

Hays CISD Fentanyl Update
Email from Superintendent January 9, 2023

Dear Hays CISD Family,

I am afraid I don't have good news to share about our ongoing fight against fentanyl. During the break, we had three cases of suspected accidental fentanyl poisonings involving students as young as 7th grade. Additionally, we had another student who passed away during the break. Though no autopsy results are back yet, law enforcement investigators are now considering the possibility that an accidental fentanyl poisoning may be to blame. If so, that would be the fourth fentanyl poisoning during our Christmas break, and the fifth student our district has lost to fentanyl this school year.

This is a crisis that has touched every high school in our district and half of our middle schools. And while I used numbers to illustrate the magnitude of the crisis, we can never forget that each and every incident involves a precious child – a student who has parents, siblings, and friends, and who is a part of our greater school district family.

We will continue to add to our Fighting Fentanyl campaign and continue to keep you informed.

Visit our resources and outreach tools at: www.hayscisid.net/fentanyl.

My heart breaks for our families affected by this horrible crisis. There are simply no words that can ease their pain. I do hope that by respecting the seriousness of the fentanyl epidemic and by continuing the conversation, we can save lives right here at home, in our very own school district.

Sincerely,
Eric