

Cougar Community Newsletter

October 5, 2026

Community Pride

Education Opens Doors

At Jarrell ISD, we believe education has the power to change lives. We see that every day in our classrooms as we prepare our students for their futures. But our commitment to education and opportunity extends beyond the students we serve.

Through our partnership with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor (UMHB), current Jarrell ISD employees have an affordable and flexible opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree while continuing to work and serve our students. We are proud that several members of the JISD family are already taking advantage of this opportunity and investing in their own futures.

UMHB's online Bachelor of Applied Studies in Organizational Leadership program was designed with working adults in mind. The program includes six seven-week terms each year, with students generally taking two courses per term. Students who need additional flexibility can skip a term and begin again with the next one. For someone entering with no transfer credits, the degree can be completed in approximately three years and three months.

One of the most exciting aspects of the program is its affordability. Online students are UMHB students and have access to university facilities, events, academic resources, professors, success coaches, and other student services.

For our paraprofessionals and other employees who have dreamed of earning a bachelor's degree, this program can provide an important next step. A bachelor's degree can open the door toward becoming a certified teacher while also developing valuable skills in leadership, communication, critical thinking, problem-solving, data analysis, and team dynamics.

This partnership comes at no cost to Jarrell ISD. UMHB has also graciously extended this opportunity beyond our employees to JISD families and members of the Jarrell community.

That is important because our mission as a school district reaches beyond the walls of our schools. When members of our community have opportunities to continue their education, develop new skills, and advance their careers, our entire community benefits.

Whether you have always wanted to finish your degree, are considering a career in education, or simply want to create new opportunities for yourself and your family, we encourage you to learn more.

Education opens doors—and sometimes the first step is simply realizing that the opportunity is within reach.

For additional information about the UMHB program, please use the link below.



Program Highlights.pptx

Terms Six, seven-week terms per year Two courses per term Busy life – Skip a term and start the next Three years and three months to graduate* \$1,230 per term (\$205 per credit hour) * Based on enrolling with zero transfer credit hours Start Dates May 12 June 30 March 3

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Teachers of the Year

Dr. Hicks visited campuses across Jarrell ISD to personally deliver signs recognizing our 2026–2027 Campus Teachers of the Year.

These outstanding educators were selected by their campus peers last May and will proudly represent their campuses throughout the 2026–2027 school year. Being chosen by fellow educators makes this recognition especially meaningful and reflects the respect and admiration these teachers have earned from their colleagues.

We are also proud to recognize Jessica Brosch, who was selected to represent Jarrell ISD in the Regional Elementary Teacher of the Year competition.

Congratulations to all of our Campus Teachers of the Year! Thank you for your dedication to our students and for representing the excellence found throughout Jarrell ISD.



Tracie Donahue - Jarrell Ranch MS

Pictured with Dr. Hicks and Mr. Curtis



D'Ann Johns - Jarrell EI

Pictured with Dr. Hicks and Mrs. Hannan



Kimberleigh Smith - Igo EI

Pictured with Dr. Hicks and Dr. Vazquez



Jessica Brosch - Double Creek EI

Pictured with Dr. Hicks and Dr. Wilson



Michelle Kratzenberg - Jarrell HS

Pictured with Dr. Hicks and Mr. Maddox

Safety and Security Information

Jarrell ISD Police Department

You can also contact the [Jarrell ISD Police Department](#) for assistance or to report concerns and criminal activity.

Standard Response Protocol (SRP) Know the Language

Parent Reunification and Emergency Operations

In the event of an emergency, it's vital that we have your up-to-date contact information. 15% of our parent population has incorrect contact information on file. It's critical we have your correct address, email address, and phone numbers. Please log in to [Skyward](#) to verify that your information is accurate.

In addition to having your correct information on file, filling out a Parent Reunification Card is vital for an emergency. Click on the link below to learn more about our Parent Reunification Plan.

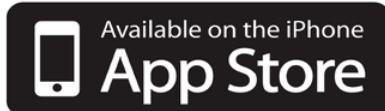
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High School Athletics

Jarrell Middle School Athletics

Jarrell Ranch Middle School Athletics

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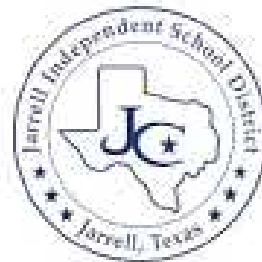


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About Jarrell ISD

Jarrell ISD is located in northern Williamson County. It has seven campuses: Jarrell High School, Jarrell Middle School, Jarrell Ranch Middle School, Berry Creek Elementary School, Igo Elementary



School, Double Creek Elementary School, and Jarrell Elementary School. The district serves more than 4,800 students. Enrollment is projected to double in the next 10 years.

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