Growing Together
Moving Forward



LITTLE ELM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

2025-2026 GROWTH & ACHIEVEMENT



WHY CHOOSE LITTLE ELM ISD?

At Little Elm ISD, every child has a place to belong, thrive, and excel. Our leaders care deeply about student success, and strong relationships between staff, students, and families create the foundation for learning.

We give every student the tools to achieve, with top graduates earning acceptance into competitive universities like Georgetown, Texas A&M, The University of Texas, The University of California Irvine, Southern Methodist University, George Washington University, Pomona College, and The University of Pennsylvania. From academics and athletics to arts and career readiness, opportunities for growth are boundless - and every success is supported and celebrated.

We continue to ride the wave of momentum, creating even better experiences for students and achieving even greater success ahead.

IT'S A GREAT DAY TO BE A LOBO.

VISION / TO BE THE DESTINATION DISTRICT

MISSION / TO ENGAGE, EQUIP, AND EMPOWER EACH STUDENT TO REALIZE THEIR FULL POTENTIAL

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EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Commended Student for the 2026 National Merit Scholarship Program: 2026 Graduate Sydney Bowen.

Terry Foundation Scholarship Recipient: 2026 graduate Joseph Brickley. The Terry Foundation Scholarship is a full-ride, merit-based scholarship that recognizes outstanding leadership, academic excellence, and character. Considered one of the most competitive scholarships in Texas, Brickley is the third student from LEHS to receive this prestigious scholarship.

TEPSA Student Leadership Award: Hackberry Elementary Student Council earned this recognition for the **2nd consecutive year**.

EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Little Elm ISD earned an **A-Superior rating** from the Texas Education Agency's **Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)**, recognizing the District's strong financial management and commitment to maximizing resources that directly support instruction. This latest rating marks an impressive **23rd A-Superior rating** for Little Elm ISD.



SYDNEY BOWEN



JOSEPH BRICKLEY

EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT SUPPORT

CREST AWARDS FOR COUNSELING
Two campuses—**Brent Elementary** and **Little Elm High School**—earned the **2026 CREST Award (Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas)**.

This statewide recognition honors schools with outstanding counseling programs that go above and beyond to support student success.



EXCELLENCE IN FINE ARTS

Little Elm ISD has earned this honor for the **4th consecutive year**, recognizing our commitment to high-quality visual arts education across all grade levels.

For the **5th consecutive year**, the NAMM Foundation has named Little Elm ISD as one of the nation's best school districts for music education.

Strike Middle School was recognized for the **2nd consecutive year** by the Texas Educational Theatre Association as an exemplary campus for theatre education.



WHO ARE THE LOBOS?

7,698
STUDENTS ENROLLED

38% Hispanic
30% White
20% African American
6% Asian
6% Two or more
.19% American Indian or Alaska Native

59
LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Top 5 Languages: English | Spanish | Telugu | Urdu | Arabic

Snapshot of District data taken on October 31, 2025

ECONOMICS

45%
Economically Disadvantaged

STUDENTS BY PROGRAM

8% Gifted and Talented
17% Special Education
9% English as a Second Language (ESL)
23% Emergent Bilingual

SCHOOL IS BUILT ON FOUR ESSENTIAL PILLARS:

ACADEMICS, ARTS, ATHLETICS, AND ACQUIRED SKILLS.

ACADEMICS

The cornerstone of learning, providing students with a strong foundation in subjects like math, science, literature, and history, equipping them with the knowledge they need to navigate the world.

ARTS

A pillar that nurtures creativity and self-expression, allowing students to explore and develop their talents in music, visual arts, theatre, and other creative disciplines.

ATHLETICS

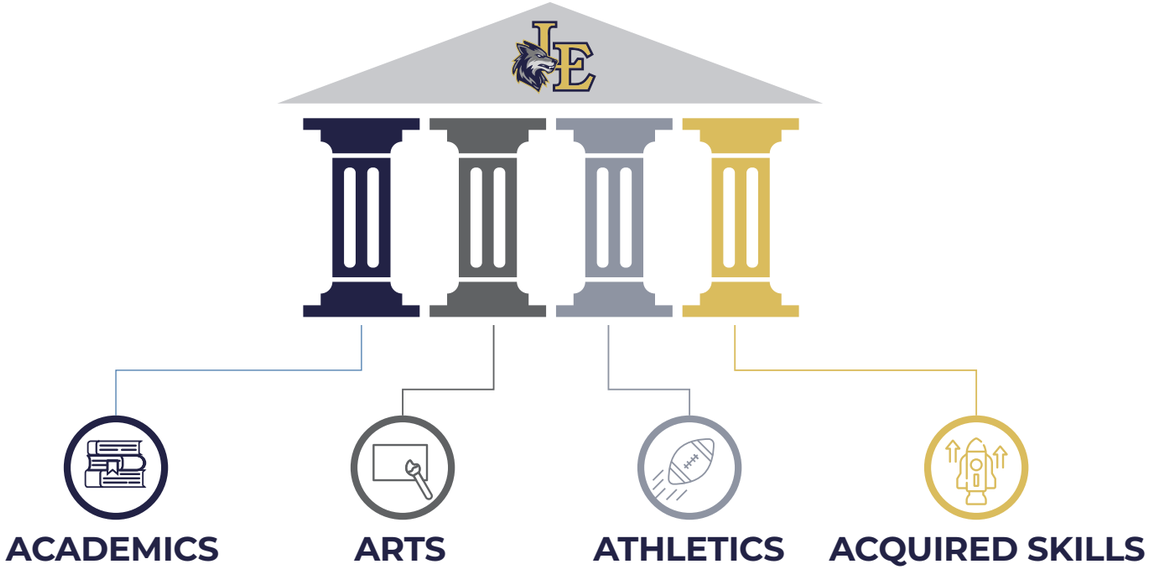
This pillar emphasizes the importance of physical health, teamwork, and perseverance, teaching students the value of discipline and collaboration through sports and physical education.

ACQUIRED SKILLS

The final pillar focuses on life-long skills essential for success beyond the classroom, including critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, and leadership.

LITTLE ELM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

PILLARS



TOGETHER, THESE FOUR PILLARS SUPPORT A WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION, PREPARING STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE.

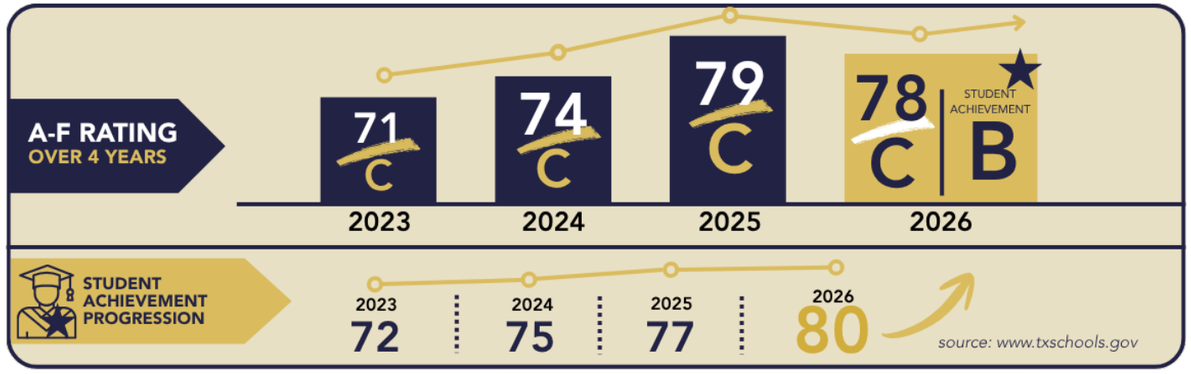


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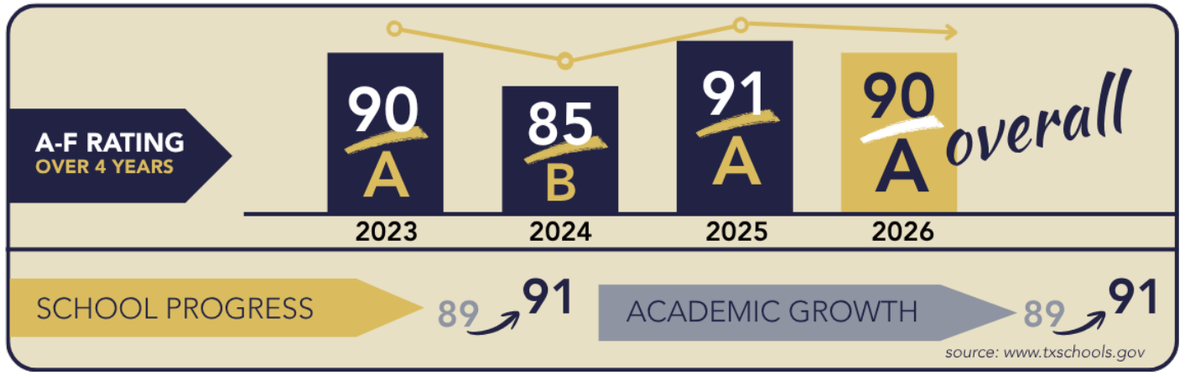
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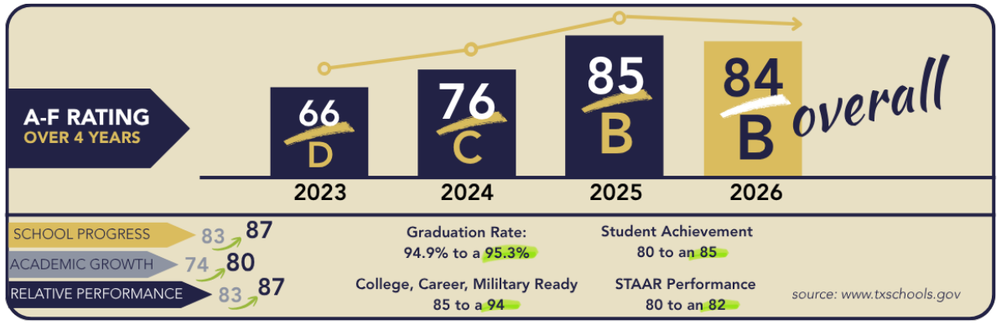
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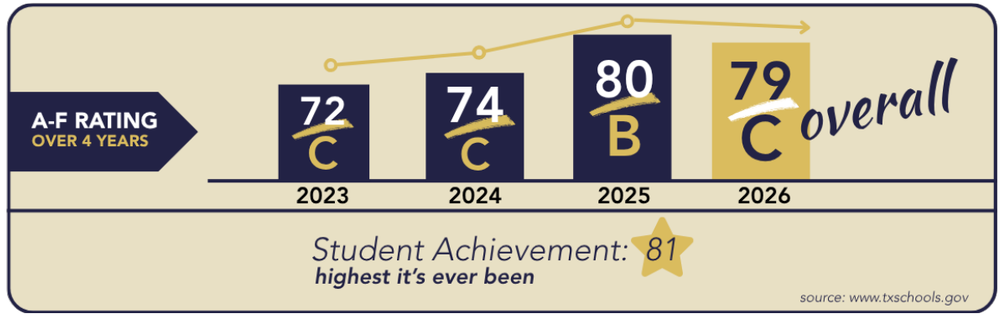
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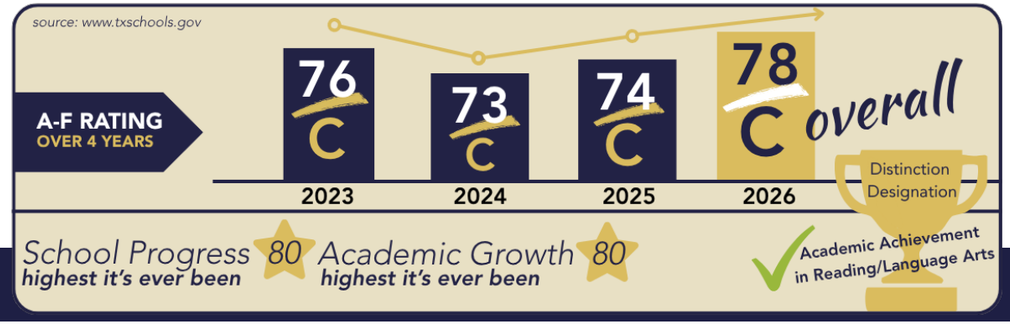
LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL



STRIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL



WALKER MIDDLE SCHOOL



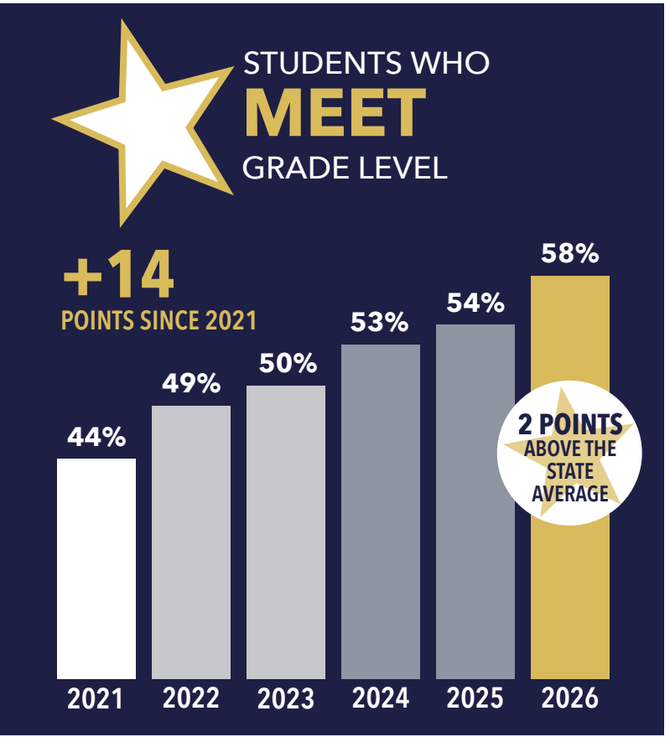
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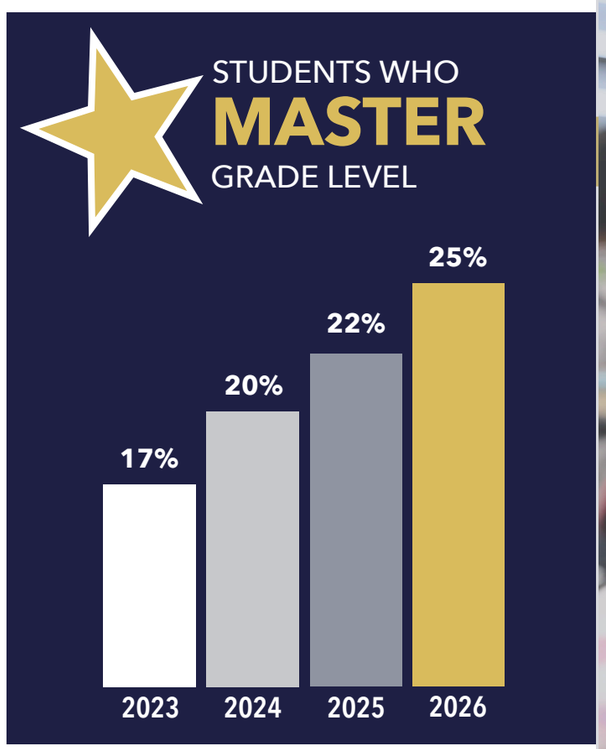
READING ON THE RISE

Little Elm ISD has seen sustained and steady growth every year since 2021 in reading scores.

In every tested grade level, scores have jumped 14 points in the Meets category. Meets means students are testing on grade level.



6 YEARS OF STEADY GROWTH



CONTINUING TO RAISE THE BAR

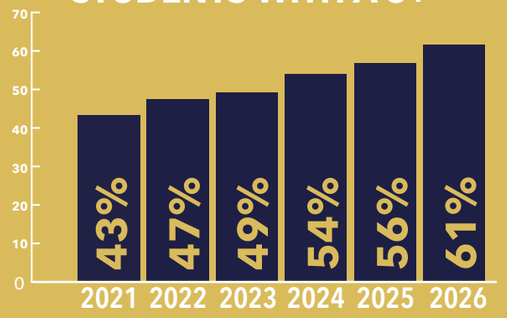


ADVANCED PLACEMENT

24 AP subject tests are opportunities given to students to earn college credit through an AP exam by scoring a 3 or higher. The District gave **818 exams**, **29 more** than in the previous year.

2024	2025	2026
475 students took AP	**517** students took AP	**496** students took AP
785 AP exams taken	**789** AP exams taken	**818** AP exams taken

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AP STUDENTS WITH A 3+



*14 more students scored a 3 or higher compared to last year.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

ACT

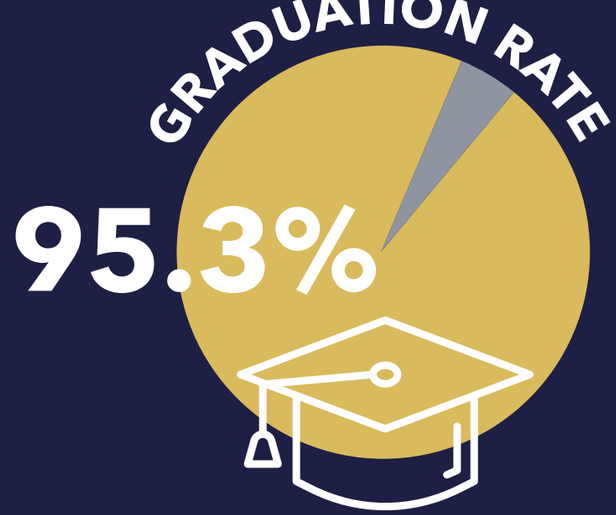
LEHS students earned a composite score of **19.7** in 2025–2026. The highest score was a **34**.

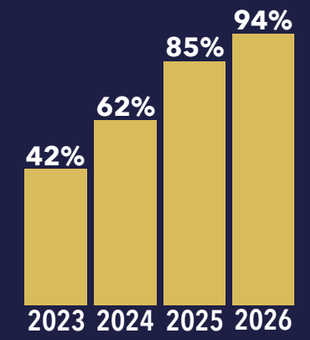
SAT

LEHS students earned a cumulative score of **915** in 2025–2026. Of those students, **seven students scored in the 1400-1600 range** and a total of 186 students scored above 1000. The SAT overall national average is 1050 according to the College Board.

PSAT

PRELIMINARY SAT 1,107 sophomores and juniors took the PSAT/NMSQT in 2025-2026. Additionally, we gave the PSAT 8/9 to **569 freshmen.** Testing freshmen provides an early academic checkup, shows baseline college readiness, and builds low-stress familiarity with future college entrance exams.





COLLEGE CAREER MILITARY READINESS (CCMR) SCORE

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHINE

Little Elm ISD's Dual Language program provides students with a rich bilingual learning environment that builds biliteracy, bilingualism, and bicultural understanding by fifth grade.

The program serves **1,022 students**, including **818 students in kindergarten through fifth grade**, **95 students in sixth and seventh grades**, and **109 prekindergarten students** in the one-way Dual Language program.



LITTLE ELM ISD IS BUILDING STEM, BRICK BY BRICK

STEM education drives Little Elm ISD's work to build a sustainable culture of collaboration, innovation, and real-world problem-solving. All **10 campuses** are STEM Certified by the National Institute for STEM Education, with **278 teachers and administrators** earning NISE certification in 2025-2026 and **49 more** currently working toward certification.

Little Elm ISD remains one of only **three districts in Texas** with this prestigious recognition.



STEAM CAMPS

In the summer of 2026, Little Elm ISD hosted its first two-week Science Technology Engineering Arts Mathematics (STEAM) Camp open to any school-age students in the area. Camps were inspired and led by our teachers. This summer **26 STEAM Camps** were offered and **293 students** participated.



DISTRICT SPELLING BEE

In its 4th year, **33 students** from elementary and middle school campuses competed in the District Spelling Bee. The English Spelling Bee champion was Kiera Roy Banerjee (Hackberry 3rd grader), and the runner up was Ethan Doan (Hackberry 5th grader). Both competed at the **Denton County Bee**, where Doan **finished 3rd** and Banerjee **finished 4th**. The Spanish Spelling Bee champion was Andrea Escamilla (Hackberry 5th grader), and the runner up was Melanie Suarez (Oak Point 5th grader). Both competed at the **Regional Spanish Spelling Bee**.





COLLEGE READINESS: A PERSONALIZED APPROACH TO PREPARING STUDENTS FOR COLLEGE

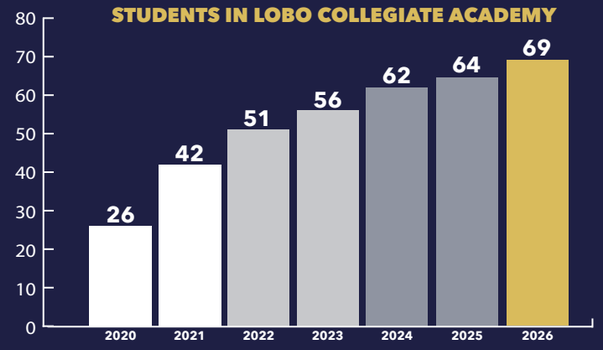
Since 2015, Little Elm ISD's College Readiness program has provided personalized guidance and resources to help students prepare for life after high school. Through the GO Center and a partnership with Texas Woman's University, students receive support with college applications, scholarships, and FAFSA completion.

The program also offers college tours, FAFSA and admissions events, and partnerships with area universities. In 2025-2026, **15 students per week** utilized the GO Center. The impact includes more than **$6.2 million in scholarships** reported by the Class of 2026 and **321 students** sharing college acceptances.



COLLEGE STARTS HERE: LOBO COLLEGIATE ACADEMY

Lobo Collegiate Academy is a cohort of selected LEHS students who participate in an extensive dual credit coursework through North Central Texas College (NCTC), beginning in the freshman year of high school with the goal of being core complete upon graduation. It is a program that continues to grow.



The Class of 2026 had nine students complete college core courses, and the Class of 2027 is projected to have 21 students complete college core courses. In 2026-2027, 16 freshmen joined LCA.

LEHS also offers dual credit courses through NCTC. A total of 145 students earned college credit hours, with 87% of grades earned being As and Bs.

Since last year, LEHS has doubled its dual credit enrollment, with 1,592 college credit hours earned in 2026.


ARTS

PERFORMING ARTS

LEHS WINTER GUARD

LEHS Winter Guard **finished 13th** in the Winter Guard International Open World Class competition. This is a huge accomplishment for a guard who became the Champions in the Open Class Division in 2025.





BLUE ANGELS

The LEHS Blue Angels received a **Division 1 rating** in the inaugural year of the Texas Dance Educator Association Fall Field Assessment. The Blue Angels also received a **Division 2 rating** in the Texas Dance Educator Association Spring Assessment.

LEHS BALLET FOLKLORICO

The LEHS Ballet Folklorico received **Division II** (Excellent Rating) at the North Texas Folklorico Competition.





CHOIR

All Choirs at LEHS received **Superior/ Excellent ratings** at the UIL Concert & Sightreading Assessment.

The LEHS Choir was invited and performed at the Vox Anima London at the Barbican - the only high school group to perform in their debut performance.

Strike Middle School had **5 students** named to the Texas Choral Directors Association **All-State Middle School Choir**: Zach Mahabir, Solomon Robinson, Sam Durham, Lily Bently, and Emilio Mansaray.

PERFORMING ARTS

LEHS BAND

UIL Marching Band Contest: The LEHS Band advanced to Area - **finished in 13th place**, three spots away from making the final round in a powerhouse 6A Division of marching bands. This was their best finish since 2021.





A record-setting number of students made the Texas Music Educator Association All-Region Bands:

- **1 student**, Chris Seymour, made the TMEA All-State Band
- **2 students** made the TMEA Region 24 **All-Region Jazz Band**
- **21 students** made the TMEA Region 24 **All-Region Bands**
- **7 of those students** advanced to the TMEA **Area B Auditions**

LEHS THEATRE

UIL Region One Act Play - "The Speed of Darkness": **All Star Cast** (2), **All-Star Cast Honorable Mention** (2), **Outstanding Tech** (1)

Texas Thespians Short Play Contest - "The Speed of Darkness": **Superior Ratings, Best Overall Direction, Best Ensemble**





STRIKE MS THEATRE

UIL MS Region One Act Play:
Strike Middle School - **3rd Place**
All-Star Cast, Honorable Mention ASC, Outstanding Tech

UIL MS Theatrical Design:
Strike Middle School had **15 students** compete with three receiving the highest rating of "Exemplary" in the category of Set Design.

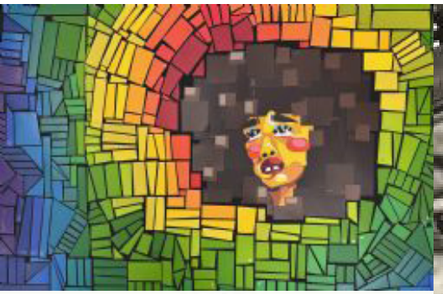
VISUAL ARTS

LEHS ART STUDENTS

Eight LEHS students, along with nine works of art, competed at the State VASE contest, with **seven students** receiving a **score of a 4** (highest rating).













JUNIOR VASE COMPETITION

Twenty-six middle school students were recognized for their achievements at the Junior VASE competition, scoring the highest possible **score of a 4** on 37 works of art. Seven students were awarded the Platinum Medal.

Six elementary art students competed at the Region 11 TEAM (Texas Elementary Art Meet), with **five receiving** the highest **rating of a 3**.














ATHLETICS

LOBOS WINNING

16 ATHLETES SIGNED TO PLAY AT THE COLLEGIATE LEVEL

40 ACADEMIC ATHLETES RECOGNIZED

BOYS BASKETBALL

6A Division 2
STATE CHAMPIONS
First team to win a State Championship in school history.
Record 37 wins, 2 losses for the year.
Ranked #1 in Texas & #14 in the Nation



TRACK

New **school records** were set by six student athletes.
Area Qualifiers: 10 girls, 16 boys
Regional Qualifiers: 6 boys

BOYS SOCCER

The LEHS Boys Soccer Team had their first **10-win season** in seven years.

BOYS GOLF

The LEHS Boys Golf Team **won first place** in a team event for the first time in school history, winning the Fossil Ridge HS at Diamond Oaks Tournament.



TENNIS

LEHS Tennis Player, Tyler Muller, advanced to the **Semifinals** at the District Tournament in the spring.



WRESTLING

The LEHS Wrestling Team has had a State Qualifier every year since the team's inception 5 years ago. This year's team was the largest and most successful team in LEHS history, breaking 8 school records.

State Qualifiers:
Tristan Parks, Keiley Chavarrilla, Aiden Blue Mayne
Mayne finished **3rd at State** and was selected for the 2026 Texas **All-State Wrestling Team**.

2026–2028 UIL ALIGNMENT

6A – LITTLE ELM, DENTON BRASWELL, DENTON GUYER, FRISCO WAKELAND, LEWISVILLE, LEWISVILLE FLOWER MOUND, LEWISVILLE HEBRON, LEWISVILLE MARCUS

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP





ACQUIRED SKILLS

ACQUIRED SKILLS

2,443
STUDENTS ENROLLED AT LEHS



FUTURE-PROOF SKILLS: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Little Elm High School had a student enrollment of **2,443**, with **1,676** of those students actively pursuing endorsements through CTE classes. Last year, students earned **1,341** industry-based certifications across nine different career-ready pathways.

BUSINESS, MARKETING, & FINANCE
- Accounting Basics
- Entrepreneurship and Small Business
- Stukent

COMPUTER SCIENCE
- CompTIA Network & Security
- HTML and CSS
- Python
- Java Script
- Pentest

CULINARY
- Food Protection Manager
- Food Handlers License
- Food Safety & Science

DIGITAL GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION/VIDEO
- Adobe Suite // Illustrator, Photoshop, AfterEffects, & InDesign
- Digital Video Foundations
- Professional Photographer

ENGINEERING
- Fusion 360
- AutoCAD
- Revit
- FAA Part 107 Drone Pilot License
- US1 Level I & II UAS Safety
- USI Line of Sight for UAS

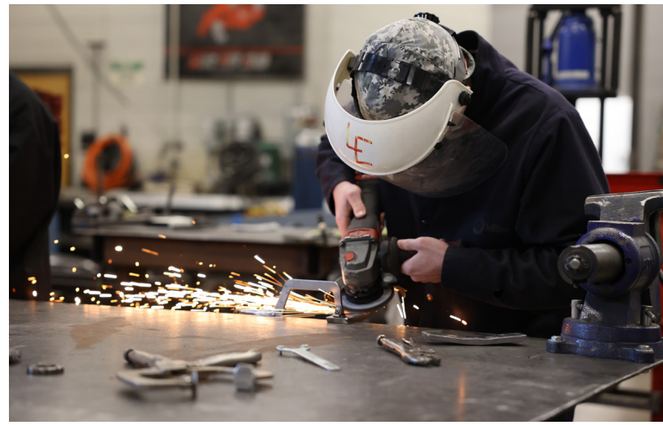
EDUCATION
- TEA Teachers Aide

HEALTH SCIENCE
- Certified Nurses Assistant
- CPT
- CPR

LEGAL STUDIES
- General Management

WELDING
- AWS D1.1 Structural Steel
- AWS D1.9 Sheet Metal
- API 1104, 1105 Pipe Welding
- OSHA -10







CUTX SMART BRANCH EXPERIENCE

Since its opening in 2022, CUTX at Little Elm High School has provided invaluable on-the-job training for students aspiring to have careers in finance, business, marketing, and public relations. Through a diverse range of roles and responsibilities, our students gain hands-on experience in banking, from opening accounts for new members to participating in community outreach events.



2025-2026
18 students were in the program and CUTX awarded a total of **$15,000** in scholarships to the graduating seniors who worked in the Smart Branch.

1,676
students pursuing endorsement through **Career Technical Education** (CTE) classes

9 CTE PROGRAMS OF STUDY

- Arts, Audio/Video, Technology, and Communications
- Business, Marketing, and Finance
- Engineering
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Information Technology
- Law and Public Service
- Manufacturing
- Teaching and Training

ESPORTS AT LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL

Esports continues to grow in numbers. With **12 students** currently participating in the program (four more than last year), the students are preparing for an exciting year ahead. **Four Fortnite teams** will compete this season in the High School Esports League.



LOBOS WINNING

UIL ACADEMICS

The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive program of academic competition in the nation. UIL Academics offers more activities than any other UIL division, with 30 contests at the high school level and 20 A+ Academic contests for grades 2-8. More than half a million students participate in UIL academic contests each year.

Ada Lee Collins finished **4th place at Regionals** in Copy Editing, becoming an **alternate to the State Contest**.



LEHS DECA CHAPTER
10 STUDENTS QUALIFIED FOR **INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS STUDENTS OF AMERICA
7 STUDENTS ADVANCED TO **STATE COMPETITION**

LEHS DECA CHAPTER
22 STUDENTS ADVANCED TO **STATE COMPETITION**

TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE EDUCATORS
3 STUDENTS ADVANCED TO **STATE COMPETITION**

JOIN OUR FAMILE

BENEFITS

TEACHER SALARY STARTING AT $60,200

EXTENSIVE BENEFITS

CONTRIBUTES $397 TO MEDICAL INSURANCE

TEACHER MENTORSHIP (2 YEARS)

EXCELLENCE AWARD

2025-2026 WINNERS

ELEMENTARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



DEREK CROCKER
LAKEWOOD VILLAGE ELEMENTARY

SECONDARY TEACHER OF THE YEAR



LISA BRIGGS
STRIKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



LINZY EVANS
LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL

PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR



SYLVIA CRUZ
HACKBERRY ELEMENTARY

TEAM MEMBER OF THE YEAR



SIMON GALLEGOS
OPERATIONS

LITTLE ELM ISD EDUCATION FOUNDATION AWARDS RECORD BREAKING AMOUNTS

The Little Elm ISD Education Foundation awarded an all-time high $81,707.63 to teachers through its Innovative Grant Program in 2025.

COMMUNITY

CREATING A HUB OF SERVICES AT THE HEART OF LITTLE ELM

In 2025, Little Elm ISD transformed an empty campus building into the Colin Powell Community Center, a hub where families can receive support and community members can give back through volunteerism. The center brings together four local organizations making a significant impact:

THE LITTLE ELM AREA FOOD BANK

Served more than **4,100 families** in 2025, a 74% increase from 2024.

LOVEPACS

Supported **5,989 children and 1,303 adults** during a heavily active month and distributed **307,254 servings of snacks** in the 2025-2026 school year.

BUILDING THE BRIDGES COMMUNITY SERVICES

Served more than **400 individuals in its first month** of operation.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Built and delivered more than **100 fully outfitted beds** to children in need.



BOND INFORMATION

BOND 2022 PROJECT UPDATES

LITTLE ELM HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

PHASE I

Competition gym, relocation of tennis courts, dance studio addition, and additional classroom wing.

PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE: MAY 2027

PHASE II

Expand CTE spaces for new programs, new and expanded Fine Arts spaces, kitchen and cafeteria improvements and expansion, library improvements

PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE: AUGUST 2029

COMPLETED PROJECTS

- Lakewood Village Elementary - opened August 2025
- New tennis courts/golf complex - opened in 2025
- Replace glass walls with hard walls at Strike & Walker MS
- New playground equipment
- Bathroom upgrades at two elementary schools
- Impact film on every exterior and interior door
- Concealed weapons detection system
- Security fencing across the District
- District access control panels
- Upgrade technology

To follow the progress on bond projects, scan the QR code.





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