May 2025 BlueSky Online Newsletter

Superintendent's Message

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MY PHONE CONTACT SCHEDULE

As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we want to encourage all students to keep pushing forward. We know that May can be a busy one, filled with the last day of school on June 4, 2025, but it's also a time when your hard work can really start to pay off. Stay focused on your goals and don't let distractions get in the way.

Graduation Award of Distinction Election
BlueSky will be electing three Board of Directors this May. Our teacher member and community member terms will end with the graduation of a full time BlueSky student in the class of 2025. Please watch for your ballot in the electronic election ballot that will be sent to your email no later than May 15th.

BlueSky Graduation Ceremony
Our graduation ceremony ceremony will take place on June 4, 2025 at 10 am. We are incredibly excited to celebrate the achievements of our graduates and look forward to honoring all of their hard work. Graduation practice will be held at Pratt College and will be streamed live via YouTube for those unable to attend in person. All graduates are required to participate in practice. Please contact Jessica Lopez at jessica.lopez@embs.org if you have questions.

Academic, thank you for choosing BlueSky and allowing us to partner with you and your student(s)!

Counselor Corner

Featured Occupation: Disaster Trainer & Emergency Manager

- **Education Required:** Bach.Degree/Diploma or Cert.ate (for job training)
- **Outlook:** +7.4 percent Growth Faster than Average
- **Median Wages:** $43,000 annually
- **Job Outlook:** Stable

Disaster trainers and emergency managers help individuals and groups through safe and effective responses to disasters. Trainers develop plans to protect citizens and businesses. They also make workshops to meet clients' needs. Emergency managers work with trainers to help them understand the risks their communities face. They also help trainers develop plans that will help them stay safe in a disaster and handle. BlueSky is a great place to start your career in this field. Take courses in business, communications, and math. Look for internships in emergency management and disaster relief.

National ACT Testing Information
The ACT is offered on a national test date 7 times throughout the year. If you have questions about the ACT, please contact your student's counselor.

2024-2025
NATIONAL TEST DATES SCHEDULE

Sept. 7	Oct. 26	Dec. 14	April 5
Sept. 28	Nov. 2	Feb. 8	June 14
Oct. 5	Nov. 16	April 12	July 19
Oct. 12	Dec. 7	April 26	

- **Test registration** opens 3 months prior to the assessment date (for Summer School Program).

Summer school registration is now open!

BlueSky's summer program runs from June 16th - July 25th. Students who are behind in credits need to earn 60 credits. Students are scheduled for 4 hours per day. Credits are not fully earned and not awarded until 3 hours per day are done/accounted. A normal school day is 6 hours, so students are being compressed in the SS.

Those who plan to take summer school classes should meet with their counselor to discuss options and to help them choose the best course needed. please contact your BlueSky counselor for more information.

Summer School Registration Form

Students will need to submit the **their registration at the end of May with their school counselor.**

Availability has opened at our school's library!

- Patrons may be given to the following materials:
  - Up to two items to purchase — or to be scanned
  - Materials accessible
  - Access of all books of their classes and grade(s)
  - Access to also summer school class title lists
- Your Library Media Center Hour (also within the Red Cube) or they will be dropped from the library.
- **The registration form for parents/guardians is available on the Summer School Program.**

Social Work Spotlight

Procrastination is a behavior that can be managed and overcome – with the right techniques and support. Remember, it's not that you're procrastinators because you're lazy or you're not motivated. It's because you're human and you're like those who struggle with it. If you need more help, contact your school social worker!

Whatever It Is, Just Start
The best way to beat procrastination is to start. Sometimes, the hardest part is getting over that initial hump of inertia. Once you've started working on something, you're more likely to keep going. Set a timer for just 5 minutes and tell yourself you're only going to work on it for that short amount of time. Often, you'll find that you've built enough momentum to keep going.

Break Down Tasks into Small, Manageable Chunks
Big projects can feel overwhelming because they seem so hard to even get started. If you've been procrastinating on a big project, try breaking it down into smaller tasks. Make a list of the tasks you need to complete, and then break those tasks down even further. Focus on just one small task at a time. You'll be surprised at how much you can get done when you're not overwhelmed by the entire project. Plus, you'll get the added benefit of feeling accomplished!

Becoming More Organized
Sometimes, procrastination is a symptom of disorganization. If you're constantly losing track of your assignments and deadlines, you're more likely to procrastinate. Try using a planner or organizational strategies you've helped you in the past. Keeping your space clean can also prevent procrastination behaviors. Limiting your distractions can help you stay focused and complete tasks on time. Create distraction-free workspaces (no cell phones, and turn off notifications on your computer) and set boundaries with others around you.

Setting Motivation
Don't let your emotions and negative self-talk get in the way of your success. Instead of worrying a task, introduce positive thoughts. You might consider rewarding yourself for completing a task or working with a friend who can help you stay motivated. Remember that the ultimate meaning is not why you want to accept. If you're struggling with procrastination, it can be helpful to talk to someone about it. Procrastination is not, however, the School Social Worker can help you develop positive habits to have about yourself. If you procrastinate, don't be hard on yourself. Everyone does it sometimes. Instead, learn to be kind to it, be patient, and be willing to grow from setbacks. Setbacks in areas other than.

How to Get Motivated: 5 Steps for Developing Your Routine

Step 1: Establish a simple routine that will get the ball rolling.
The most important part of starting something often comes after starting.

Step 2: Your routine should set you moving toward your goals.
Most of the time, your routine should include things you want to do. If you're not motivated to do your routine, then your routine should be as easy as possible to start. It should also be something that you can do every day. Set your email and your notifications will follow your routine.

Step 3: Follow the same pattern every single time.
Consistency is the key to creating a habit and your routine. This is important because when you're not motivated, you don't have to do the work to figure out what you should do next. When faced with another decision, you will do it. Your routine will help you to stay on track and problem because you have exactly what to do next. You have taken the action.

If a student would like to see a title added to the Teen library, please email Jessica.lopez@embs.org

BlueSky Library Bookshelf

Hello again from the BlueSky Library Bookshelf!

There are so many audiobooks to enjoy in the library, and I wanted to share a story we're reading with this audiobook.

Student Activities & Information

Class of 2025 Graduation
Our BlueSky Graduation Ceremony will be complete on **Wednesday, May 28th** at 10:00 AM.

Graduation practice is required for those who will participate in the ceremony. Practice will be held on **June 3rd at 9:00 AM** at Pratt Community College. Graduates are required to participate in practice. If they do not, they will be ineligible to participate in the graduation ceremony. Graduates will be responsible for a number of expenses related to the ceremony. If they do not purchase regalia, the cafeteria will serve as the graduation practice location. Please see the graduation information packet for more information. Graduates who do not participate in practice will be the choice will be available first-come, first-served.

Graduate Slideshow Form

Cancel Seat BD'd

Purchase Tickets Here!

Junior Senior Prom is set to take place the evening of **Friday, May 16th** at the Pratt Community College Student Union. Doors open at 7PM and the dance will run from 8PM to 11PM. Please see BlueSky's campus!

Tickets are just **$15 each**, and every student can bring one guest. Tickets must be purchased by the form if purchase tickets is **May 14th at 2:00 PM**. Tickets may be purchased online or in person.

The Prom Form must be submitted prior to purchasing tickets.

RSVP Form

Dance Form

BlueSky PayPal

YES Mission Statement Survey: The National Center for Youth Issues has been working with BlueSky to develop a mission statement. We're asking all students to complete a short survey to help us share their thoughts by filling out the quick survey. The survey will be open for 2 weeks and we appreciate everyone's participation in our!

Mission Statement Survey

School Hours:
Looking to stay BlueSky in style? Check out our BlueSky School Store! Here you can find apparel and gear for everyone. You don't want to miss out on this!

BlueSky School Store

BlueSky Stars

Mati Holmes, a student from Travis City, has been selected as this month's BlueSky Star because of her outstanding academic performance and dedication to her studies. Mati has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence. She has also excelled academically through supportive learning environment. Mati's teachers have praised her work, highlighting the ways she has used the BlueSky format to set goals, stay organized, and take ownership of her education. Outside of school, Mati is known for her kindness and willingness to help others. She has been active in the BlueSky community, participating in virtual events and support such as. Moreover, Mati has worked hard to overcome challenges in her life and has been a source of inspiration for her classmates. Congratulations to Mati for this well-deserved recognition. Keep up the great work, and we're excited to see what you accomplish next!

Roman Flowers is a Senior from Pratt, KS. Despite his health, which has unfortunately worsened, Roman has been a dedicated student, consistently completing his coursework, attending school events, and being a caring, reliable, and supportive classmate. Roman's positive attitude and willingness to help others have made him a valuable member of our school community. Congratulations, Roman!

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Student Work

BlueSky senior Sophie Crutchfield shares used her creativity to create a beautiful piece of Art School Fall Art School Exhibition. A stained art show and congratulations for Sophie on her outstanding achievement. She has been on display. Congrats, Sophie!

The Mexican tacocha of stained media on canvas

Who is the richer Nom Tacocha of mixed media on canvas

I created a Cool Band, an early graduate, has left an understanding in South Africa and Mexico, and has been a dedicated student. In my creation, Lilia Olivera was able to deliver her graduation box in person. Best Regards.

Cam has been with BlueSky since her freshman year, and her family has shared how much she has grown and matured. She works a beautiful Dunn Lee to everyone at BlueSky for making her time here so meaningful. A special shoutout to her counselor, Jessica Lopez, Tracey Calvano, Crystal Cameron, and April Schoolcraft!

Resources

Contact Information for Counselors and Nurseries
Main Line: 833-582-5888
Jessica.lopez@embs.org

Referrals - Laura Salcedo: (833) 220-8000
Secretary: Kathy Cheek

Office — enrollment, transcripts, record requests
Amy Lavinia — Superintendent/Secretary Assistant
Kathy Cheek — Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Laura Salcedo — Director of Student Support Services
Jessica Lopez — Counselor
Crystal Cameron — Director of Special Education
Tracey Calvano — Counselor
Jessica Lopez — Student Intervention Specialist
Cristina Gonzalez — School Psychologist
Jessica Lopez — Counselor
Jessica Lopez — Counselor

Counselors - scheduling and class changes
Jessica Lopez
Tracey Calvano
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez

Software - navigating school
Jessica Lopez
Tracey Calvano
Laura Salcedo
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Laura Salcedo
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez

Social Worker - school health and personal concerns, well-being, crisis assistance
Jessica Lopez
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Supplemental - Students wishing to be 21st Century Learners at BlueSky
Jessica Lopez
Jessica Lopez

Mark Your Calendar

- May 2, 2025 Spring Middle School Dance
- May 16, 2025 Junior Senior Prom
- May 28, 2025 No school
- June 4, 2025 Last day of school
- June 4, 2025 Graduation

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