

# The Hog Herald

Featuring the students, staff, and systems that contribute to the success of the Texarkana Arkansas School District

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## Class of 2006 Will Graduate From New High School

With the belief that the new building will allow the district to better serve the needs of the students, the TASD school board approved a \$12 million bid for new construction and renovations of Arkansas High School. On July 19th, Texarkana Arkansas School District celebrated the groundbreaking of the new high school. Dr. Human, District Superintendent, presented renderings of the building to Arkansas Mayor Horace Shipp and Texarkana Chamber of Commerce Vice President of Economic Development, Linda Crawford. The 107,000 square foot campus is schedule to be completed in the year 2006.



Artist's rendering of Arkansas High School

## TASD Hires New Superintendent



Paul Dee Human, Ed.D.  
TASD Superintendent

Having twenty plus years in education, 12 years of experience as a superintendent and four years of corporate management Dr. Human welcomes the opportunity to serve as superintendent of Texarkana Arkansas School District.

While serving as superintendent of Lonoke Public School District, Dr. Human led the district in a school improvement process which produced a stronger alignment in curriculum, instruction, assessment, and evaluation. This district was one of three in the nation to be featured in a video by the Association of Supervision of Curriculum and Development.

Dr. Human is the owner/president of Professional Education Resources, a technology-based business that specializes in single-source solutions for school districts in a cost-effective manner.

Dr. Human and his wife Cheryl have three children Tracy - 23, Kyle - 18, and Ryan - 16.

## Thelma Forte Teacher Of The Year

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Texarkana Arkansas School District staff listened with anticipation as Russell Sapaugh, Assistant Superintendent of Supportive Services, read a description of the 2003-04 Teacher of the Year recipient.



2003-2004 Year End Breakfast

Thelma Forte, described as a mentor and role model that burns the candle at both ends, taught 2nd grade at Kilpatrick Elementary and is the first teacher from Kilpatrick to receive the Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Forte will begin the 2004-05 school year as Assistant Principal at Arkansas High School.



Teacher of the Year Recipient  
Thelma Forte

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## *Come Be A Part Of Texarkana Arkansas School District, A District On The Move*

TASD's All For All Campaign is a campaign focused on strengthening community involvement for all students by bringing the public back to public schools. As educators we have long understood the value of involving parents and community in schools. But now we are hearing that involvement is not enough, that the relationship between the public and public education is deteriorating in spite of our best efforts.



Today's public is demanding improved student achievement and increased accountability from educators, as well as a voice in decision-making about their schools. The public finds it easy to criticize education because many feel little or no ownership in the schools.

In an effort to increase community involvement in our district, TASD will strive to build a collaborative constituency for change and improvement in our schools.

The following three objectives will guide our efforts: inclusiveness, focus on change, and consensus.

At Texarkana Arkansas School District the future is now. We invite you to be involved in the All For All Campaign and have a voice in the education of your children. Contact Genia Bullock, Public Relations and Community Involvement Coordinator, (870) 774-7641 ext. 307 or (903) 826-2590.



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## Preparing Lifelong Learners for a Changing World

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# Texarkana Area Vocational Center

*Pulling Together To Make A Difference*

## **NEW** Oracle Internet Academy

The Oracle Internet Academy (OIA) is a new course offered through the Texarkana Area Vocational Center. OIA is broken up into four courses: 1) Data Modeling and Relational Database Design, 2) Introduction to SQL (Structured Query Language), 3) Introduction to Java, and 4) Java Programming. Courses 1 and 2 will be offered during the 2004-05 school year with plans to add courses 3 and 4 for the 2005-06 school year.

The Data Modeling course was originally designed for business managers, business or technical analysts, database designers, database administrators and anyone responsible for the analysis and specification of data. However, the OIA took this foundation to develop a program relevant to secondary students, while retaining its business applications. Students are challenged to identify patterns and connections between information that is not obviously related; to identify key underlying business issues in complex scenarios. The many “hands-on” course activities require students to engage in creative problem solving, conceptual and critical thinking, all using inductive reasoning. They develop essential “professional skills” including teamwork and team building, presentation skills, journaling, project management, and reflective thinking. Beyond this goal, the curriculum seeks to engage students in activities that help them develop as citizens in a culturally diverse world.

Introduction to SQL is a course that offers students an opportunity to take the conceptual expertise developed in Course 1 and ground it in the physical world of databases. Using SQL students complete this course knowing an industry-standard language used by companies world-wide for building databases and data management systems. The course covers the concepts of both relational and object relational databases. Building on the professional skills from Course 1, students learn interviewing skills and project management from a tactical perspective. By the end of this course, students will create and maintain database objects, and store, retrieve, and manipulate data. They have the ability to implement designs created in the previous course into physical databases.

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Dr. Jerry Shipp, Director



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# Board Approves New Dress Code For Arkansas High School

The TASD Board of Directors approved a request made by Marve Register, Arkansas High School principal, to change the uniform dress code for high school students. "I think it would be in the best interest of our students if we went to a dress code instead of a uniform code. They would come to school in a better frame of mind wearing clothes they could feel more comfortable in, instead of wearing something they are forced to wear."

## New Dress Code Policy (AHS Only)

In order to enhance higher standards in our schools, we must encourage neatness, cleanliness, and decency in personal dress and appearance of all students. In view of this, all students will be expected to be dressed and groomed as to present a respectable image in keeping with current style and good taste.

1. Dress and appearance must not present health and safety hazards or cause disruption of the educational process.
2. Student's shall not wear or display emblems, insignias, badges, or other symbols if the message is intended to mock, ridicule, or otherwise demean or provoke others because of race, religion, national origin, or other individual views.
3. Clothing that advertises drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, suggest obscenities, or present double messages may not be worn.
4. Students must wear shoes. (no house shoes, flip flops or skateshoes)
5. No hats, caps, bandannas, toboggans, head scarves, or head coverings of any kind will be allowed at school, whether on the grounds or in the buildings. Exceptions: Ski caps and earmuffs may be worn outside the buildings in below freezing weather.
6. Pants, jeans, or shorts must be in good, clean repair. (No holes)
7. Sagging and/or excessively loose clothing will not be tolerated. For all clothing the top of the waistband must be above the top of the hipbone. Undergarments may not show.
8. Extreme styles in hair or clothing that may cause a disturbance or disruption will not be permitted.
9. Any clothing accessory, i.e., billfold chain, hair rake, etc. that can be used to inflict physical injury will not be allowed.

### For Boys:

1. See-through and muscle shirts are not allowed.
2. All shirts must have sleeves.
3. Sagging is not allowed.

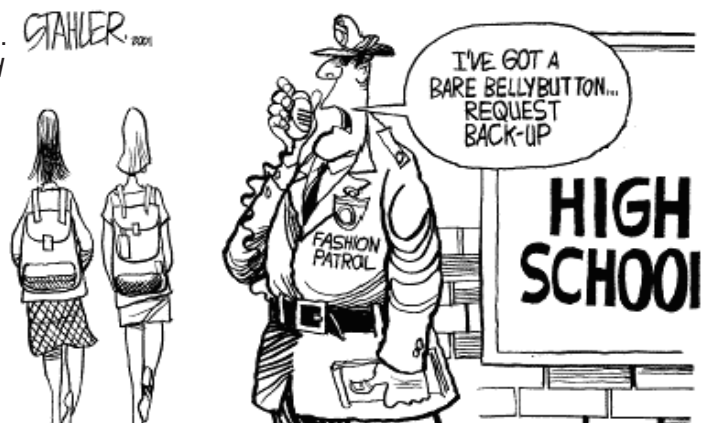
### For Girls:

1. Dresses, skirts, and blouses cannot expose the midriff, back, or cleavage.
2. Shorts must be at least fingertip length.
3. Dresses and skirts must be at least fingertip length.
4. No undergarments may show.

Students who do not comply with these guidelines will receive appropriate disciplinary action. Since styles, fashions, and fads change, the administration may make decisions regarding other modes of dress that are considered inappropriate. If the students' teacher is concerned with the possible violation of the guidelines, this concern must be addressed with the appropriate administration for consultation and possible disciplinary action. Final decision of wearing apparel will be at the discretion of the administration. *Exceptions to the above rules and regulations may be approved for special occasions by the administration.*

### Dress Code Violation:

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| 1st | Parents will be notified. Students will correct the problem, be detained or sent home to correct the problem. The class time missed will be unexcused. |
| 2nd | 3 Friday Afternoon Detentions (consecutive).   |
| 3rd | 5 Friday Afternoon Detentions (consecutive).   |



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# 2004-2005



## JULY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## AUGUST

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29	30	31				

9 + 3 days

## SEPTEMBER

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

21 days

## OCTOBER

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31						

21 days

## NOVEMBER

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28	29	30				

17 + 2 days

## DECEMBER

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26	27	28	29	30	31	

13 + 2 days

## JANUARY

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

20 days

## FEBRUARY

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27	28					

15 + 2 days

## MARCH

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23 days

## APRIL

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16 days

## MAY

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

21 days

## JUNE

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26	27	28	29	30		

2 + 1 day

- Holidays
- Staff Development
- [ First day of quarter
- ] Last day of quarter

Quarters end:  
 October 22 46 days  
 January 14 45 days } 91 days  
 March 25 44 days  
 June 2 43 days } 87 days

First day for students August 19  
 Last day for students June 2

+ Add'l teacher contract days 12 days  
 178 days  
 190 days

10 staff development days  
 2 parent conference days - total of 12 hours during year; scheduled at discretion of each campus

Note: Any school day missed because of inclement weather will be added to the end of the year.

## 'Twas The Night Before School Started



'Twas the night before school started  
when all through the town  
The parents were cheering  
It was a riotous sound.  
By eight the kids were washed  
and tucked into bed  
when memories of homework  
filled them with dread.  
New pencils, new folders, new  
notebooks, too.  
New teachers, new friends, their  
anxiety grew.  
Their parents just giggled  
when they learned this fright  
And shouted upstairs  
"GO TO BED  
IT'S A SCHOOL NIGHT!"



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