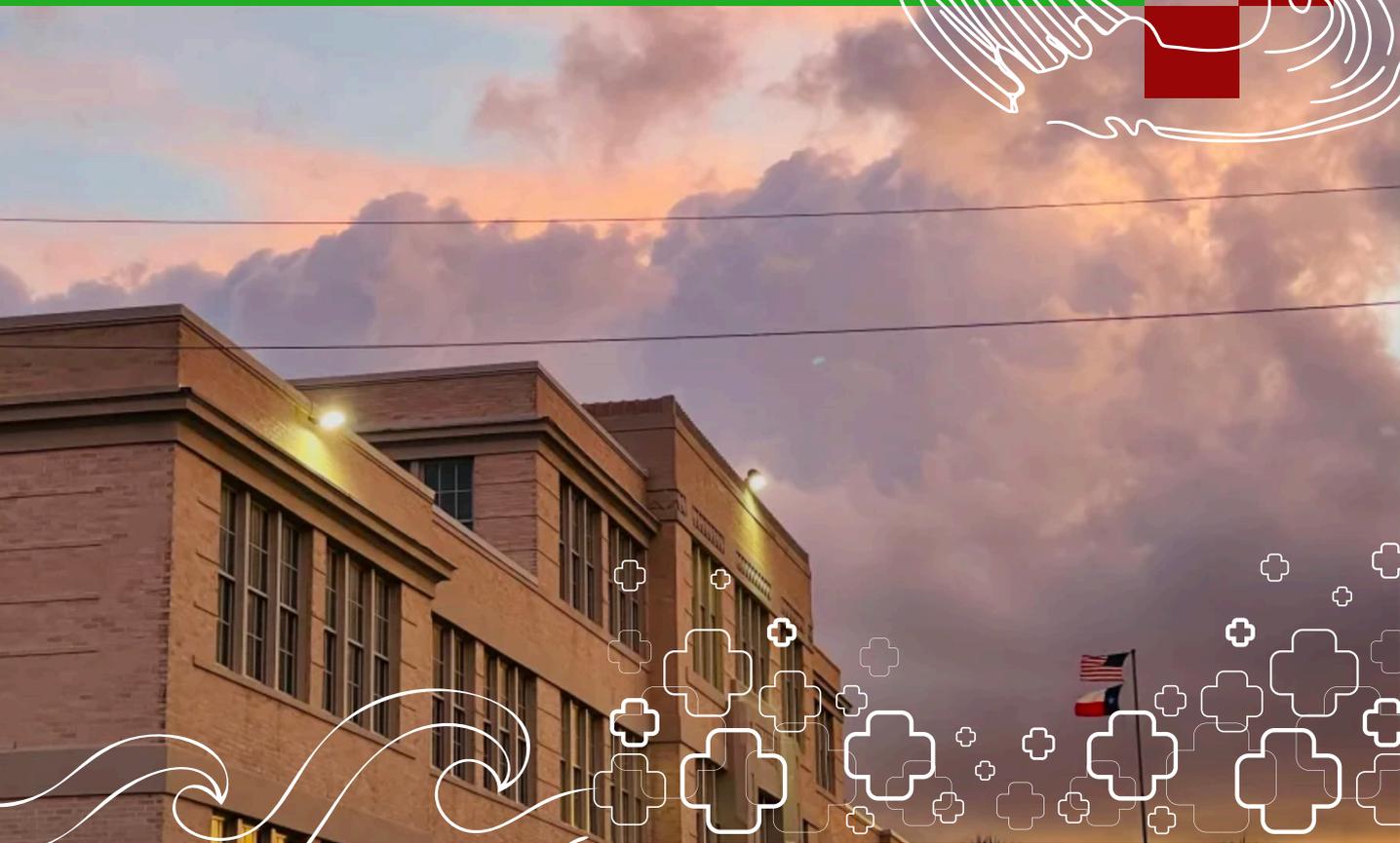
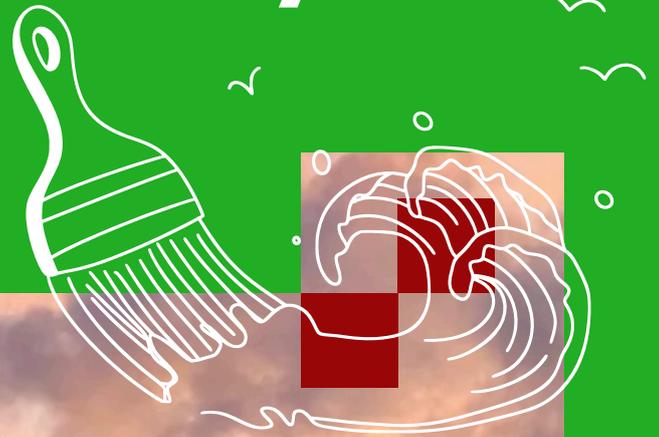




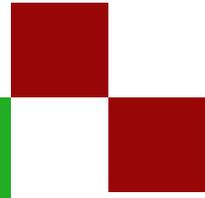
School Profile

Austin Elementary Arts & Health Science Academy

Empowering Endless
Opportunities



Foreword



Dear Families:

I am honored and proud to welcome you to the Austin Elementary Arts and Health Science Magnet. As the principal, I am privileged to serve a school dedicated to the intellectual, character, and creative development of each student. My own journey in education, starting from an at-risk and economically disadvantaged background, was profoundly influenced by teachers and counselors who believed in me even when I doubted myself. Their unwavering support and high expectations were pivotal in my success, and it is my mission to extend the same support to our students.

We are grateful to the parents and students who have chosen Austin Elementary for their education. We are committed to providing the best educational experience for each student. I believe that education is the gateway to future opportunities, and we strive to create an environment where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

Thank you for your support in building a bright future for our students. Together, let's make Austin Elementary Arts and Health Science Magnet a place that unleashes the best potential in your children.

Warm regards,

Dr. Julia Ramirez
Principal



Case for Change

The future demands that all young learners develop dispositions, knowledge, and skills well beyond core academics. At Austin Elementary Arts and Health Science Magnet in Galveston, TX, we are boldly designing a new school model that integrates health sciences and the arts, featuring speakers and subjects related to these fields and building connections with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) and Shriners’s Children’s Hospital. This approach emphasizes Project-Based Learning (PBL) to teach students essential life skills; and, our curriculum strengthens the connection to health sciences by embedding real-world themes into our teaching. We prioritize student voice and encourage students to connect what they learn at school with their loved ones. This is why we give students the opportunity to share their cumulative projects and learning with the loved ones who can cultivate their passions and interests alongside them for their lifetimes.

By fostering a collaborative environment, we aim for our students at Austin Elementary Arts and Health Science Magnet to find their passions, pursue them, and come back to the island to affect change and make it better. Through these innovative strategies, we ensure our students in Galveston, TX are exceptionally prepared to thrive in the complex and ever-changing world of the future.



Mission & Vision

At Austin Elementary, our vision and mission statements will hold true in our new model.

Mission

Endless opportunities through creativity, innovation, and community.

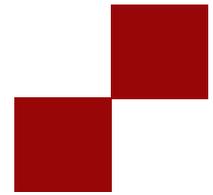
Vision

Our vision is to create a strong sense of belonging by cultivating a nurturing and innovative learning environment where every student becomes a:

- *passionate learner who loves discovery and lifelong growth.*
 - *artistic innovator who inspires and connects with their self.*
 - *wellness advocate who promotes well-being for themselves and others, and*
 - *strong collaborator who values teamwork and builds community.*
- all equipped to make meaningful contributions to Galveston.



Graduate Profile



Austin Red Wolves will leave as strengthened...



P assionate Learners

- Loving to learn new things every day and excited about discovering new ideas.
- Being curious and asking lots of questions to understand the world better.
- Learning to keep trying their best, even when things are tough, because they know they can get better with practice.



A rtistic Innovators

- Using their imagination to come up with new and exciting ideas.
- Sharing their artistic talents and inspiring others with their creativity.
- Creating amazing art with different tools and materials.



W ellness Advocates

- Knowing how to take care of their bodies by eating healthy foods and staying active.
- Understanding the importance of mental health and practicing ways to stay calm and happy.
- Encouraging their friends to make healthy choices and support each other.



S trong Collaborators

- Working together with their classmates to solve problems and complete projects.
- Listening to others' ideas and sharing their own in a respectful way.
- Helping each other and celebrating everyone's contributions to the team.

Values

Our "Austin Aura" embodies the vibrant values and close-knit community spirit of the school. Like an aura surrounding a person or place, it reflects the lively character and essence of Austin.

At Austin Elementary, our actions and our words evoke the following lived values:

Amplify Personal Growth

At Austin Elementary, everyone—students, staff, and teachers—works together to help each other learn, try new things, and become the best they can be.

Appreciate the Arts

We all enjoy creating and sharing different kinds of art, like music, painting, and dance. By appreciating each other's artistic talents, we make our school a more colorful and joyful place.

Advance Scientific Innovation

We encourage everyone to explore new ideas, ask questions, and experiment with science. By working together and being curious, we can discover amazing things and help make the world a better place.

Apply Hands-On Learning

We make learning exciting by doing projects and activities that let us use our hands and minds together. Everyone gets involved in exploring and discovering new things through real-world experiences.

Awaken the Whole Child

We focus on helping every student grow in all areas — mind, body, and heart. Everyone works together to support each other's learning, health, and happiness.

Austin Aura Affirmation

On Galveston Island, where red wolves play,
We learn and grow, day by day.
With Austin Aura, our guide so grand,
Together we stand, hand in hand.

We revel in Arts, with colors bright,
Creating wonders, a dazzling sight.
In science's realm, with curious minds,
Exploring, discovering, treasures to find!

With hands-on learning, we boldly create,
Ideas soar, it's never too late.
Empowering each child, in every way,
To flourish and thrive, each and every day.

On Galveston Island, where dreams take flight,
At Austin Elementary, our future's bright.
With Austin Aura, guiding our way,
Together we'll make waves, come what may!



Pack Pursuits

Austin Red Wolves will experience...



Pack Adventure:
Health Heroes or Art Adventurers!

Dynamic learning where students explore and build skills in health sciences or artistic knowledge, discovering their passions and potential.



Pack Projects
Personalized Learning Block

The cornerstone of our school model, during “Pack Projects” we teach essential life skills, integrating real-world health science themes into the curriculum, prioritizing student voice, choice, and passions across the grade level.



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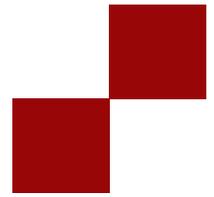
Paws Up is the cornerstone routine where students and staff take a moment to connect and "check in" with one another before starting the day, a lesson, or a project. This special time helps cultivate a strong sense of belonging as it is referenced throughout the school day and connects the mind, body, and spirit for students.



Learning Prowl

Learning Prowl takes students on exciting community explorations, designed by Powerful Learning Innovators (PLI) to blend classroom content with real-world experiences on Galveston Island. These personalized field trips develop literacy and critical thinking skills while introducing students to the island's rich cultural resources.

About Austin



Our Student Body

Grades:

Pre-Kinder 3 years old - 4th grade

Student Enrollment: 790 students

Demographics

African American: 32%

Hispanic: 53%

White: 11%

American Indian/Asian: 1%

Multi-Race: 3%

Economically Disadvantaged: 95%

Special Education: 12%

Emergent Bilingual: 37%

Homeless: 4%

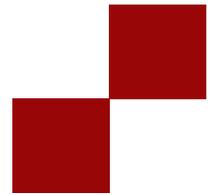
School Symbols

Mascot: Red Wolf

Colors: Green, Red



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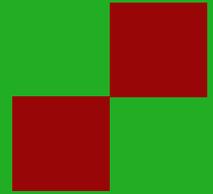
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