



Acero School Transitions

Welcome

SY25-26 Acero Community Incubation Meeting

In-Person | Tuesday, April 28th, 2026

Sandra Cisneros Elementary School

4:00pm - 5:00pm



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Cisneros Community Incubation Meeting Schedule

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Cisneros Community Incubation Meeting Schedule (In-Person, at the School, Tuesdays, @4pm) Meeting Cadence: Monthly			
September	October	November	December
September 15, 2025 (virtual)	October 28, 2025	November 18, 2025 <i>Principal Candidate Forum</i>	December 16, 2025
January	February	March	April
January 20, 2026	February 17, 2026	March 17, 2026	April 28, 2026
May	June	<h1>2025-26</h1>	
May 26, 2026* May be FINAL meeting	June 9, 2026* may be rescheduled due to 8th Grade Graduation		

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- 01 Welcome Remarks + Norm Setting
- 02 Curriculum & Uniform Updates
- 03 CPS Marketing & Website Updates
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- 05 CPS GoCPS Application Process
- 06 Key Incubation Updates
- 07 Q & A



Welcome Remarks

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Objective and Purpose for Today

- **Hear** Curriculum updates for Cisneros ES SY27
- **Hear** CPS Marketing & Website Updates for SY27
- **Hear** Facilities & Staffing updates for Cisneros ES SY27
- **Review** GoCPS Application Process for the Rolling Waitlist for SY27
- **Provide** Key Incubation Updates
- **Facilitate** Q/A



Norms for Engagement | Our Commitments

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- **Be Present and Engaged**
- **Listen Respectfully:** Allow others to speak without interruption, seek to **understand different** perspectives, and avoid judgment.
- **Stay on Topic:** Keep discussions relevant to the agenda, manage time effectively, and address off-topic items separately if necessary.
- **Challenge Ideas, Not People**
- **Listen and gather community feedback and input**
- **Facilitate an equitable process**
- **Provide transparency**
- **Allow Equity of Voice**

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Curriculum Updates

Curriculum Selection Process: Completed with ADLC as of 4/14/26

Math

- iReady Classroom Mathematics for K-8th grades
 - Includes all student materials, teacher materials, online benchmark assessments, and individual learning paths for each student
 - \$23,712

ELA

- Skyline ELA and ALE (Spanish Language Arts) for K-5th grades
 - Includes all student materials, teacher materials, and classroom libraries
 - Free
- myPerspectives for 6th-8th grades
 - Includes all student materials, teacher materials, online materials
 - \$5,872

Curriculum Updates

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Science

- Skyline Open Sci Ed for K-8th grades
 - Includes all student materials, teacher materials, and classroom lab kit materials
 - Pilot year- new program from CPS based on Open Sci Ed
 - Free

Social Science

- Skyline for K-8th grades
 - Includes all student materials, teacher materials, and classroom materials
 - Pilot year- new program from CPS
 - Free

Curriculum Updates

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Spanish

- Skyline Spanish for K-8th grades
 - Includes all student and teacher materials in a digital format
 - Free

Visual Arts

- Skyline Visual Arts for K-8th grades
 - Includes all student and teacher materials in a digital format
 - Free

Uniforms Updates



Uniforms:

- Students may wear ANY of the 3 Polo Colors (Purple, Gray, White)
- Navy Uniform Pants
- Navy Uniform Sweaters
- NO HOODED Sweaters / Sweatshirts

P.E. Uniforms:

- Cisneros P.E. t-shirt (available for purchase soon)
- BLACK Athletic Pants / Joggers / Sweatpants (NO LEGGINGS)

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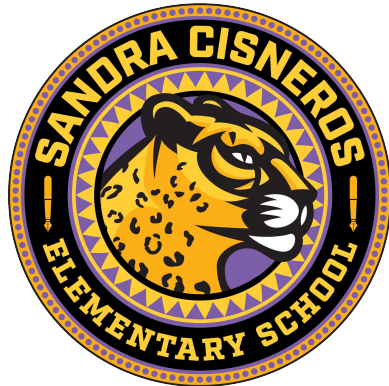
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CPS Marketing Updates

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- Final Logo
- Academic Seal & Mascot Seal were finalized in April



CPS Marketing & Website Updates

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Cisneros Swag

- All returning students will receive a “Founding Cheetah” t-shirt.
- Order forms were sent home- please return to the Main Office by 5/6/26 in order to have your t-shirt the first week of school (Monday, August 24th, 2026)
- Yard Signs will be available for interested families over the summer
- Branded materials will be ordered by May 1st for installation over the summer
- Welcome Back Picnic will occur the week before school starts (week of August 17th). Please look for communication regarding that event
- New social media accounts: IG: cisneros_cps and FB: Sandra Cisneros Elementary School
- New Website will be launched in June 2026

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Facilities Updates

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- Capital Improvement Projects (boiler replacement) scheduled for July 2026
- Gymnasium work began April 8th and will continue over the summer; Goal is to have a functional GYM for the beginning of the 26/27 SY
- Plumbing and sewer work began April 8th and will continue over the summer
- New-to-us Furniture and New Furniture will be delivered over the summer
- Student and Staff devices ordered and will be delivered over the summer (laptops for staff, Chromebooks for students 3rd-8th, and iPads for K-2)

Staffing Updates

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- Assistant Principal Offered & Accepted (Ms. Shani Hawkins)
- School Clerk Offered & Accepted (Ms. Diana Urenda)
- School Counselor Offered & Accepted (Ms. Nancy Fernandez)
- Most Teaching Positions filled (Acero & CPS candidates)
- Open Teaching Positions: 4th /5th Bilingual Math & Science and P.E.
 - Currently interviewing candidates
- Current Acero Lunchroom / Custodial / Security positions will be sent an email to their Acero email on how to apply (Union Positions)
- Classroom Support Positions (Special Education Specific) will be posted as of 4/21/26 (Union Position- Local SEIU)

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Cisneros Student Applications

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GoCPS

- All CURRENT Cisneros students do NOT have to complete an application in GoCPS
- NEW students (K-8) will have to apply via GoCPS during the Rolling Waitlist (April 27th, 2026)
 - Please consider recommending Cisneros to neighbors, friends, & family.



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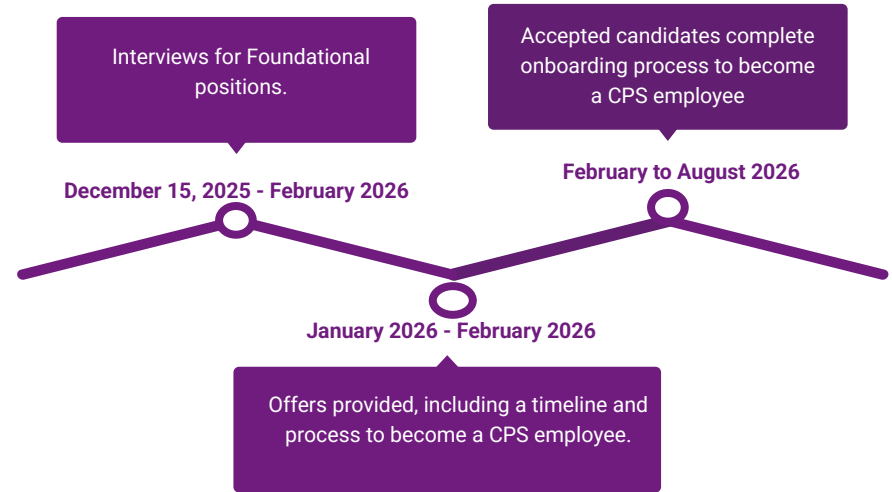


Incubation Updates | Interview Timeline for Remaining Positions

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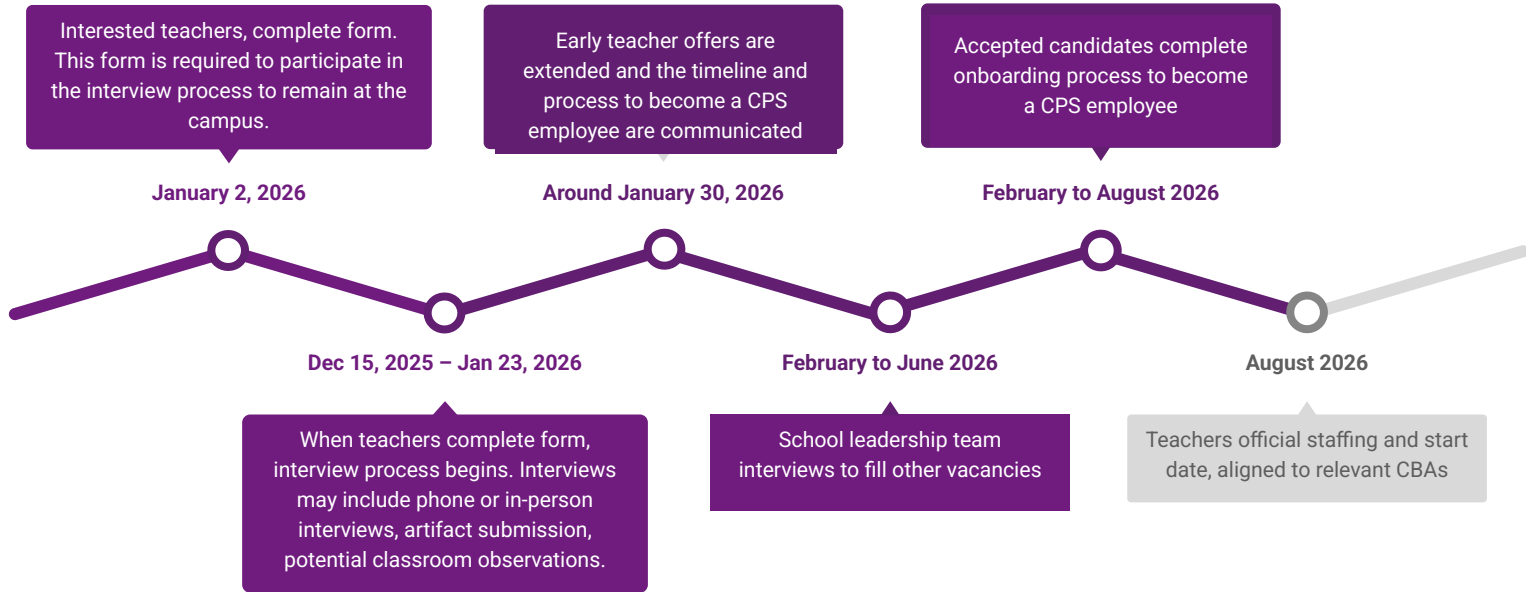
Staffing Positions are posted:

- Currently interviewing candidates for remaining open positions
 - 4th /5th Bilingual Math & Science
 - P.E.



Incubation Updates | Process for Current Acero Teachers

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Incubation Timeline

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- ~~August:~~ Decision on the Network for each school
- ~~September:~~ Opening of Principal positions
- ~~Late September:~~ Establishment of Advisory Council at each school
- ~~October:~~ Inaugural Advisory Council Meetings
- **September - June 2026:** Recurring district incubation committee meetings, listening sessions with stakeholders, design committee and advisory council meetings
- ~~Middle of December 2025:~~ Principal hired
- ~~Start of January 2026:~~ Posting of Foundational Positions (AP, Clerk, and School Counselor) and teacher and staff positions
- ~~End of January - February 2026:~~ Foundational positions hired
- **December - June 2026:** Hiring of teachers and support staff
- **January - May 2026:** Final planning in conjunction with Advisory Councils and Design Committees
- **July 1, 2026:** Opening Day

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Thank You For Coming!

*Have an amazing
rest of your
week!*

See you on May 26th for the **FINAL**
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