge success! Fifth grade students and their families learned more about middle school and felt more prepared for the transition. Dr. Miles has assembled a great team in Adam Jones, Derek Morris, Hannah White, Carter Landreth, Kristen Milen, Sandra Cadena, and Melba Popa (and also Jace Miles, who served as a CMS ambassador!).

Students in Mr. Morris's STEM class recognized a need and took initiative by creating accessibility tools for two students in wheelchairs. These devices allow students to open doors independently, promoting greater independence and inclusion. It was inspiring to see students take ownership and make a meaningful impact on their school community.

STEM



BETA NEWS!

Natalie Palacio Flores, a current 7th grader, was recently appointed as a BETA Leadership Representative for the state of Tennessee. This is a prestigious honor that highlights her leadership, character, and commitment to excellence.



STATE SPELLING BEE!

Congratulations to Alberto Palomino Salgado for earning a Top 20 finish in the State of Tennessee at this weekend's Spelling Bee! A two-time school champion, he has represented our school with excellence, and we are incredibly proud of this outstanding accomplishment.

CMS Highlights MARCH

We successfully concluded ELPA testing for our ESL students, with 158 students participating over the course of the week. Both students and teachers did an excellent job throughout the process, demonstrating focus, perseverance, and dedication.

ELPA TESTING



Our school was proud to have two teams participate in this year's Junior Achievement Bowling Night, a fun, themed event that supports the community. Junior Achievement also partners with our school each year to speak with 7th grade students about life paths and career choices, and we are grateful for their continued impact.

JA BOWLING

