



## The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

Feb. 28, 2024

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### Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Thursday, Feb. 29:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 1:** Deadline for the U-46 Educational Foundation scholarship application. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, March 1:** Kane County Institute Day. No classes, offices open.
- **Monday, March 4:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).


### 2023-24 School Calendar

We have adjusted this year's school calendar to make up for the three emergency days U-46 had to use in January due to weather conditions.

Initially, Friday, May 3, 2024, was scheduled as an Institute Day, but this day will now be a regular student attendance day. The Institute Day has been moved to Friday, May 31. The last day of the school year for students will be Thursday, May 30, 2024, if no additional emergency days are used.


Also, a reminder - this Friday, March 1, is an Institute Day. Students will not have classes on Friday, March 1, but U-46 offices will be open.

Please visit [u-46.org/calendar](https://u-46.org/calendar) to view and download the calendar for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.




**Friday, May 3, 2024 is now a student attendance day**

**el viernes, 3 de mayo, 2024 será día de asistencia para los estudiantes**




**Original Calendar**

**Friday, May 3, 2024:**  
Previously a non-student attendance day.



**Revised Calendar**

**Friday, May 3, 2024:**  
Now a school attendance day



**Calendario Original**

**viernes 3 de mayo, 2024**  
Anteriormente día no presencial para estudiantes



**Calendario Actualizado**

**viernes, 3 de mayo, 2024**  
Ahora es un día de asistencia escolar

**If no additional emergency days are used, the last student attendance day will be **Thursday, May 30, 2024.** (Rescheduled Teacher Institute Day → Friday, May 31, 2024)**

**Si no se utilizan días de emergencia adicionales, el último día de asistencia de estudiantes será **el jueves, 30 de mayo de 2024.** (Cambio de Fecha para el Día de Institución de maestros → viernes, 31 de mayo de 2024)**

## Summer Connection

School District U-46 is excited to be able to offer another year of rewarding and enriching summer programs, which are all grouped under the name of Summer Connection.

An important note: There will be no free summer programs offered through partnerships with community organizations such as park districts, YMCA, Side Street Studio Arts, or the Boy Scouts. That programming was supported by federal Covid relief funds that are no longer available for the summer partner programs. We are grateful for the organizations that partnered with us over the past few summers to offer these unique opportunities to our families.

However, we will be offering an enrichment-focused summer school for select elementary students from June 5 through July 3 at five elementary buildings. A new elementary Summer Connection program for students newly arrived in the United States will offer language development, cultural orientation, and academic preparation.

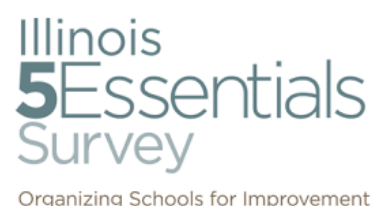


At the secondary level, summer school will be open to all, although spots are limited. Also, there will be special, voluntary, two-day programs for students transitioning to 7th grade (Middle School Experience,) 9th grade (Freshman Connection), or senior year (College Jumpstart). The Extended School Year program will be offered to students in Special Education. Students who are part of Brothers Rise Up, I Am LEAD and gifted programs will also have summer opportunities.

Enrollment is not yet open for any of these programs, but details will be shared with U-46 families through our U-46 Engage newsletter and direct messages. Stay tuned!

## 5Essentials Parent Survey

Can you set aside 10 minutes this week to help improve the school culture and learning environment at your children's schools? That's all it will take to complete the 5Essentials Survey, a research-based survey that provides a unique opportunity for teachers, students, and parents to have a voice in improving our schools.

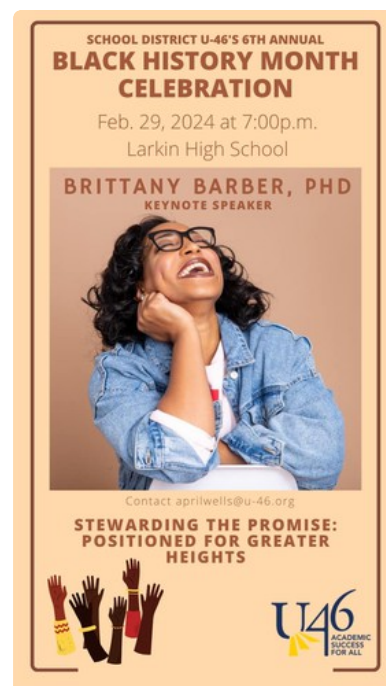


The 5Essentials Survey is completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. It is available in English and Spanish and can be taken on your mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer. [Click here](#) to take the survey today.

More information available at [u-46.org/5Essentials](https://u-46.org/5Essentials)

## Black History Month

As Black History Month comes to a close, School District U-46 is holding its 6th annual Black History Month Celebration on Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7 p.m. at Larkin High School. During the free event, the academic excellence of our 6th, 8th, and 12th grade Black scholars will be recognized. Dr. Brittany Barber, a local educator, blogger, and community leader will offer a keynote address that promises to challenge and inspire our U-46 community. Learn more [here](#).




## Talent Fest

Catch the stars of U-46 at TalentFest!

This annual event features students from U-46's five comprehensive high schools competing and showcasing their best performances. The contest will feature 10 acts, two from each school, and the audience will get to vote for their favorites. Among this year's lineup are pianists, dancers, singers, and bands.

The event begins at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, at the Hemmens Cultural Center in Elgin. You can learn more about this event [here](#) and purchase tickets for \$5 [here](#) or by calling 847-931-5900.

TalentFest is made possible with the support of the [U-46 Educational Foundation](#).

A promotional graphic for TalentFest. The top left features the 'TalentFest Follow Your Star' logo with a star icon. To its right is a photo of a young woman singing into a microphone. Below the logo, the text 'Tuesday, March 5 7pm' is displayed in white and green, followed by 'Hemmens Cultural Center' in yellow. To the right of this text is the 'U46 ACADEMIC SUCCESS FOR ALL' logo. At the bottom is a large photo of two young people dancing on a stage with confetti falling around them.

**TalentFest**  
Follow Your Star

**Tuesday, March 5 7pm**  
**Hemmens Cultural Center**

**U46**  
ACADEMIC  
SUCCESS  
FOR ALL

## BPAC

The next Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) meeting is Wednesday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in person at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Topics to be discussed include Unite U-46 and the AVID program. All U-46 parents are invited to attend BPAC events and meetings. The meetings are held in Spanish with interpretation into English available. Learn more [here](#).

## CAC

The Community Advisory Council will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, in the library of Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. Attendees will hear about the ways that U-46 supports early learners in our community. All are welcome at CAC meetings. Learn more [here](#).



## Windy City Bulls



Are you ready to “take over” the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates with your fellow U-46 families, employees, and community members? Then you need to purchase your tickets to the “U-46 District Takeover Night” when the Windy City Bulls play the Grand Rapids Gold on Tuesday, March 12. Tip-off is at 7 p.m.

Students and staff from U-46 will be featured on the court throughout the game. U-46 ticket holders are eligible to take part in on-court experiences, such as the High Five Tunnel, the Scream Team, and Red, White & Blue Crew.

Tickets are \$25, and a portion of all ticket sales will benefit the [U-46 Educational Foundation](https://www.u46.org/foundation), which creates opportunities that expand student learning and well-being. Purchase tickets using [this link](#). Any questions can be directed to [foundation@u-46.org](mailto:foundation@u-46.org).



## #U46FirstDayReady

If you have a child who will be entering kindergarten, 6th grade, 9th grade, or 12th grade next school year, the state of Illinois has certain health requirements for those students. For incoming seniors, that means proving they are up to date on their meningococcal vaccine. For students in the other listed grades, physical exams and certain immunizations are required.

You can find details on the requirements, as well as the necessary forms, in English and Spanish [on this page](#), in the Health Services section of the U-46 website. Forms are due on or before Aug. 13. Note that secondary students won't receive their schedules until all health requirements are turned in.

Because of these required physicals, summers are always busy at the offices of pediatricians. Please schedule your doctor's appointments now! Families who have questions or need assistance locating a clinic for a physical or immunization should contact the nurse at their school.

# U46 HEALTH REQUIREMENTS 2024 - 25

Grades  
Kindergarten • 6 • 9 • 12

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## More Resources

### 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 [here](#).



### 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 [here](#).

## Careers

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff. Save the date for our next [U-46 Job Fair](#) on March 15 and 16.



## Care Coordination

[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.



**Online Backpack**  
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## Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



**School District U-46**

All means all.

