

Hello, Students, Parents, and Staff,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year! Students will be back in classrooms on August 20, eager and anxious to start the new year. Argyle ISD is able to set the date for the beginning of school as a district due to being a District of Innovation (DOI). At the high school, band has been hard at work since July 30; volleyball began August 1; and football began August 6.

The beginning of a new school year is always filled with high expectations and high hopes for a year of exciting learning opportunities and participation in enriching extracurricular activities.

This year promises to be a year filled with golden opportunities for all students as we strive to find ways to maintain excellence and continuously improve. This year will be a year of engaging, meaningful, and rigorous work in our classrooms, combined with special events and a plethora of extracurricular clubs and activities, performing arts groups, and athletic teams certain to encourage the Argyle Eagles to be involved and stay connected.

Staff and students in AISD will continue to build upon the strategies outlined in the strategic plan developed in 2016-17 and implemented in 2017-18. AISD engages in a system of continuous improvement that includes review and revision of all action steps in the plan. Six strategies include instruction; recruitment, retention, and training of teaching staff; technology; facilities; safety and character; and finance.

Growth and construction are continuing to set the tempo in Argyle ISD. The demographic projection for the 2018-19 year is 2976, which represents a 10.39% increase.

This breaks down by campus to 14.51% at HT, 7.54% at IS, 11.78% at MS, and 6.91% at HS. This will be the seventeenth year for Argyle ISD to graduate seniors after transitioning from a K-8 operation in the 1999-2003 time frame. The first class graduated in 2003; this past spring the HS graduated its 16th class since making the transition from a K-8 district.

The high school campus underwent an extensive renovation this summer with corridors, restrooms, and the cafeteria being updated. There are 12 new classrooms also under construction by Lee Lewis at this time. The classrooms include one art, two science labs, family and consumer science lab, and eight classrooms. Classrooms won't be completed by August 20, the start date of school, but will be finished between mid-September and October 1. In the interim the classes will be accommodated by utilizing the language lab and lecture hall for classes, plus sharing classrooms by teachers. Hilltop will have 3 portable classrooms this year with third grade utilizing those portables. The portables have been loaned to AISD by Northwest ISD and two are equipped with restrooms, accessible by all 3.

New additions created by growth and replacement include teachers and teacher/coaches at all campuses. A third HS counselor has been added; both HT and MS have two assistant principals now; each campus has a librarian. HS has a new band director, Jason Bird, from Birdville. HS also has a new principal, John King. Mr. King has previously worked in AISD as a business teacher/head basketball coach and as a high school assistant principal. This is the second year for drill team with the group growing from 11 to 24.

Home/school communication is highly valued in AISD. It is vital and plays an integral role in each student's success. Contact us if the need arises and stay in the know about your child's classes, assignments, assessments, and school activities, as well as other events and happenings. Our staff of highly qualified professional educators and support personnel is committed to providing our students many opportunities both inside and outside of the classroom. We invite and encourage students and parents to work in partnership with us.

Welcome to the home of the Argyle Eagles and to our wonderful learning community. Our school is a place alive with much energy, enthusiasm, and a high standard of excellence. It is, indeed, a place where opportunities abound!