

Abilene Independent School District Board Document - Agenda IX.A.

Meeting Date: June 8, 2026

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Item Type: Presentation

Future Action Required: No

Subject: STEM/STEAM Campus Update

Background Information: Abilene ISD will provide a STEM/STEAM Campus Update highlighting the continued development of Bowie STEM Academy, Purcell STEM Academy, and Mann STEAM Academy. This presentation is designed to provide the Board with a cohesive update on the district's expanding STEM/STEAM strategy, including campus progress, implementation readiness, student experiences, and next steps for the 2026-2027 school year.

Bowie STEM Academy and Purcell STEM Academy have completed their planning year and are preparing to move into K-1 and PALS implementation. During the planning year, campus leaders and staff focused on building a clear instructional vision, learning from other STEM models, developing shared instructional practices, preparing staff through professional development, and creating early STEM experiences for students and families. Both campuses have also worked through staffing considerations, instructional model research, and professional development aligned to the STEM Academy model.

Mann STEAM Academy has completed Year 1 of implementation. The campus update will include a recap of the year, progress on implementation of its STEAM model, professional development, student experiences, academic outcomes, and priorities for continued refinement in Year 2.

This update is intended to show how each campus is developing within a shared district vision while also honoring the unique identity and implementation stage of each school. The goal of this work is to create stronger, more engaging, and more future-ready learning environments that connect rigorous academics with problem solving, design thinking, collaboration, and real-world application.

Attached Supporting Documents: Presentation

Administrative Recommendation: N/A

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