

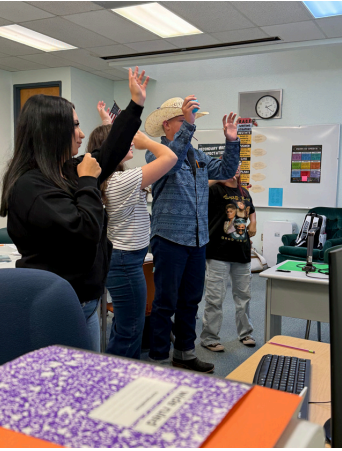


Back to School, Back to Goals

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Summer is over and the 2026–27 school year is off to a strong start. Students are back in the classroom, setting new goals and looking forward to what the year will bring. Three students; Kimber, Annabelle, and Rene, shared how their school year has started, what they hope to accomplish, and what they are most excited about. “My goal this year is to get better at volleyball,” Annabelle said. She hopes to continue improving her skills throughout the season. Kimber is also looking forward to trying something different this year. She said she is excited about riding her new horses. At school, one of her favorite things is art.

Rene is approaching the new year with a goal of learning and meeting new people. “I want to learn about new people I meet and the new material,” Rene said. When asked about his favorite teacher, Rene chose Ms. Regalado. “Ms. Regalado, because she is really chill,” Rene said. Students also have plenty to look forward to outside of academics. Annabelle said she is especially excited about Christmas because it gives her the opportunity to spend quality time with her family. With new goals, activities, friendships, and experiences ahead, students are ready to see what they can accomplish during the 2026–27 school year.



Top: Students show off their new backpacks.

Second Picture: Maria, Izzy, Kyle, and Alicia take a brain break with Mrs. Seick.

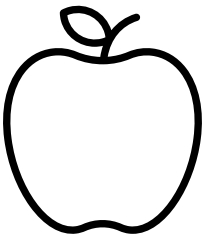
Meet the New Staff at House

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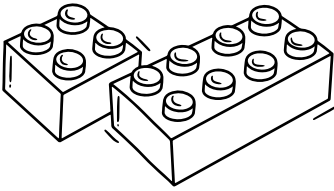
There are some new staff members at House Schools this year. We wanted to get to know them and learn more about what brought them to House. Elisha Carrasco came from Friona Middle School, where she taught seventh-grade science. Carrasco said she “wears a lot of hats” at House. She helps with TLC, seventh-grade math, and coaching. One of her goals this year is to get to know the students and encourage them. She also said she went to college to do what she is doing now. One interesting fact about Carrasco is that she does not eat chocolate. Jacqueline Gobert moved from Portales, New Mexico, and learned about House from an education director at her college.

She said she is excited “to see what it’s like to be a kindergarten teacher” and to see her students start reading. Gober also wants to prepare her students by giving them the best knowledge she can and helping them learn throughout the year. Taylor Smith came to House from Melrose. When asked what brought her to House, she said, “The kids.” She is most excited to work with our students and wants to help them students reach their goals. Smith is teaching different subjects this year. She also said she did not see herself teaching before, but now she is in the classroom helping students. Emma Casey came from Floyd, New Mexico, after Hannah Lavender

introduced her to House. Casey said moving to House was challenging at first, “but I had help, so it was not that hard.” Right now, she works with some of the younger students and will also substitute when teachers are gone. Before coming to House, she thought she would like working in medical, “but things changed, and now I’m here at House, and I love it.” Casey is also continuing her own education. She recently enrolled at Eastern and is starting more classes. She said she likes how small the House community is. All four staff members took different paths to get to House, and they are doing different jobs around the school.



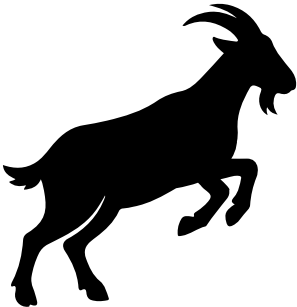
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