



February Family Update

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ADM Families,

As we diligently work to finish the 2024-25 school year strong, we are also deep into planning for the next school year. Spring break is fast approaching, and the busyness that accompanies April and May will be here before we know it. We remain committed and focused on our Wildly Important Goal of decreasing PK-11 grade students identified as “not yet proficient” in reading or ELA on the identified grade level state assessment from 12% to 8% by June 1, 2025. Please read this issue of the ADM Parent and Family Update for information about the 2025-26 academic calendar, winter FAST math and reading scores, and other important updates.



2025-26 ADM Academic Calendar Approved: The ADM Board of Education approved the 2025-26 academic and staff calendars on Monday night. The approved calendar sets the first day of school on August 25, 2025, the last day of attendance on May 29, 2026, and commencement occurring on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

The development of the 2025-26 academic calendar presented some challenges due to an Iowa law that prevents schools from starting before August 23rd. This year, August 23 falls on a Saturday. This results in August 25 being the earliest date allowed by law for Iowa schools to start the 2025-26 school year.

There are currently several bills in the statehouse that may amend this law and allow for an earlier start date next school year. It is unclear if any of these bills will be passed and become law. If changes are made to the law to allow for an earlier start date, ADM will revisit the 2025-26 school calendar at that time. We will keep you updated about any changes that may occur to the 2025-26 school calendar.

[Click To View: 2025-26 ADM Academic Calendar](#)



New High School: Update

Plans and work on the new high school continue to be on schedule. The next step in the process is to receive bids for the construction of the new high school. The district will receive bids for the new high school project on Thursday, February 13 at the District Administration Center. We are so excited to see construction get started this spring!



Safety and Security Updates



Safety and Security: Update

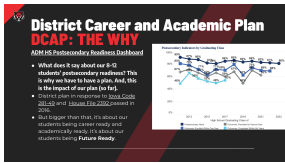
ADM continues to be involved in the Governor's School Safety Program which will ultimately lead to funding for Iowa schools to make safety improvements in all buildings. All five attendance centers have completed a formal safety assessment conducted by a vendor provided by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and received reports of findings and action steps from each safety assessment. Several projects are underway to improve safety and security at each school building.

FAST Reading and Math: Winter Screening

The FAST Reading and Math Screening Assessments are administered to students in grades K-8 three times each year (Fall, Winter, Spring). The purpose of each screening assessment is to identify students who are not yet meeting grade level proficiency in the areas of reading and math. Teachers use the data from each screening assessment to identify students who need targeted interventions and support for acquisition of specific skills. Below are ADM's Winter 2025 FAST Reading and Math results for each grade level (K-8).

| WINTER FAST MATH Assessment Results | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Grade Level |  % Not Yet Proficient | | | | |  % Not Yet Proficient |
| | Winter 2021 | Winter 2022 | Winter 2023 | Winter 2024 | Winter 2025 | Winter 2025 |
| PK/K | NA | 8% | 15% | 26% | 26% | 25% |
| 1 | NA | 22% | 10% | 15% | 12% | 24% |
| 2 | NA | 10% | 11% | 12% | 14% | 29% |
| 3 | 27% | 19% | 11% | 17% | 12% | 28% |
| 4 | 36% | 29% | 22% | 25% | 19% | 31% |
| 5 | 42% | 30% | 24% | 19% | 18% | 36% |
| 6 | 39% | 31% | 22% | 20% | 14% | 36% |
| 7 | 28% | 35% | 28% | 30% | 28% | Data Not Provided From State |
| 8 | 35% | 33% | 34% | 32% | 33% | |
| All Grades | ADM = 35% | ADM = 24% | ADM = 20% | ADM = 22% | ADM = 20% | State = % NA |

| WINTER FAST READING Assessment Results | | | | | | |
|--|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| Grade Level |  % Not Yet Proficient | | | | |  % Not Yet Proficient |
| | Winter 2021 | Winter 2022 | Winter 2023 | Winter 2024 | Winter 2025 | Winter 2025 |
| PK/K | 15% | 2% | 1% | 11% | 7% | 25% |
| 1 | 38% | 41% | 25% | 37% | 33% | 39% |
| 2 | 27% | 29% | 22% | 20% | 19% | 38% |
| 3 | 23% | 18% | 13% | 24% | 17% | 35% |
| 4 | 30% | 20% | 11% | 27% | 24% | 36% |
| 5 | 33% | 30% | 21% | 12% | 20% | 35% |
| 6 | 29% | 23% | 20% | 15% | 6% | 33% |
| 7 | 21% | 25% | 34% | 38% | 24% | Data Not Provided From State |
| 8 | 28% | 28% | 24% | 28% | 19% | |
| All Grades | ADM = 27% | ADM = 24% | ADM = 19% | ADM = 24% | ADM = 19% | State = % NA |



Focus on Learning Board Reports

Each month the ADM School Board receives a “Focus on Learning” report at the monthly School Board meeting. At the February Board Meeting, ADM High School shared an update about the District Career and Academic Plan (DACP). ADM has a team that develops an annual career guidance plan that supports students with individual career and academic plans and high quality career-related experiences. Use the following link learn more: [2024-25 ADM DCAP Focus on Learning](#)



Reminder: On-Site Counseling

ADM partners with Family Connections, Inc. to provide in-person on-site mental health therapy services for students. Students may be referred for these services by the district or a family may express interest in services directly to Family Connections, Inc. Appointments take place on-site at ADM, with all payment and insurance logistics handled between Family Connections, Inc. and the student’s family. If you have any questions about this resource, please contact your student’s [building school counselor](#).



Reminder: Student Assistance Program

ADM partners with Employee and Family Resources (EFR) to provide a formal Student Assistance Program (SAP) for **all students and their family members**. ADM’s Student Assistance Program is **confidential, free**, and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Learn More: [ADM Student Assistance Program](#)

Have a great day!

Sincerely,
Greg