



Growth

- 113,689 = student enrollment on Sept. 15, 2015
- 27,229 = new students over the last 10 years
- 9,779 = projected student enrollment increase in the next five years
- 87 campuses (54 elementary schools, 18 middle schools, 11 high schools, 4 special program facilities)
- 38 new schools built since 2000 (24 elementary schools, 8 middle schools, 4 high schools, 2 special program facilities)
- 22nd largest district in the nation (*American School and University*, Sept. 2014)
- 3rd largest district in Texas
- 2nd largest district in Region IV
- 47 campuses at least 20 years old
- 20,783 first-time students in 2014-2015 (9,312 in grades 1-12; 11,471 in kindergarten, pre-kindergarten & early education)

Demographics

- Ethnic Breakdown:

Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Multi-racial	Native American	Pacific Islander
44.49%	26.53%	16.69%	9.08%	2.47%	0.60%	0.09%

- 15,921 ESL/bilingual students
- 100 languages and dialects spoken by students
- 12 New Arrival Centers for non-English speaking students
- 35 elementary campuses with bilingual program
- 49.8% economically disadvantaged
- 8,340 special education students

Academic Achievement

- Largest school district to have 100 percent of its campuses earn *Met Standard* honors in the 2015 Texas Education Agency accountability ratings for the third straight year (*see details below*)
- STAAR Percentage Passing:
 - Grade 3, Reading – 80%, Math – 81%
 - Grade 4, Reading – 80%, Math – 80%, Writing – 75%
 - Grade 5, Reading – 84% (SSI), Math – 86%, Science – 82%
 - Grade 6, Reading – 83%, Math – 81%
 - Grade 7, Reading – 83%, Math – 79%, Writing – 77%
 - Grade 8, Reading – 87% (SSI), Math 80%, Science – 82%, Social Studies – 77%
 - Algebra 1 – 92%; English 1 – 78%; English II – 80%, Biology – 97%; US History – 96%

- 2015 seniors – SAT average score: Critical reading – 499; Math – 516; Writing – 476
- 2015 seniors – 22 semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2015 seniors – 82 commended in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2015 seniors – 5 semifinalists in National Achievement Scholarship Program
- 2015 seniors – 41 National Hispanic Scholars
- 2014-2015 Dual Credit course enrollment – 6,847; College hours earned – 20,828
- 2014-2015 Advanced Placement students – 14,006; class enrollment – 22,282

Partnerships

- 5,462 volunteers have documented 333,118 hours valued at \$7,685,032.26 in donated service to CFISD
- 52 schools have an adopt-a-school partnership with an organization
- 529 mentors and 317 Bus Buddies

Business and Finance

- Ranked in the top two among the 200 largest districts in Texas by the Education Resource Group (ERG) for academic and financial performance for the third consecutive year
- “Superior Achievement” Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 12 consecutive years
- Five-Star rating for five consecutive years for the Texas Comptroller’s Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST)
- Texas Comptroller’s Leadership Circle Awards for financial transparency:
 - Highest possible distinction for all six years of program: “Platinum” (2014-2015); “Gold” (2010-2013)
- M&O Tax rate at \$1.50, the maximum allowed by law, from 2002 through 2005; reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.354 in 2006; reduced to \$1.024 in 2007; increased to \$1.04 in 2008 and remained at \$1.04 throughout 2015
- Total tax rate of \$1.44 for 2015-2016
- 20% Optional Local Homestead Exemption plus \$25,000 state exemption
- 2004 bond referendum for \$713.2 million
- 2007 bond referendum for \$806 million
- 2014 bond referendum for \$1.209 billion – the largest bond election in the district’s history
- Among the lowest administrative cost ratio (3.60%) 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
- Operating cost is \$7,697 per student - one of the lowest in Texas
- Budget reductions for four years (08-09, 09-10, 10-11, 11-12) total \$106 million
- Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 19 years
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 18 years
- Fitch, Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s bond ratings are AA
- State and federal grant awards total \$715,646,146 (2000-2001 to present)

Highlights

- \$66,553,592.28 in academic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2015
- \$14,955,406 in athletic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2015
- 7,307 graduates in the Class of 2015
- 63,641 guests attended CFISD graduation ceremonies at the Berry Center
- 40,531 guests attended other school districts’ graduation ceremonies at the Berry Center
- 23,400 watched streaming video of graduation ceremonies from their computers or smartphones
- 12,195 students enrolled in enrichment or accelerated summer school classes in 2015
- 19,562 hours in community use of facilities in 2014-2015