



FORNEY ISD

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AAFAA - Advanced Academics and Fine Arts Academy

Starting in the 2020-2021 school year, Forney ISD opened the Advanced Academics Fine Arts Academy (AAFAA) at Blackburn Elementary. Students in this program have received specialized instruction in fine arts courses, including piano, dance, and theatre. Additionally, students have received core academic instruction in an accelerated/compacted environment that is tailored to the young GT/Advanced brain.

ACP - Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet.

Anonymous Alerts

Students or parents in the school community can anonymously submit any suspicious activity, bullying or other student related issues to a school administrator(s). To submit an anonymous report, fill out the form at <https://report.anonymousalerts.com/forneyisd/default.aspx>

AP- Advanced Placement

Advanced Placement are advanced courses to give high school students a chance to tackle college level work while still in high school. More information can be found at <https://www.forneyisd.net/Page/347>

ParentSquare (mass notification)

ParentSquare is a mass notification system used for school communication, primarily with email, text and app notifications. ParentSquare automatically generates an account for each parent, using their preferred email address and phone number. We encourage parents to access their accounts so they can download the mobile app and update their preferences on when and how they are notified.

Blooms

Blooms at Forney ISD is a student-run boutique floral shop located at North Forney High School. Our Advanced Floral Design students from both high school campuses create a variety of floral arrangements and can help accentuate your occasion by providing full-service floral decor for events of all kinds.

CCMR - College, Career and Military Readiness

CCMR's mission is to provide students in our district with the tools and information to better understand their post-secondary opportunities. College and career awareness, academic achievement, learning & innovative skills, life & career characteristics, and experiences are an integral part of Forney ISD's Future Ready initiative. Our goal is to prepare every student to graduate ready to pursue a future of their choosing.

CKH - Capturing Kids Hearts

Capturing Kids Hearts is a unique training program implemented by the district in which teachers, staff, and administrators learn and practice skills they will use and model in their classrooms, schools, and districts, including how to build meaningful, productive relationships with every student and every colleague.

COE - Culture of Excellence

This committee will explore best practices for ensuring a positive and safe campus culture throughout Forney ISD.

CTE - Career & Technology Education

Forney ISD's Career & Technology Education program exists to serve all students by helping them discover their own unique strengths and interests. The program prepares all students to continue to learn in institutions of higher learning, and provide quality training and opportunities for entry-level (or above) employment.

DEIC - District Educational Improvement Council

In compliance with Education Code 11.251, the District Educational Improvement Council (committee) shall advise the Board or its designee in establishing and reviewing the District's educational goals, objectives, and major District-wide classroom instructional programs identified by the Board or its designee. The committee shall serve exclusively in an advisory role except that the committee shall approve staff development of a District-wide nature. The committee is composed of members who represent campus-based professional staff, District-level professional staff, parents, business and the community. At least two-thirds of the District and campus professional staff shall be classroom teachers. The remaining one-third shall be professional non-teaching staff.

DOI - District of Innovation

Forney ISD is among a list of school district in Texas that are Districts of Innovation. A District of Innovation is a concept passed by the 84th Legislative Session in House Bill 1842, effective immediately, that gives traditional independent school districts most of the flexibilities available to Texas' open enrollment charter schools. To access these flexibilities, a school district must adopt an innovation plan, as set forth in the Texas Education Code chapter 12A. (TASB)

ECSE - Early Childhood Special Education

ECSE is a special education program for students ages 3 and 4 that focuses on providing early intervention for delays in developmental skills: speech/communication, social/emotional, physical, cognitive and adaptive

behavior. There are a spectrum of services available including speech therapy and classroom programs. Students qualify for ECSE after completing a special education evaluation done by the district.

EOC - End-of-Course

End-of-Course assessments measure students' academic performance in core high school courses. Educators, administrators and parents.

FACT - Forney Academy to Certify Teachers

The F.A.C.T. Program is an innovative pathway for students of Forney ISD to graduate, gain employment, complete their degree and solidify their career path as a certified teacher without ever leaving our district.

FEF - Forney Education Foundation

The Forney ISD Education Leadership Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit tax exempt organization created in 2003 and formalized in 2004. The purpose of the foundation is to light the way for teaching and learning in Forney ISD through the Advantage Plus+ program and innovative teaching grants.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records and gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records.

Finalsite (website)

Finalsite is a website management system used by Forney ISD to manage the district website (forneyisd.net) and all campus webpages.

Forney Values

Our FISD values drive our behaviors, which create our culture! Relationships First. Learning. Perseverance. Collaboration. Excellence. All Voices Matter. Individualization.

GOALS - Graduating Our Alternative Learning Students

The purpose of GOALS is to provide an alternative setting in which a student may achieve academic success through credit recovery and acceleration with an electronic, self-paced curriculum aligned with the district standards in order to meet cohort graduation goals.

GT - Gifted and Talented Services

GT and Advanced programs in Forney aim to provide meaningful enrichment and acceleration opportunities to maximize the potential of each student. It is the mission of the GT and Advanced Academics programs in Forney to identify high academic potential, highly motivated, and gifted students and provide them with opportunities for academic rigor, depth and complexity, college preparation, acceleration, and to nurture a healthy social and emotional development.

The Local Café

The Local Café is a student-run craft kitchen located in Forney High School. We offer on-site service and catering for up to 50 people. Our ADA-accessible, bright dining room allows for lively conversation and conferences over a beautifully provided meal.

MAP - Measure of Academic Progress

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level.

MTSS - Multi-Tiered Systems of Support

MTSS is a data-driven, problem-solving framework to improve outcomes for all students. It relies on a continuum of evidence-based practices matched to student needs. Forney ISD is committed to providing all students equitable learning experiences to exhibit master and growth with appropriate support. Interventions and enrichments are research-based, individualized, implemented with fidelity and targeted to meet the needs of the whole child. It is a systematic process that is simple, clear, and district-aligned which includes ongoing professional development. MTSS is in addition to effective classroom instruction and management that is data driven, monitored, adjusted, and documented.

The OC - The Opportunity Central

The OC is an imaginative, creative and one-of-a-kind idea that will transform the way schools and communities educate future generations. Part career and college center, multi-purpose complex, student-run business hub, fine arts spaces and so much more, it's designed to create new opportunities for everyone in the Forney Family. The OC is set to open Fall 2023. For more information, visit www.oc.forneyisd.net

Off the Leash

Off the Leash provides a safe, fun, interactive, and friendly dog daycare with exceptional customer service brought to you by our students in the Animal Science Program of Study.

Ole

Ole is a web-based learning management system with available courses for students. It is used by learning institutions, educators, and students to access and manage online course learning materials and communicate about skill development and learning achievement.

PTO - Parent/Teacher Organization

A parent teacher organization (PTO) gives parents the opportunity to work together with their campus and teachers to supplement and enrich the educational experience for their students.

Raptor

An online visitor management system that process background checks and screenings. Parents/Guardians and community members can register through Raptor to chaperone student's on field trips, volunteer at their child's campus, and more!

Revtrak

Revtrak is an online payment system used by the district for collecting school fees and payments related to food services, technology and exam fees, and more. Additional information can be found at

<https://forneyisd.revtrak.net/>

School Uniform Exchange

The School Uniform Exchange works directly with families to provide gently used and clean uniforms through generous donations by our community.

Skyward (parent portal, student information, SIS)

Skyward is a Student Information System (SIS) for students, parents, teachers and administrators. It is an automated school management and student information system that fulfills human resources, student database, staff management, finance, and accounting needs of educational institutions and school districts. Parents and students have access to the portal to view tasks and grades, check preferences, email teachers, see the lunch calendar, etc.

SMART Tag - Secured Mobility Authorized Ridership Technology

Forney ISD uses the Secured Mobility Authorized Ridership Technology (SMART) tag system for all students who ride the bus to and from school. Each of our buses is outfitted with a Samsung tablet equipped with a Radio Frequency Identification reader, mobile connectivity, and Global Positioning System. Similar to systems used in public transportation, students place their campus-supplied SMART tag ID badges on the tablet's sensor when loading and unloading their bus. Only the student's name and associated barcode will be printed on the ID badge. No information is stored on the badge.

STAAR - State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness

STAAR is the state's testing program and is based on state curriculum standards in core subjects including reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies.

STEAM Camps

Summer camps that focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics principals. Open to all students that have completed kindergarten and above. Registration opens in the spring semester.

Synergy

Synergy is an educational program for high school students in Forney ISD that provides students the opportunity to learn and work in a real-world work environment! Students in Synergy enroll in practicum classes for two or three periods a day. During this time, they travel to the district's central administration building and work side-by-side with district leaders.

TEA - Texas Education Agency

The Texas Education Agency is the state agency that oversees primary and secondary public education.

TIA - Teacher Incentive Allotment

The Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) was created by the Texas Legislature as part of House Bill 3 to provide a realistic pathway for top teachers to earn six-figure salaries and to help attract and retain highly effective teachers at traditionally hard-to-staff schools.