

Tomball ISD

April 2021 eNewsletter



Tomball ISD: Not Just a District, a Destination

VISION

Tomball ISD students will lead in creating the future.

MISSION

Tomball ISD educates students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous, and personally valuable educational experiences.

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora



Tomball ISD Cabinet



Pictured: (L-R) Dr. Steven Gutierrez, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Amy Schindewolf, Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent, Jim Ross, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Jeff McCanna, Chief of Human Talent

Tomball ISD Board of Trustees

Tomball ISD is governed by an elected seven-member board. School Board members are guardians of the public trust and, through the policies they make, are ultimately responsible for the success or failure of local public education. The board serves as the advocate for educational excellence for the community's youth and puts those interests first.



Pictured: (Back L-R) Michael J. Pratt, Assistant Secretary John E. McStravick, President Matt Schiel, Mark Lewandowski; (Front L-R) Justin Unser, Vice President Kathy Handler, Secretary Lee McLeod

2021 State of the District (Click to Watch)

The Tomball ISD Education Foundation hosted its annual State of the District, virtually, featuring Superintendent of Schools Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora.

The 2021 State of the District centered around a challenging year, overcoming obstacles and continued growth.



State of the District 2021

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Tomball ISD is a public school district serving students in grades K-12 in Tomball, TX.

'High expectations': Tomball ISD earns top regional ranking



Shelby Webb, Staff writer

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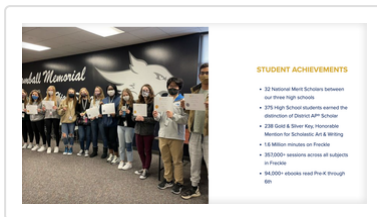
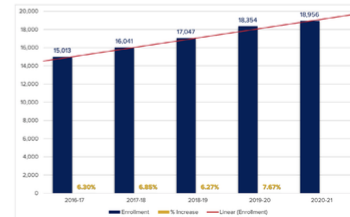


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Kindergarten math teacher Lindsey Hurst works with Elliott Taylor, 5, with a math assessment at Creekside Forest Elementary in Tomball ISD, in Spring, Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021. Creekside Forest Elementary earned the number two spot for best elementary school in the Houston region in Children at Risk's annual rankings. Tomball ISD was rated

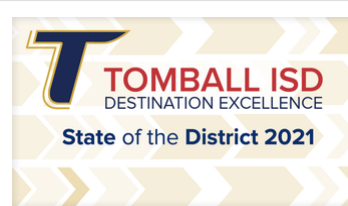
OVERVIEW

- Tomball ISD earns top regional ranking
- Currently enrollment is 19,000+
- Growth Rate: 6.5% annual average (*all time high of 7.7% prior to the pandemic*)
- 21 Schools + Grand Lakes JH in the Fall
- Scholarship dollars earned: \$21.8M



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- 32 National Merit Scholars between our three high schools
- 275 High School students earned the distinction of District AP Scholar
- 228 Gold & Silver Key Recognition Mentions for Scholarships, Art & Writing
- 14 Million minutes on Prodigy
- 30,000 minutes across all subjects on Prodigy
- In 2020 students read 100K through 8th



Elementary Teacher of the Year: Amy Rauscher

Creekview Elementary | 4th Grade, ELA



Secondary Teacher of the Year: Kelly Riley

Tomball Star Academy | 9th Grade, College Readiness and Speech



Campus Paraprofessional of the Year: Blanca Garza

Northpointe Intermediate | Administrative Assistant to Principal | 25 years in Tomball ISD



CO Paraprofessional of the Year: Janice Tadlock

Central Office | Executive Assistant to the Superintendent | 30+ years in Tomball ISD



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\$43,330.52

[TEF Awards TISD Educators with Grants \(Click Here\)](#)

The Tomball Education Foundation awarded Tomball ISD educators at eight different campuses grants totaling \$43,330.52 to be used on innovative projects they submitted through the grant process.



BE AN
INFLUENCER |
\$4613.80

Creekside Forest Elementary
Cecelia Lummus
Schanen Rivera
Michelle Bisig



THE BLENDED
ART ROOM |
\$3815.81

Creekside Forest Elementary
Michelle Bisig



SOARING WITH
DRONES |
\$2909.95

**Tomball High School and
Tomball Junior High School**
Regina Garceau
Jennifer Fenn



DRONES IN
SCHOOL |
\$1633.89

Tomball High School
Jennifer Fenn



C-PEN READER
TECHNOLOGY |
\$2000.00

Tomball Junior High School
Tara Towler
Brea Timmons



EMPOWERED
WITH SKILLS
FOR LIFE –
SECOND STEP |
\$2749.00

Tomball Connections Academy
Jennifer McCready
Bob Thompson



LEARNING LAB & OUTDOOR ECOSYSTEM LEARNING SPACE

**SELF-CALMING LEARNING
LAB | \$2184.00**

Tomball Intermediate School
Gwendolyn Pitarra
Myriam Khan

**SUSTAINABLE NATIVE TEXAS
OUTDOOR ECOSYSTEM AND
LEARNING SPACE | \$1466.36**

Tomball Intermediate School
Allison Bearden

Shelly Sheffield



VIRTUAL REALITY IN ART, MUSIC, & PHYSICAL EDUCATION | \$4901.90

Grand Oaks Elementary

Meredith Holmes
Stephanie Scott
Timothy Trammell
Gaylynn Anderson
Jessica Hughes
Candice Turner



HEADPHONES FOR BILINGUAL STUDENTS | \$4973.36

Canyon Pointe Elementary
Ana Woodall



OPTIMIZING SCIENCE W/ MIXED-REALITY AND STEM PROJECTS | \$2082.45

Lakewood Elementary
Ngoc Huynh



FROM DIGITAL CONSUMERS TO CREATORS | \$5000.00

Lakewood Elementary
Laurie Taylor



COMPUTER SCIENCE INTEGRATED INTO THE CURRICULUM | \$5000.00

Lakewood Elementary
Laurie Taylor
Heather Oliver
Ngoc Huynh

[Graduation 2021 Information \(Click Here\)](#)



Class of 2021

May 27 at 7:00 PM • Magnolia Event Center
11659 FM 1488, Magnolia, TX 77354

Class of 2021

Graduation at NRG Stadium

One NRG Park, Houston, TX 77054

Tomball High School

May 29 @ 9 AM

Tomball Memorial High School

May 29 @ 2:30 PM



Dr. Z Recognizes Shining Stars

In a year with many challenges and change, Tomball ISD was fortunate to have dedicated educators go above and beyond to serve the needs of their students and families.

Honored for their hard work and commitment to educating the whole child, TISD teachers were honored as Superintendent Shining Stars in April.

Read more [here](#).



Superintendent Ambassadors Continue Advocating

Our insightful Tomball ISD Superintendent Student Ambassadors met again to continue leading in the most impactful way.

This talented group of young minds advocates for their campuses and Tomball ISD.



Returning Student Questionnaire

Tomball ISD parents and guardians, please take a moment to complete a quick questionnaire about the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Read more [here](#).



Pre-K & Kinder Registration

Online pre-registration for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten will be from April 19-26.

Read more [here](#).

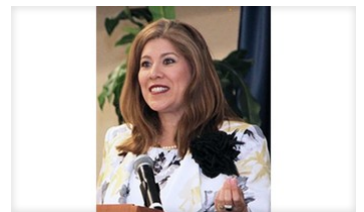


TEF's Duck Race Set for April 24

The Tomball Education Foundation will host its inaugural Duck Race on Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. at Burroughs Park. This event is a fundraiser for Tomball Education Foundation, which supports teachers with educational grants each year.

There is still time to purchase a duck!

Read more [here](#).



Dr. Z Named Recipient of Academic Scholarship to Attend Superintendent Academy

The Thompson Executive Leadership Institute in Austin, Texas has announced that Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora, Superintendent at Tomball ISD, is the recipient of an academic scholarship to attend the 28th annual Superintendent Academy sponsored jointly by the Thompson Executive Leadership Institute and Region 13 Education Service Center in Austin.

Read more [here](#).



CONNECTED

Podcast with Dr. Z



[ConnectED: Tomball Star Acade...](#)

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Tomball Star Academy, Tomball ISD's early college high school, is in year four and will look to graduate its first-ever class in May 2021. Former Principal Kim McKinney and current Principal Dr. Kelly Marchiando joined Dr. Z to discuss how TSA has evolved, its success, and why students are benefitin...



[ConnectED: Two-Way Dual Lang...](#)

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Tomball ISD serves as a premier district of choice expanding student opportunities to develop a bilingual and biliterate foundation in elementary school through its Two-Way Dual Language program. Rosehill Elementary Assistant Principal Paloma Moreno and Director of Multilingual Programs Jessica Pere...



[ConnectED: TVS Teachers Discu...](#)

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Tomball ISD teachers Sarah Broughton (OIS) and Gabby Avellaneda (TCES) joined Dr. Z on ConnectED to discuss what it's been like as educators teaching in a virtual environment, all while remaining actively engaged and upbeat during these challenging times in education.

[Bond 2017 Updates \(Click Here\)](#)



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THE CUSTODIAL TEAM**

#TISDCustodian

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Nominate a Tomball ISD Alumnus or Alumna Today!

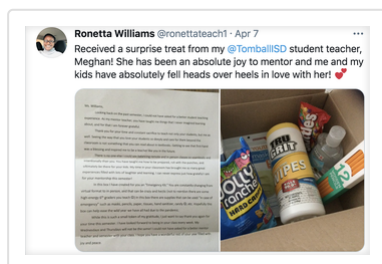
Tomball ISD is very excited to be able to recognize our accomplished Alumni throughout the years. We encourage you to nominate yourself or a graduate of a TISD high school.

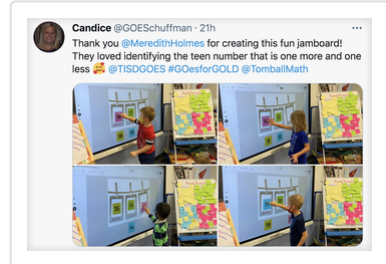
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ALUMNI

Spotlight

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Board Approved 8/4/2020



**Return To
Excellence**



BACK-TO-BACK



**2018-19
2017-18**

*new A-F rating system

**HIGHEST RATED
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

REPUTATION OF EXCELLENCE

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATIONS

OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

HIGHLY RATED

SMALLER SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A DESTINATION

ENGAGED FAMILIES

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION

STATE-OF-THE-ART STADIUM COMING SOON

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