



Acero School Transitions

Welcome

**SY25-26 Acero Community
Incubation Meeting**

In-Person | Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Sandra Cisneros Elementary School

4:00pm - 5:30pm



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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	2025-26	
May 26, 2026	June 9, 2026		

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Welcome Remarks

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Objective and Purpose for Today

- **Hear** Curriculum updates for Cisneros ES SY27
- **Hear** CPS Marketing Logo Reveal 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

- Focus on High Quality Instructional Materials to support student learning and success
- Curriculum quotes and samples secured by Principal Byrnes
- Curriculum samples reviewed by ADLC members and staff members
- Ensure all students have access to High Quality Instructional Materials (English and Spanish- not translated, but transadapated)
- Complete the Curriculum Selection Process by the end of March

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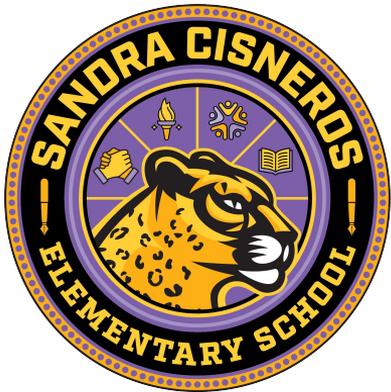
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CPS Marketing Logo Reveal

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- Final Logo
- Academic Seal & Mascot Seal will be finalized in April
- Input was gathered from students, staff, and families



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Facilities Updates

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- Facilities walk through for furniture updates scheduled for 3/20/26
- Capital Improvement Projects (boiler replacement) scheduled for July 2027
- CPS Board of Education approved adding the 5 schools into the current Archdiocese Master Lease agreement

Staffing Updates

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Staffing Updates

- Acero staff members have started the CPS transition process (onboarding process emails should be sent during Spring Break)
- School Clerk (formerly known as office coordinator) offer sent early March
- School Counselor offered and accepted
- Assistant Principal position offered and accepted
- Remaining positions are posted on the CPS Career page and are currently in the interview process
 - Bilingual focus for K-3rd grade
 - ESL focus for 4th-8th grade

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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
- Elementary application is currently closed for elementary offers to be accepted
- NEW students will have to apply to Cisneros via GoCPS
- NEW students (K-8) will have to apply during the Rolling Waitlist (starting in April)



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Incubation Updates | Interview Timeline for Remaining Positions

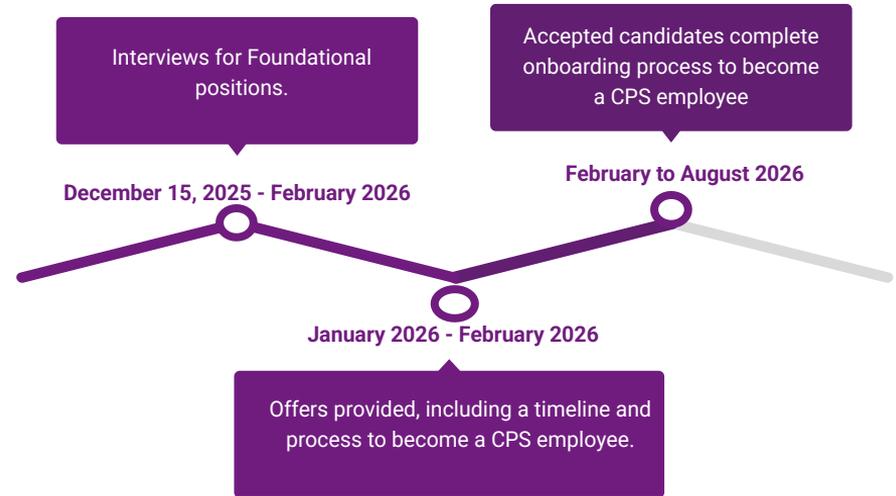
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Foundational Positions are the following roles:

- Principal (selected)
- Assistant Principal (selected)
- School Clerk (selected)
- School Counselor (selected)

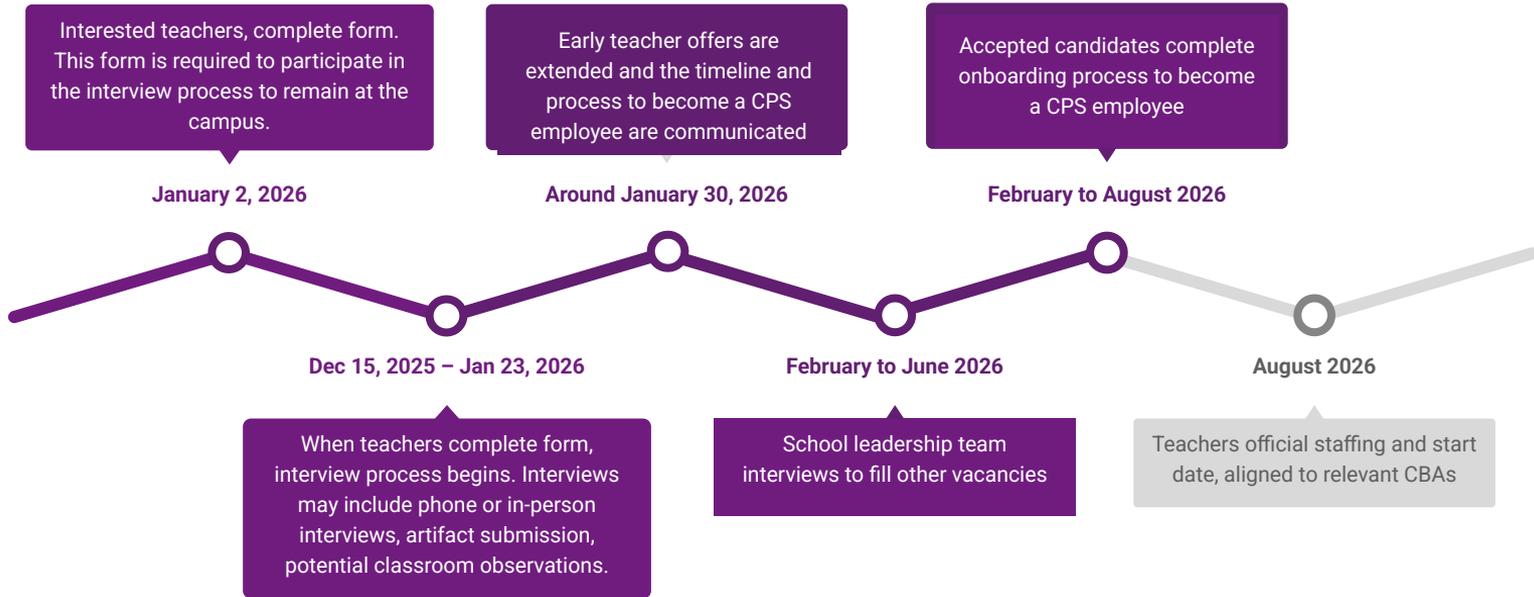
Staffing Positions are posted:

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- ESL focus for 4th-8th grade



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 April 28th for the next Cisneros
Community Incubation Meeting**





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