

From The Super

Buff News

September 2022

Go Buffs!!!

Back To School

GISD once again has had a great start to the beginning of the school year! There were so many examples of kindness and responsibility exhibited by our students and they are to be commended on their behavior. Likewise, the faculty and staff should be proud that you are setting those daily examples for our students to follow. I wanted to highlight just a few of the things I witnessed during the first days of school.

While I was assisting at the elementary with students getting off the morning buses, I saw students holding the hand of younger siblings and walking them into the building. I also saw older friends putting their arms around younger students needing help with where to go.

Over at the high school on the very first day, the bell did not ring to send students to their first period class. Yet without being prompted, and prior to the scheduled time for the bell to ring, our students began dispersing and heading to class. This is just another testament to the consistency you have shown as a faculty, as you hold students to higher expectations. I would like to especially thank the high school faculty for the work they have done over the summer and Mrs. Sparks for stepping in to help carry on your good work.

Prior to the start of school, our teachers participated in a variety of training sessions to prepare for the upcoming school year. Of note, was a session on school safety and security along with STAAR redesign training. Staff participated in the "Stop the Bleed" training and updated procedures in school safety. Also, teachers were led by the Region 13 Education Service Center staff on STAAR redesign training. TEA will be redesigning the STAAR/EOC tests again this school year.

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2022-2023 Budget

On August 23, 2022, the GISD school board adopted a balanced budget. In addition to the balanced budget, they adopted a tax rate that is \$0.0918 lower than last year's rate. Since adopting a total tax rate of \$1.40 in the 2018-2019 school year, the board has lowered the rate each year. Below is a breakdown of the total tax rate since 2018-2019.

2018-2019	\$1.40
2019-2020	\$1.29970
2020-2021	\$1.27640
2021-2022	\$1.2303
2022-2023	\$1.1385

Anonymous Alert System

I want to remind everyone that GISD has the ability for students and parents to report concerns in a timely manner anonymously. Since 2019, GISD has had the Anonymous Alert system in place for students to anonymously report any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to school administrators using the smartphone app or online system. You can find how to download the app or access the online system by visiting the GISD website.



The online system can be found here:
<https://report.anonymousalerts.com/giddingsisd/>

Key Dates

September 5 - Labor Day (School Holiday)

September 14 - Homecoming Parade

September 9 - Band Booster Pre-Game Meal

September 16 - Homecoming