



THE DOSS SCHOOL

CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring in Full Swing at Doss CCSD

Spring is in the air at Doss CCSD, bringing new growth, fresh energy, and plenty of activity across campus. As the seasons change, students are reminded of the importance of growth—not just in nature, but in their learning as well. From outdoor projects to classroom instruction, this time of year offers meaningful opportunities to connect lessons to the world around us. Spring at Doss is a time of renewal, curiosity, and hands-on experiences that continue to make learning both engaging and memorable.



APRIL DATES

- Easter Egg Hunt2nd
- Good Friday (NO SCHOOL)3rd
- Easter Sunday5th
- Weather Make-up Day 6th
- Cycle 6 Begins6th
- F.O.D.S. Lunch10th (BBQ)
- Board Meeting.....14th @ 7:00 p.m.
- STAAR Testing.....14th (3-8 RLA)
- Picnic Planning Meeting16th
- F.O.D.S. Lunch24th (Spaghetti)
- STAAR Testing.....28th (3-8 Math)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Stephenie Hinkley24th
- Lucy Whitehead30th

APRIL COMMUNITY DATES

- Community Club Meeting25th @ 6:00 p.m.



Preparing for STAAR at Doss CCSD

As we move into the spring semester, Doss CCSD students in grades 3–8 will soon participate in the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). These assessments are designed to measure student progress on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) and provide insight into how well students are mastering grade-level expectations. STAAR results help guide instruction, identify areas of strength, and determine where additional support may be needed to ensure continued academic growth.

At Doss, our approach to STAAR is balanced. While the assessment is an important measure, it is only one part of the overall picture of student learning. Our teachers work throughout the year to provide strong, TEKS-aligned instruction, frequent progress monitoring, and meaningful classroom experiences that prepare students not just for a test—but for long-term success.

Testing Dates at Doss CCSD

Tuesday, April 14, 2026: Grades 3–8 Reading Language Arts (RLA)

Tuesday, April 28, 2026: Grades 3–8 Mathematics

Tips for Student Success

Families can play an important role in helping students feel confident and prepared:

- Ensure your child gets a good night’s sleep before testing days.
- Provide a healthy breakfast the morning of the test.
- Encourage a positive mindset—remind students to do their best.
- Help your child arrive at school on time and ready to begin the day.
- Limit stress by keeping routines consistent and offering reassurance.

Students are encouraged to take their time, read carefully, and apply the strategies they’ve practiced throughout the year. Confidence and effort go a long way.

Looking Ahead: The Future of State Assessments in Texas

The State of Texas is already planning for the next generation of student assessments. Beginning in the 2027–2028 school year, STAAR will be replaced by the Texas Student Success Tool (SST). This new system is designed to provide shorter, more frequent assessments throughout the year, offering real-time feedback to teachers and reduce the pressure of a single high-stakes test.

At Doss CCSD, we will continue to stay informed and prepared as these changes approach, ensuring a smooth transition and continued focus on student success.

If you have any questions about STAAR testing, your child’s progress, or how to best support learning at home, please feel free to contact your child’s teacher or the school office. We appreciate your continued support and partnership in helping every student succeed.



Get Involved at Doss School

Parents and community members are encouraged to get involved and help support the continued success of the Doss School. One way to participate is by serving on the District Improvement Committee (DIC) or the School Health Advisory Council (SHAC). These committees provide an opportunity for stakeholders to share ideas, offer input, and help guide decisions that support student success and the overall well-being of the school community. We are also soliciting for volunteers to assist with the annual School Picnic, scheduled for Saturday, May 16th. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees or volunteering, please contact the school for more information.

Mission

Doss CCSD will create and sustain an environment to inspire curiosity, respect tradition, and embrace excellence.