

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152

SUMMER 2026



WELCOME BACK

FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION



On behalf of the Harvey School District 152 Board of Education, welcome to the 2026–2027 school year!

As we begin another exciting year, we are proud to partner with our students, families, staff, and community to ensure every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed. Our Board remains committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where academic excellence is the priority.

This year, we will continue our focus on increasing student achievement, maintaining the District's strong financial health, and investing in our schools without placing any additional burden on our taxpayers. We are proud that Harvey School District 152 continues to be fiscally responsible while making meaningful improvements that benefit our students and community.

Looking ahead, we are excited to explore plans for a new District Office, renovate the north end of Holmes School, and construct a new gymnasium for Holmes School. These projects represent our continued commitment to providing modern, high quality learning environments that support student success for years to come.

We are incredibly proud of the talented educators, administrators, and support staff who serve our students every day. Their dedication, passion, and commitment give us full confidence that this will be another outstanding year for Harvey School District 152. Together, we are truly Heroes United: On a Mission to Excellence.

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WELCOME TO THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to a new school year! It is an honor to serve as the Superintendent of Harvey School District 152 and to continue serving the community that has been my professional home for many years. Harvey School District 152 is more than a school district. It is a family. Every day, I see the dedication of our teachers and staff, the encouragement of our families, and the incredible potential of our students. I also see a community that believes in our children and wants them to succeed. That shared commitment is what makes our district so special.

Our theme for the 2026–2027 school year, “Heroes United: On a Mission to Excellence,” reminds us that every student succeeds because

of the collective efforts of caring teachers, dedicated staff, supportive families, and an engaged community. Together, we all have a role in helping our children learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

This year, we remain committed to providing outstanding educational opportunities, maintaining safe and welcoming schools, and ensuring every decision we make is centered on what is best for students. I believe every child deserves the same high quality education and opportunities that we would want for our own children.

I encourage our parents, families and community members to stay

connected throughout the year by attending school events, celebrating student achievements, volunteering when you can, and partnering with us in your child’s education. When schools and families work together, there is no limit to what our students can accomplish.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for the warm welcome you have already extended to me. I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the school year as we celebrate our students and continue building an even stronger Harvey School District 152.

The future is bright, and together, we are Heroes United: On a Mission to Excellence!

WELCOMING OUR NEW DISTRICT LEADERS

We are proud to welcome three outstanding leaders to our administrative team for the 2026–2027 school year. Each brings a wealth of experience, a passion for serving students, and a commitment to excellence that will strengthen our schools and District. We look forward to the positive impact they will have as they work alongside our dedicated staff, students, and families to advance our mission of academic excellence.

Christina Montgomery joins Harvey School District 152 as our new Director of Human Resources. She brings a strong background in educational leadership and professional development and will play an important role in recruiting, developing, and supporting the exceptional staff who make a difference in the lives of our students every day.



Christina Montgomery
Director of
Human Resources

Ericka Smith has been named Principal of Maya Angelou Elementary School. Her dedication to student achievement, collaborative leadership style, and commitment to building positive relationships with students, families, and staff make her an outstanding addition to the Angelou school community.



Ericka Smith
Principal
Maya Angelou
Elementary

Marian Dowling joins the District as Principal of Whittier Elementary School. She is a former Whittier teacher who is passionate about creating a positive school culture where students are challenged, supported, and inspired to reach their full potential.



Marian Dowling
Principal
Whittier Elementary

HARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 152 MAINTAINS A STRONG FINANCIAL FUTURE

Harvey School District 152 continues to demonstrate exceptional financial strength as we prepare for the 2026-2027 school year. Through careful planning, responsible budgeting, and sound financial management, the District remains in an excellent financial position that allows us to invest in our students while protecting the long term financial health of the organization.

We are starting the new school year with a strong fund balance and a bal-

anced budget. We also continue to earn the highest financial rating from the Illinois State Board of Education, maintaining a 4.0 Recognition Status. This distinction reflects the District's commitment to strong financial oversight, accurate reporting, fiscal accountability, and responsible stewardship of public resources. It is an achievement that demonstrates the confidence the State has in the District's financial practices.

Our financial strength is the result of thoughtful decision making and a long term commitment to spending responsibly while investing where it matters most. Every financial decision is made with students at the center, ensuring resources are directed toward high quality instruction, safe and well maintained schools, outstanding staff, and programs that support student success.

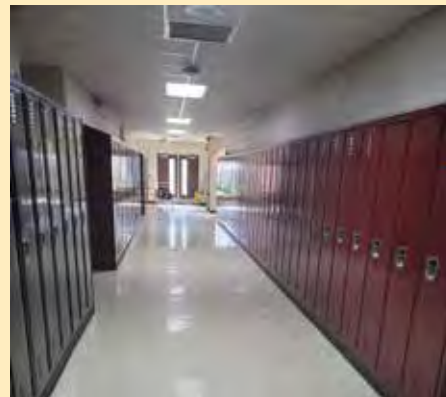
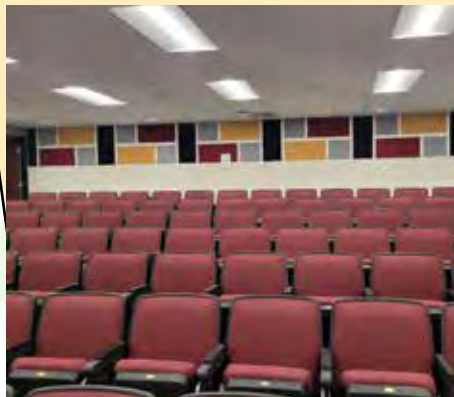
INVESTING IN OUR SCHOOLS

This summer, Harvey School District 152 completed more than \$3 million in capital improvement projects designed to enhance our learning environments and provide students and staff with safe, modern, and welcoming schools. Brooks Middle School received the largest share of this summer's improvements. Students and staff will return to a school featuring brand new lockers, renovated student and staff restrooms, new ceiling tiles throughout the building, and a beautifully updated lecture hall that provides a modern space for learning, presentations, and special events.

In addition, significant HVAC upgrades were completed at Brooks to improve heating, cooling, and indoor air quality throughout the building. These improvements provide a more comfortable learning environment while increasing the efficiency and reliability of the school's mechanical systems.

Whittier School also received important upgrades with the installation of new perimeter fencing. The new fencing enhances campus security while providing a safer environment for students, staff, and visitors.

While we are proud of what was accomplished this summer, we are already looking ahead. During the upcoming year, the District will be working to expand playgrounds at our elementary schools to create more engaging outdoor spaces for our youngest learners. These investments reflect the District's continued commitment to maintaining high quality facilities that support teaching, learning, and student success.



SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE REQUEST

Welcome Back from the Special Services Department!

We are excited to partner with you as we work together to ensure every student has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

The Special Services Department is dedicated to supporting students, families, and staff by providing services and resources that help all learners reach their full potential. Our team includes school psychologists, social workers, speech-language pathologists, occupational and physical therapists, nurses, case managers and a counselor who work collaboratively to meet the unique needs of our students.

If you have concerns about your child's learning, communication, behavior, social-emotional development, or physical development, we encourage you to reach out. Early communication and collaboration are important, and we are here to answer your questions and guide you through available support.

In Need of Additional Support? Follow These Steps:

1. First, talk with your child's teacher about your concerns and discuss the support currently being provided in the classroom.
2. Contact your school's principal to request additional interventions or assistance.
3. Request a meeting to discuss your child's progress and available support options.
4. If concerns continue, you may request information about the special education evaluation process. The Special Services Department will explain your rights, the evaluation process, and answer any questions you may have.
5. Stay connected. We believe families are our most important partners, and we will work together to identify the supports that best meet your child's needs.

Our department is committed to serving as a trusted resource for students, families, and the Harvey School District 152 community. We are here to support every child and every family.

To learn more or to speak with a member of the Special Services Department, please contact:

Dr. Y. Payne, Special Services Department

Phone: (708)333-0300 Ext. 107

Email: ypayne@harvey152.org

WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Every school day is an opportunity for students to learn, grow, and build connections with their teachers and classmates. Regular attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success. Students who attend school consistently are more likely to master important skills, stay engaged in learning, and develop positive habits that support lifelong success.

Attendance also plays a vital role in the resources available to our schools. A significant portion of Harvey School District 152's funding is based on student attendance. When students are present every day, the district receives the funding needed to provide high-quality instruction, academic programs, technology, extracurricular opportunities, and essential student support services. Approximately 70% of Harvey District 152's Evidence-Based Funding (EBF) is connected to student attendance and enrollment.

Families Can Help By:

- ✓ Establishing a consistent bedtime
- ✓ Arriving to school on time
- ✓ Scheduling appointments after school whenever possible
- ✓ Communicating with the school regarding absences



HARVEY DISTRICT 152 RECEIVES THE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS GRANT

Harvey School District 152 is proud to announce that, in collaboration with the CAPE (Community Arts Partnership in Education) Program, we have been awarded the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) Grant. This exciting opportunity will expand learning experiences for our students beyond the traditional school day and provide additional support for families throughout our community.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant is a federally funded program designed to support high-quality before-school, after-school, and summer learning opportunities that complement classroom instruction. Through this partnership, students will have access to engaging academic enrichment, hands-on learning experiences, STEM activities, arts programming, mentoring, and opportunities to develop new skills and interests.

For our students, this grant means more opportunities to learn, explore, and grow in a safe and supportive environment. Students will receive additional academic support while participating in enriching activities that encourage creativity, collaboration, and confidence. Families will benefit from expanded opportunities that support student success and strengthen connections between schools, families, and our community.

Big Wins in Reading & Math — HSD 152 Students Are Growing!

i-Ready Inform Results, Benchmark 1 → Benchmark 3, 2025–2026 School Year

Our students had a strong year of growth, and the data proves it. Comparing where students started in the fall (Benchmark 1) to where they landed in the spring (Benchmark 3), the percentage of HSD 152 students reading and performing math on or above grade level nearly tripled district-wide.

District-Wide Highlights

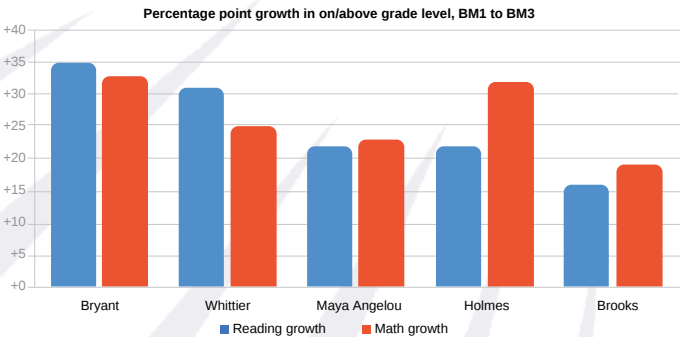
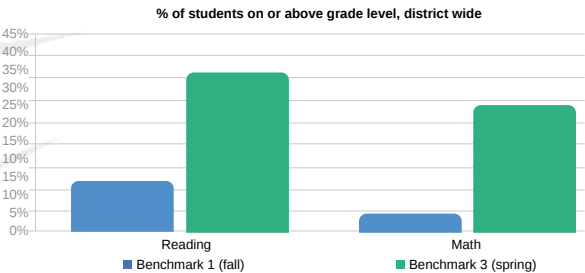
Subject	On/Above Grade Level
Reading	12% → 36% of students
Math	4% → 29% of students

Every single school in our district made gains in both reading and math this year — a true team effort from teachers, students, and families.

Growth by School

Percent of students on or above grade level, Benchmark 1 → Benchmark 3:

School	Reading	Math
Bryant Elementary	13% → 48%	3% → 36%
Whittier Elementary	9% → 40%	2% → 27%
Maya Angelou Elementary	14% → 36%	1% → 24%
Holmes Elementary	8% → 30%	2% → 34%
Brooks Middle School	14% → 30%	6% → 25%



SUMMER SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

From June 8 through July 9, Harvey School District 152 students participated in an engaging Summer School program designed to strengthen academic skills while making learning fun. Students built their reading and mathematics skills through targeted instruction while also participating in enriching experiences that included STEM activities, hands-on projects, educational field trips, and collaborative learning opportunities.

The photos below highlight some of the exciting moments from our Summer School program, showcasing students engaged in learning, exploring new ideas, building friendships, and celebrating their accomplishments. Our dedicated teachers and staff created a positive and supportive environment where students gained confidence and prepared for a successful start to the 2026–2027 school year.

We are proud of our students' hard work and grateful to our families and staff for making this year's Summer School program a tremendous success!



PRESCHOOL SCREENING

Harvey School District 152 is excited to welcome our youngest learners! Preschool screenings will be held on August 18, 19, and 20, 2026 for families interested in enrolling their child in our preschool program.

Parents and guardians can schedule a screening appointment by visiting the district website and using the registration link provided and/or QR code. Our preschool screening process helps us learn more about each child's developmental needs and ensures they receive the appropriate support and learning opportunities.



We look forward to meeting our future Harvey District 152 learners and partnering with families to provide a strong foundation for success!

2026-2027 STUDENT REGISTRATION

Is your child ready for the 2026–2027 school year? Harvey School District 152 is hosting in-person registration opportunities to assist families with completing the enrollment process and ensuring students are ready for a successful start to the school year.

Families may complete registration in person at Brooks Middle School during the following dates and times:

-  **Tuesday, August 4 & Thursday, August 6**
1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
-  **Wednesday, August 5**
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
-  **Saturday, August 8**
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Additional registration support will be available at the District Office every Tuesday and Thursday from August 25 through September 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We encourage families to complete registration as soon as possible to help ensure a smooth start to the school year. Our team looks forward to welcoming new and returning students and supporting families throughout the registration process!

Harvey School District 152
REGISTRATION
The 2026-2027 In-Person registration begins
Tuesday, August 4th & Thursday, August 6th from 1-7pm
Wednesday, August 5th from 9am-3pm
Saturday, August 8th from 9am-1pm
Brooks Middle School
14741 Wallace, Harvey

Requirements:
• Current IL Photo ID
• Current License or Mortgage Docs
• Current Utility Bill
• Current School record & transcripts
• New Students: Transfer Forms
• Original Birth Certificate
• Current IEP if applicable
• 2025 and from 10/1/2024
• Fees May Apply (Credit Card or money orders only)

Are you a returning student?
Register NOW

First Day of School is Monday, August 12, 2026

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR BACK-TO-SCHOOL FEST!

Get ready to celebrate the start of an exciting new school year at Harvey School District 152's Back-to-School Fest on **Saturday, August 15 from 10:00am-3:00pm!** Bring the whole family for an afternoon filled with delicious food, fun activities, exciting carnival rides, live performances, and community spirit.

This free community event is the perfect way to reconnect with friends, meet district staff, and celebrate the beginning of the 2026–2027 school year. Whether you're a returning family or joining Harvey District 152 for the first time, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

We look forward to welcoming our students and families as we come together to kick off another amazing year of learning, growth, and success. We can't wait to see you on August 15!

POW!
HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152 PRESENTS
POW! SUPERHERO ZAP! BOOM!
BACK TO SCHOOL FEST
SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026
BROOKS MIDDLE SCHOOL,
14741 Wallace Ave, Harvey, IL

CARNIVAL RIDES **GAMES & FUN** **FOOD TRUCKS** **PERFORMANCES**

POW! **VENDOR & PERFORMANCE INFO** **BOOM!**
CONTACT MRS. BOLTON-LUSTER
708-333-0300 ext 123

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS • DISTRICT 152**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE 2026-2027 AT-A-GLANCE****REGISTRATION FOR ALL STUDENTS – GWENDOLYN BROOKS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Tuesday August 4th - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5th - 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 6th - 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 8th - 9:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

AUGUST 2026

- 12 New Teacher Orientation, 8:15 a.m. Brooks Middle School
- 13 INSTITUTE DAY- BROOKS MIDDLE SCHOOL- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 14 INSTITUTE DAY – BUILDING MEETINGS - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 17 K-8TH Grade Students Full Attendance Day
- 24 Pre-K 1st Day of School

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 04 E-Learning for Students/School Improvement Day for Staff
- 07 HOLIDAY – LABOR DAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED

OCTOBER 2026

- 12 HOLIDAY – COLUMBUS DAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 16 End of 1st Quarter – 12:30 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 22 Parent Teacher Conference – 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Parent Teacher Conference – 8:15 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

NOVEMBER 2026

- 11 HOLIDAY – VETERAN'S DAY OBSERVED – NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED
- 23 VACATION DAY – NO SCHOOL
- 24 VACATION DAY – NO SCHOOL
- 25 VACATION DAY-NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 26 HOLIDAY – THANKSGIVING DAY – NO SCHOOL OFFICES CLOSED
- 27 VACATION DAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 30 School Resumes

DECEMBER 2026

- 21-23 WINTER VACATION – NO SCHOOL
- 24-25 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 28-30 WINTER VACATION – NO SCHOOL
- 31 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED

JANUARY 2027

- 01 HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL - OFFICES CLOSED
- 04 School Resumes
- 08 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal
- 18 HOLIDAY – DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED

FEBRUARY 2027

- 15 HOLIDAY – PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED

MARCH 2027

- 01 HOLIDAY – CASIMIR PULASKI DAY – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 12 End of 3rd Quarter – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal
- 19 INSTITUTE DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 24 Parent Teacher Conference – 4:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Parent Teacher Conference – 8:15 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 26 VACATION DAY- NO SCHOOL – OFFICES CLOSED
- 29-31 SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL – OFFICES OPEN

APRIL 2027

- 01-02 SPRING BREAK- NO SCHOOL – OFFICES OPEN
- 05 INSTITUTE DAY – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 06 E-Learning for Students/School Improvement Day for Staff

MAY 2027

- 21 End of 4th Quarter – 12:30 p.m. Dismissal
- 28 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 31 HOLIDAY – MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICES CLOSED

(IF EMERGENCY DAYS ARE NOT USED, ALL SCHOOLS SHALL CLOSE ON FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2027)

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2026-2027 PARENT/GUARDIAN-STUDENT HANDBOOK

As we begin the new school year, we encourage all parents and guardians to review the Harvey School District 152 Student & Parent Handbook with their child. The handbook contains important information about District policies, student expectations, attendance, safety procedures, and our Student Discipline Plan. Taking time to review these guidelines together helps ensure a successful school year for everyone.



Scan the QR code below to
access the handbook

