

# May 21, 2025

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### Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available here.

- Friday, May 23: Last Day of Classes. Details here.
- Saturday, May 24: High School Graduation Ceremonies. <u>Details here.</u>
- Monday, May 26: Memorial Day holiday. U-46 offices closed.
- Saturday, May 31: Registration deadline for the 2025-26 school year. Details here.

## #U46Classof2025

School District U-46 will be celebrating more than 2,800 members of the #U46Classof2025 on Saturday, May 24, at the NOW Arena. Five graduation ceremonies will be held to recognize students from Elgin, Bartlett, Larkin, Streamwood, and South Elgin high schools as they mark the end of one chapter and the start of the next.

Among the graduates will be students who participated in the District's award-winning Dual Language program, earned the state Seal of Biliteracy, were named winners of the Superintendent's Scholarship, took part in the full-time Dual Credit program at Elgin Community College, and graduated in the top two percent of their class.

Read more about this impressive group of graduates here. Visit our <u>Class of 2025 page</u> for the ceremony schedule and links to watch the ceremonies via streaming, as well as a <u>Graduation</u> Guide from the NOW Arena.

On Graduation Day, make sure to follow #U46Classof2025 on the District's <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram accounts</u>, as well as the individual high school's social media channels, to see highlights from this special day!

# **Last Day of Classes - Every Minute Matters**



The last day of classes for students is Friday, May 23. To encourage consistent attendance until the very last day of school, May Attendance Madness features a competition among schools in each network. The final week of school will determine the 2025 Attendance Champion for each network. To see where your school stands, check the Every Minute Matters <a href="Attendance Data">Attendance Data</a> <a href="Trends">Trends</a> webpage.

#### **Know Before You Go**

Want a sneak peek at some of the exciting new initiatives, projects, opportunities, and resources that await you next school year? Well, mark your calendars for June 16 to read the U-46 "Know Before You Go" newsletter! Changes such as a new website and mobile app, shifts to the school day schedule, building construction timelines, an easy new way to report your child's absences, updates to the Student Code of Conduct, and more will be explained so that the transition back to school will be as easy breezy as summer vacation! Keep an eye on your email on Monday, June 16, for information that you'll want to "Know Before You Go."

## **New Location for Board of Education Meetings**

Beginning in July, for the 2025-26 school year and onward, all regular Board of Education meetings will be held at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E Chicago St., Elgin. The move to the Welcome Center will offer ample parking and more space and seating for guests in an inviting, inspiring, and modern facility. Recent building updates also allow for improved audiovisual and live streaming capabilities. Public transportation to the site is available on Pace Bus line 554.



# **Kindergarten Playdates**

Our U-46 elementary schools are each hosting playdates this summer for families of students entering kindergarten in August 2025.

At these casual, fun events, your child will have an opportunity to play, explore, and start meeting their new friends, while you can meet school staff, learn more about the school day, and connect with other families.

You can see the dates and times for these playdates <u>here</u>. Each will last about an hour, and there's no need to register. Please help spread the word!



# **#U46FirstDayReady**



Students entering kindergarten, 6th, 9th, or 12th grade must meet certain health requirements listed on our <u>Health Services website</u>. Forms were mailed to the homes of those students the week of May 12.

Health requirements are due on or before the first day of school, Aug. 11, 2025. Students will NOT be permitted to attend class if they do NOT have these requirements on file by the first day of school.

Schedules and teacher assignments are tentatively being released on July 16. Students who are fully registered and have submitted the required health documents will be able to view their schedule or teacher assignment.

There are a number of ways families can submit health paperwork over the summer. To view these, and to get tips on how to convert paperwork into an electronic .pdf format, <u>click here</u>.

Note: The state of Illinois has a new Child Health Examination Form, which is the one that will be accepted for the 2025-26 school year. It can be found on the <u>Health Forms</u> section of our site, in <u>English here</u> and in <u>Spanish here</u>.

If you have questions or concerns about health requirements, please contact our Health Services team by using <u>Let's Talk</u>.

#### **Resources for Families Without Permanent Homes**

As U-46 is busy encouraging our currently enrolled families to <u>register</u> for the 2025-26 school year, it's also important for us to share some information with you about the <u>McKinney-Vento Homeless</u> Assistance Act.

The act is a federal law intended to remove barriers to learning for homeless students. The ultimate goal is to provide homeless students with the same educational opportunities as those who are housed.

In U-46, students who are eligible for McKinney-Vento services are served by Project Access, and you can learn more about the act, and the rights that it provides homeless children, in our Project Access section <a href="here">here</a>. You'll also find contact information there if you have questions or think your family might qualify for McKinney-Vento services.

## **More Resources**

## We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of <u>rewarding opportunities</u> for educators and support staff.



### Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message <u>here</u>.



#### **Care Solace**

Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members. Learn more <u>here</u>.



#### **Board of Education**

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's YouTube channel and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found <u>here</u>.



#### Community

Visit our <u>U-46 Online Backpack</u> to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.





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