

STATE OF THE DISTRICT 2015-2016

# Every Student, Every Day.

**CYPRESS FAIRBANKS**  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
LEARN • EMPOWER • ACHIEVE • DREAM



**Cypress-Fairbanks ISD  
celebrates the arts with an  
active enrollment.**

Elementary Music .....	46,852
Elementary Art .....	46,852
Secondary Music .....	18,378
Secondary Art .....	12,910
Secondary Theatre.....	5,556
Secondary Dance .....	2,683

## Message from the Superintendent

“Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.” — Robert Louis Stevenson

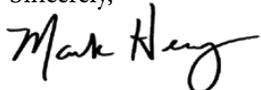
A group of individuals numbering 114,000 is tough to grasp in any setting. Just think—even our country’s largest football stadium can’t hold that capacity. Yet, during the 2015-2016 school year, we will welcome that many students through our school doors. And our mission is to provide the best possible service for every one of them.

In CFISD, *Every Student, Every Day* is more than just an annual theme. It’s an overall approach to universal public education that states that no student’s needs are less important than another’s—everyone is valued and deserves the opportunity for success.

Through academic rigor, financial responsibility, robust technology, state-of-the-art facilities and a myriad of extracurricular programs, we are well-prepared to deliver this approach. A tremendous relationship with our surrounding community makes it even easier to make connections in our schools, *inspiring students to achieve beyond their own expectations*.

The State of the District is but a brief summary of the positive things going on in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, but I think you will agree after reading through these pages that those 114,000 students are in good hands. We look forward to you joining us on an exciting journey through 2015-2016 as together we commit to serve *Every Student, Every Day*.

Sincerely,



Mark Henry, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



## Message from the Board President

From the time I was a CFISD student back in the 1970s until now, I have witnessed incredible growth and change throughout the school district. One factor that I am proud to say has not changed is our commitment to serve *Every Student, Every Day*.

Even when we had 114 students to now 114,000, that approach has not changed. I liked how Dr. Henry worded it during the annual Leadership Conference in August:

“It’s not 114,000 students; it’s one student, 114,000 times.”

It means that each student in CFISD will get the most out of us as leaders, educators, community members and supporters each time they leave their homes and attend our schools.

As we open our 87<sup>th</sup> campus this fall and move forward into a new chapter in our 76<sup>th</sup> school year, I encourage you to lift up *Every Student, Every Day*—even if your exposure to our schools is limited. When you see young people in the community, think of them as part of the fabric of our future.

I have never been more proud to be a part of CFISD. Thank you for making our journey toward continued excellence possible.

Sincerely,



Don Ryan, President  
CFISD Board of Trustees



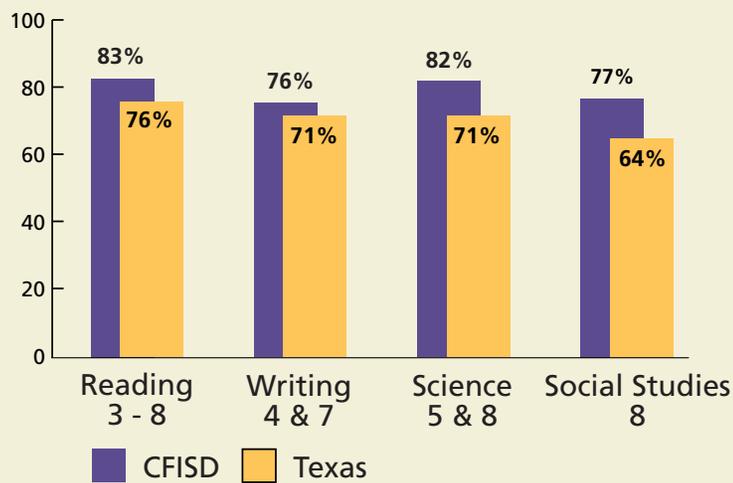
## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

All **82** Schools

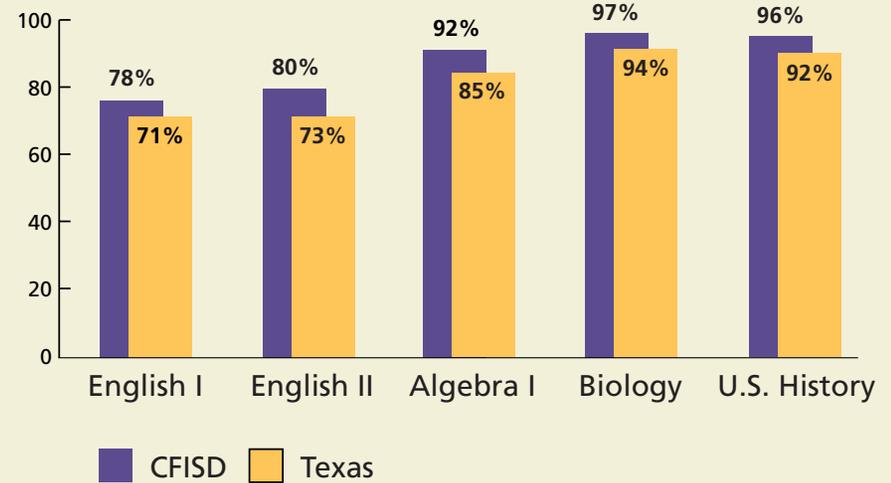
CFISD earned the highest possible rating of *Met Standard* for the third consecutive year in the Texas Education Agency (TEA) accountability system. **All 82 of the district's eligible schools earned the same designation to make CFISD the largest district in Texas to have all schools receive the *Met Standard* or *Met Alternative Standard* designation.**

Campuses that earned a *Met Standard* rating are also eligible to earn distinction designations, awarded in recognition of outstanding achievement in academic areas in addition to those evaluated under state accountability. In the 2014-2015 school year, **56 of CFISD's eligible campuses earned at least one distinction designation.**

**CFISD 2015 STAAR Results, Grades 3-8**  
Level II Satisfactory



**CFISD 2015 STAAR End-of-Course Passing Rates**  
Level II Satisfactory – First-Time Tested



At the time of printing, no standards had been established for STAAR 3-8 math. These standards will be determined in the fall of 2015.



**7,000** students = **20,000** hrs.

CFISD continues to produce college- and career-ready graduates, as nearly 7,000 students utilized CFISD's dual-credit partnership with Lone Star College – CyFair in 2014-2015, earning more than 20,000 college hours.

### 2014 Seniors

**SAT average score:** Critical Reading **500** | Math **523** | Writing **480**

### 2015 Seniors

**22** semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship Program | **82** commended in National Merit Scholarship Program | **5** semifinalists in National Achievement Scholarship Program | **41** National Hispanic Scholars

## ENROLLMENT AND DEMOGRAPHICS

As CFISD's enrollment climbs to more than 114,000 students in 2015-2016, the district moved up to the 22nd-largest in the nation, according to *American School and University*.

Growing by more than 1,500 students from 2013-2014 to 2014-2015, the district held the fifth-highest numeric growth rate in Texas, according to a 2015 study by CFISD demographer PASA (Population and Survey Analysts).

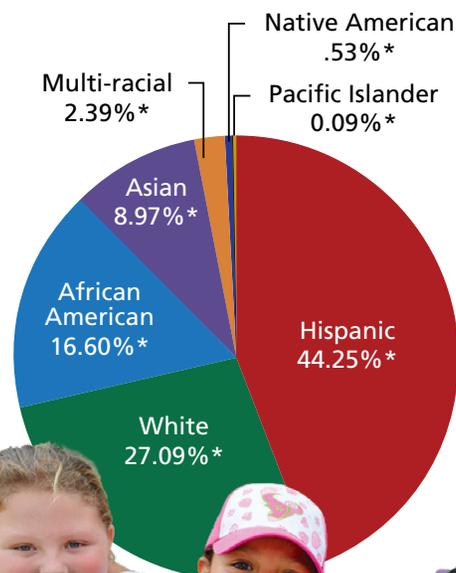
### Highest-Growth School Districts in Texas, 2013-2014 to 2014-2015

Rank	District	Enrollment		Growth	
		2013-2014	2014-2015	Numeric	Percent
1	Houston ISD	211,552	215,225	3,673	1.7
2	Frisco ISD	46,053	49,644	3,591	7.8%
3	Katy ISD	67,213	70,330	3,117	4.6%
4	Aldine ISD	67,381	69,716	2,335	3.5%
5	<b>Cypress-Fairbanks ISD</b>	<b>111,440</b>	<b>113,023</b>	<b>1,583</b>	<b>1.4%</b>
6	Northside ISD	102,129	103,606	1,477	1.4%
7	Fort Worth ISD	84,588	85,975	1,387	1.6%
8	Conroe ISD	55,009	56,363	1,354	2.5%
9	Humble ISD	38,235	39,522	1,287	3.4%
10	Lamar CISD	27,079	28,332	1,253	4.6%



### Demographics (\*Projected)

CFISD is enriched by an ethnic diversity representative of the northwest Harris County community. More than **17,000** ESL/bilingual students speak **100 languages** and dialects.



### Projected New Housing Occupancies, 2015-2024:

Home sales continue to expand, with more than **5,200** new housing units anticipated in the district by 2020.

**Total New Housing Units**  
**47,032**



January 2015 - October 2024

## FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY

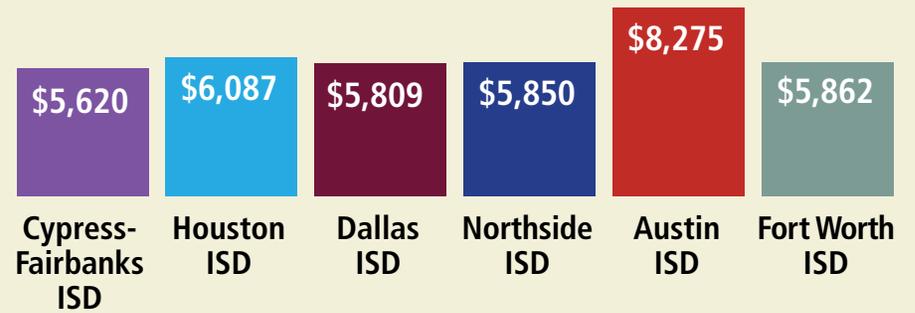
CFISD's commitment to fiscal responsibility with taxpayer dollars was rewarded with the third consecutive No. 1 financial efficiency rating from the Education Resource Group, in addition to a No. 2 overall rating for academic and financial performance.

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recognized the district with its second "Platinum" Leadership Circle Award for financial transparency and a fifth consecutive Financial Accountability System of Texas (FAST) five-star rating. The TEA has given CFISD 12 straight Schools FIRST "Superior Achievement" ratings.



Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle

### 2014-2015 total operating revenue per Weighted Average Daily Attendance (WADA)

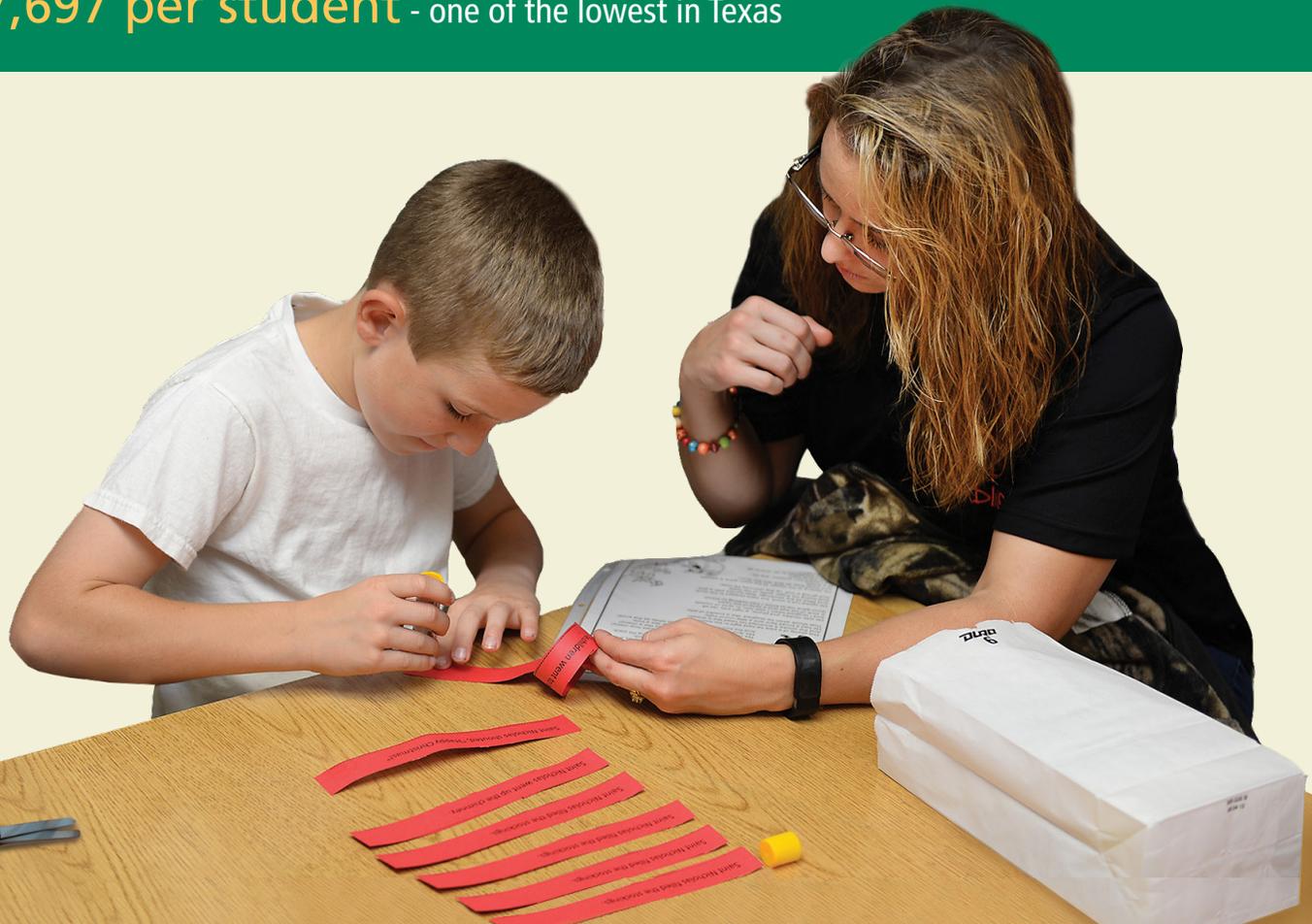
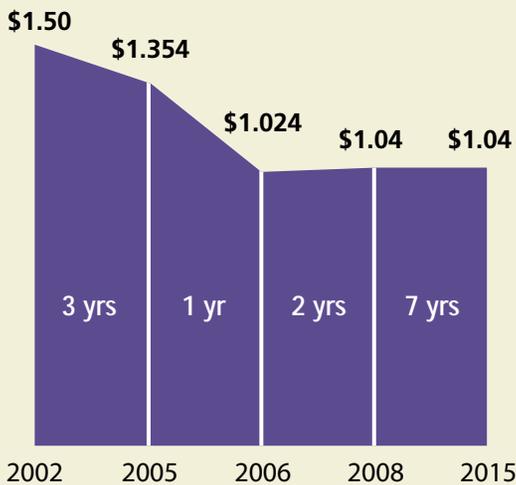


The Board passed the 2015-2016 budget in the amount of \$882,957,679 in June, with no change in the annual tax rate. The Board also preserved the 20-percent Local Optional Homestead Exemption, benefiting district homeowners.

## Financial Facts

Total tax rate of **\$1.44** for 2015-2016 | Among the lowest administrative cost ratio (**3.65%**) in the Gulf Coast region for more than a decade and one of the lowest in the state | Administrative expenditures account for only **1.8%** of the operating budget | 2015-2016 budgeted operating cost is **\$7,697 per student** - one of the lowest in Texas

### Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate Reduction





## TECHNOLOGY

The technology services department is rapidly working to upgrade a system for CFISD's digital learners using funds from the 2014 Bond. Technology team members have upgraded 18,480 network connections and completed 85 percent of the network electronics infrastructure hubs throughout the district, helping manage nearly 90,000 district-owned devices in addition to student-owned devices.

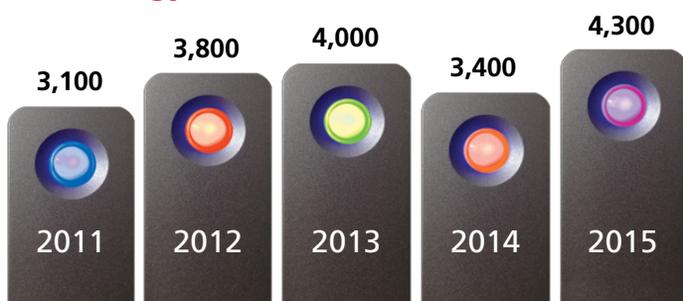
New campuses open with technology at their core. CFISD's 54th elementary school, Woodard Elementary School, comes equipped with 100 student machines, including Chromebooks and Yogas, as well as 58 interactive boards, 60 Helix laptops, 60 Hover Cam document cameras and 16 library computers.

### Number of Devices Supported Districtwide

Laptops – 30,225  
 Desktops – 29,076  
 Tablets – 7,343  
 Smart Boards – 3,475  
 Projectors – 6,830  
 Printers – 10,567



### Technology Festival Attendance





## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

A supportive community has allowed the district to remain successful throughout all areas. **Unprecedented numbers of business partners and volunteers gave back to CFISD in 2014-2015.** The communication, community engagement and community programs departments collaborate to strengthen these positive ties with the community. The **community programs** team coordinates activities such as before- and after-school care (*Club Rewind* – more than 6,000 enrolled), swim lessons (*Splash!*), Early Learning Centers and summer fun camps. Community programs, along with the community engagement department, increased revenue for the Second Annual Superintendent Fun Run in February by raising \$40,000 for Cy-Fair Educational Foundation scholarships. The CFEF gave out 102 scholarships worth more than \$175 million in 2014-2015.

### Community Partnership Facts

Active volunteers: **5,462** | Total value of volunteer hours: **\$7,685,032.26** | Global volunteers: **1,608** | Mentors: **479**  
**\$323,500** CFEF scholarships value | **102** total CFEF scholarships | **\$175,234.96** raised, 2014 Salute to the Stars Gala

The **community engagement** department's Adopt-a-School program surged in 2014-2015, adding 13 new schools and 15 new business/organization partners. Joint efforts with Cy-Hope, such as the backpack-stuffing program and Super Hero Lunch Account, benefit the district's economically disadvantaged students.

The **communication** team serves as a media liaison while keeping the community informed of the latest news via social media, live-streaming video, a responsive-design website, and the district's new mobile app and *SchoolMessenger*—a notification system that provides parents with essential information.

*Our community is what keeps us going. To have their support means everything to us. It helps us to promote the good things that are going on and helps us to do what we need to find success for students.*





## Woodard Elementary Quick Facts:

Square feet: **115,000** | Approx. Cost: **\$20.5 million** | Architect: **PBK** | Builder: **Drymalla Construction**  
 Designation: **Collaborative for High Performing Schools (CHPS)** designed.

## BOND UPDATE

CFISD continues to open new schools to accommodate the growth of the district. The 54<sup>th</sup> elementary school, Woodard Elementary School, opened in the Alder Trails neighborhood this fall.

A brand-new high school, Cypress Park High School (No. 11), is under construction at FM 529 and Westgreen Blvd. The facility, which will be part of a unique multi-campus site, will open for the 2016-2017 school year. High School No. 12 is getting ready to break ground in the Bridgeland community with an August 2017 opening date.

The \$1.2 billion Bond referendum that was approved by the voters in 2014 will finance new facilities as well as upgrades in safety, security, infrastructure and technology to the district's existing facilities. Additionally, the Bond referendum will provide new school buses and instructional technology for students. The program is anticipated to be completed by the end of 2020.

The previous Bond referendum, passed in 2007, continues to support the district with new facilities and renovations.

School	Projected Opening Year
Woodard ES (#54)	2015
Cypress Park HS #11	2016
Matzke ES replacement	2017
Elementary School #55	2017
Elementary School #56	2017
High School #12	2017
Middle School #19	2019 or 2020
Elementary School #57	2020
Elementary School #58	2020



## Quick Facts

75 Officers | 8 full-time + 6 substitute dispatchers | 7 Security Officers | 94 Total Police Vehicles | 89 registered nurses  
43 clinic assistants | 6,515 CPR class participants | 300-plus CPR classes offered | 335 AEDs | 3,878 ECG screenings

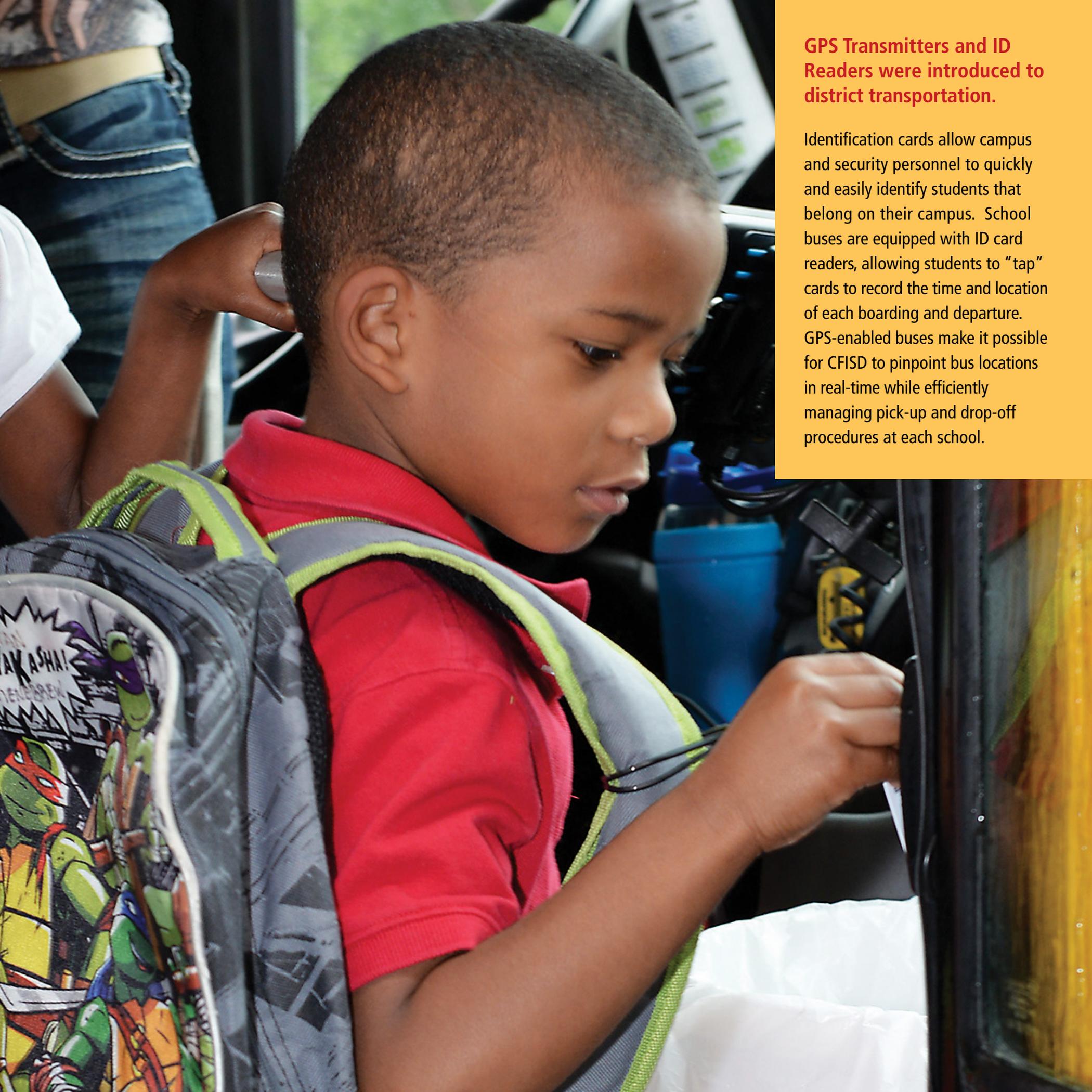
## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The health and safety of all students remains a top priority for CFISD. Under the leadership of Chief of Police Alan Bragg, the CFISD police department has 75 sworn officers to protect students and staff. Through bond funds made available by passage of the 2014 Bond referendum, all campuses will undergo security upgrades including new cameras, security vestibules, bullet-resistant glass at front entries and access card readers over the next two years.

The health services department oversees all registered nurses and clinic assistants districtwide, while offering services such as CPR certification classes to employees.

To ensure prompt response to cardiac emergencies, 335 AEDs are distributed among each CFISD campus and facility. Health services and the athletic department offered 3,878 preventative electrocardiogram (ECG) screenings to monitor athlete heart conditions.





**GPS Transmitters and ID Readers were introduced to district transportation.**

Identification cards allow campus and security personnel to quickly and easily identify students that belong on their campus. School buses are equipped with ID card readers, allowing students to “tap” cards to record the time and location of each boarding and departure. GPS-enabled buses make it possible for CFISD to pinpoint bus locations in real-time while efficiently managing pick-up and drop-off procedures at each school.



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