

**Board Report**

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**Douglas County West High School**

**March 10, 2025**

We are almost halfway through March and that means the third quarter is coming to a close. The following are some important upcoming dates at the high school.

- \*March 6 – End of Third Quarter
- \*March 14-23 – Spring Break
- \*March 25 – State Junior NeSA-ACT, Freshman/Sophomore Practice ACT, Seniors Off
- \*April 12 – Junior/Senior Prom, A View @ West Shores 7:00-10:00
- \*April 28 – Fine Arts Awards Night 6:30
- \*April 30 – Leadership Dinner / NHS 6:30
- \*May 2 – Senior Scholarship Breakfast 7:00AM
- \*May 5 & 6 – Senior Final Exams
- \*May 7 – Senior Last Day / Graduation Practice
- \*May 11 – Graduation 2:00
- \*May 21 & 22– Final Exams / Student Last Days (Tentative Due to Snow Days)

The Junior NeSA-ACT / 9-10 Practice ACT testing plan has been set. On March 25, freshmen and sophomores will be taking and self-scoring the Practice ACT test while juniors will be taking the State NeSA-ACT test. Seniors do not have school on March 25. The DC West NeSA-ACT composite average last year was 19.7 while the state average was 18.7. We continued this year to incentivize John Baylor Test Prep classes by having students set individual ACT composite score goals. If students took John Baylor and meet or exceed their individual composite goal, they will not be required to take final exams this spring.

We currently have a two teaching positions open at the high school; math and special education. We have not hired for either position but are currently in the process of interviewing for both. I am hopeful to have both positions hired soon and will report back on the progress in April.