



Hall County Schools

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**Schedule for Opting Out of HB 581
For the Fiscal Year 2025
School Year 2024 – 2025**

Date	Time	Event Description
December 18, 2025		Advertisements Are Due to the Times. The newspaper advertisements for opting out of HB 581 will be delivered to the Gainesville Times for publication starting on January 18, 2025.
January 13, 2025		Work Session. The Board of Education will conduct its scheduled work session for the month of January. The adoption calendar for the HB 581 opt-out will be presented.
January 18, 2025		Public Notice. The school district will publish an ad in the Gainesville Times regarding its intent to opt out of the homestead exemption specified in HB 581 and the dates of three public hearings where the public may provide comment and input on the district’s decision to opt out. The information will simultaneously be made available on the school district’s website, and a press release will be issued to WDUN, the Gainesville Times, and any other news organization that requests a release.
January 27, 2025	5:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting. The Board of Education will conduct its scheduled board meeting for the month of January.
	6:00 PM	Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held by the school district for the public to provide comment regarding the District opting out of the homestead exemption specified in House Bill 581.
February 1, 2025		Public Notice. The school district will publish an ad in the Gainesville Times regarding its intent to opt out of the homestead exemption specified in HB 581 and the dates of three public hearings where the public may provide comment and input on the district’s decision to opt out.
February 10, 2025	5:00 PM	Work Session. The Board of Education will conduct its scheduled work session for the month of February.
	6:00 PM	Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held by the school district for the public to provide comment regarding the District opting out of the homestead exemption specified in House Bill 581.
February 15, 2025		Public Notice. The school district will publish an ad in the Gainesville Times regarding its intent to opt out of the homestead exemption specified in HB 581 and the dates of three public hearings where the public may provide comment and input on the district’s decision to opt out.
February 24, 2025	5:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting. The Board of Education will conduct its scheduled board meeting for the month of February.
	6:00 PM	Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held by the school district for the public to provide comment regarding the District opting out of the homestead exemption specified in House Bill 581.
	6:30 PM	Adoption of Opt-Out Resolution. The Board of Education tentatively plans to adopt the resolution to opt out of the homestead exemption provided by HB 581 after the conclusion of the third hearing for public input.
February 28, 2025		Final Date to Deliver Resolution to Secretary of State. The final due date specified in state law is March 1 st , but March 1 st falls on a Saturday.

All hearings and Board meetings contained herein, on this schedule, are tentatively scheduled to be held at the School District’s central office on 711 Green St., Gainesville, GA 30501. Meeting times and locations are subject to change.