

Points **OF** Pride

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Fort Bend ISD has a lot to be proud of.

At Fort Bend ISD, our mission states:
FBISD exists to **inspire** and **equip** ALL students to pursue futures beyond what they can **imagine**.



DISTRICT HONORS



Elkins High School Air Force JROTC TX-932 earned the **2013-2014 Air Force JROTC Distinguished Unit Award with Merit**, the highest honor presented to an Air Force JROTC unit. Elkins was among 81 units across the nation selected from more than 800 to receive the award.

The **2014 Children at Risk Rankings** – which ranks districts and campuses on student achievement, performance and growth – ranked Fort Bend ISD fourth among large school districts in the Greater Houston area. Five FBISD schools (Colony Meadows and Commonwealth Elementary Schools, Fort Settlement and Sartartia Middle Schools and Clements High School) are among the Top 10 schools.

STUDENT HONORS

Amere Lattin, a hurdler at **Marshall High School**, was one of three student athletes from Texas to join a 94-member team that represented the United States at the Youth Olympic games in Nanjing, China. The U.S. team included competitors in 23 different sports. Lattin advanced to the Olympic games after winning hurdles in 13.73 seconds at the U.S. Youth Olympic Selection Trials in Miami, Florida.

Quail Valley Middle School GT Academy students and twin brothers **Brady** and **Colby Sanders** competed and finished seventh at the 2014 World Scholar's Cup competition, held in Singapore. The Sanders twins formed a team with Mustafa Shehzad from Dubai in the Debate division of the competition and ranked "Overall Top-Scoring American Junior Team" at the competition.

Six Fort Bend ISD high school students received **2014 Texas Interscholastic League Foundation (TILF) scholarships**. TILF provides scholarships to students who excel in UIL academic and music contests. The FBISD scholarship recipients are: **Jenny Chang** (Elkins), **Rahat Dukka** (Travis), **Michael Li** and **Michael LoPiccolo** (Clements) and **Kevin Li** and **Rachel Wix** (Dulles).

Sartartia Middle School students **Sarah Zhou**, **Maham Sewani** and **Sania Shahid** were named state winners in the National History Day Contest. Zhou earned 2nd place in the individual competition and Sewani and Shahid earned 2nd place in the team division.

The 2014 Fort Bend ISD graduating seniors were offered more than **\$90 million** in reported academic and athletic scholarships.

Seventy-four FBISD high school seniors are **semifinalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program**. They are among nearly 16,000 semifinalists named in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth approximately \$33 million that will be offered next spring.

Four Fort Bend ISD Schools – Clements, Austin, Kempner and Dulles High Schools – are among the **2014 Best High Schools in the U.S.**, according to the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings that are based on a school's performance on state assessments in reading and math, and college readiness.

Eight FBISD high school students were designated **semifinalists in the 51st annual National Achievement Scholarship Program**, sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.



Fort Bend ISD has been named a **2014 "Best Community for Music Education"** by the National Association of Music Merchants. This is the fifth consecutive year that the District has been recognized for its leadership in providing school-based, music education programs to young people in our community.

Seven FBISD school band and orchestra programs earned national recognition as winners in the **2014 Mark of Excellence project**. Sponsored by The Foundation for Music Education, the Mark of Excellence Recorded Music Contest offers bands, choirs and orchestras the opportunity to earn national recognition for their musical achievement.

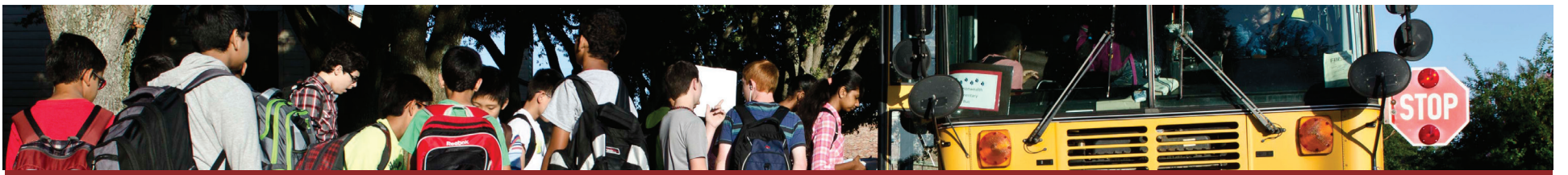
Forty-nine Fort Bend ISD high school students were selected as **2014 Texas All State Musicians** by the Texas Music Educators Association through competitive auditions. Only two percent of all high school students that begin the audition process are selected for All-State honors.



Fort Bend ISD was named a **2013 Awards for Excellence in Texas School Health winner** and received the program's Vanguard Award in recognition of its WATCH Recognized Wellness Campus Award program. The Awards for Excellence program recognizes and promotes effective school health programs and initiatives that strive to improve the lifelong health of students, staff and the greater school community.

For the 12th consecutive year, Fort Bend ISD has received a rating of **Superior Achievement by the Texas Education Agency's School FIRST** (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest mark and serves as an indicator of the quality of the District's financial management and reporting system.





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STAFF HONORS

Lisa Baum, a third-grade science teacher at **Colony Meadows Elementary**, is one of only eight Texas teachers named a finalist for the **2014 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST)**. This is the highest recognition a mathematics or science teacher may receive, on behalf of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, for exemplary teaching in the United States.

Bowie Middle School seventh-grade teacher **Malaika Easton** was named the **2014 Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts (TCTELA) Middle School Teacher of the Year**. Each year, the TCTELA presents awards to six outstanding teachers. Easton was honored in recognition of her exemplary teaching skills and leadership.

Mike Madden, Clements High School U.S. History teacher, is the recipient of the **2014 Frank R. Kemerer Award**, presented by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals in conjunction with the Texas School Administrators' Legal Digest. The state award recognizes his enthusiasm for teaching social studies at the high school level, creativity and effectiveness as measured by student achievement.

Jill Lowe, an English as a Second Language teacher at Baines Middle School, was named the **2013-2014 Houston Area Association for Bilingual Education's (HAABE) Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year**. She advanced to the HAABE Teacher of the Year competition after being named Fort Bend ISD's Secondary ESL Teacher of the Year.



FBISD teachers have an average of **10 years** of teaching experience and nearly **20%** have advanced degrees.

VOLUNTEER HONORS

Carol Scott, a Fort Bend ISD volunteer, has been selected as a **2014 Hero for Children**. She is among 15 Texas individuals to receive the award in recognition of their commitment to volunteering their time, talents and skills to help improve the public schools in their communities.

SUCCESSFUL FBISD GRADUATES

Rushell Harvey, a 2013 graduate of **Bush High School**, received a full track and field scholarship to attend Louisiana State University and as a freshman, qualified for the NCAA Track and Field Championships and was a finalist in the 4x100 meter relay and the 100-meter dash.

Cole Caruthers, a University of Central Arkansas offensive lineman and 2010 graduate of **Clements High School**, was named a pre-season first-team FCS All American by College Sports Madness. The senior tackle was a second-team All-Southland Conference selection last fall after helping the Bears' offense average 452.9 yards per game. He is a two-time All-SLC selection and one of 17 seniors on the UCA squad heading into the 2014 season.

Karim Farishta, a 2013 **Clements High School** graduate and current student of George Washington University, has immersed himself in human rights advocacy and launched an online "Know Now Campaign" to share refugee stories from around the world. He studied abroad in Nepal, Jordan and Chile to collect testimonies of displaced and resettled refugees. He has also worked as an associate at the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence, and traveled to India with the Department of State's Critical Language Program to participate in a summer-long immersion study in Urdu and South Asian culture.

Taylor Rammrath, **Austin High School** class of 2009, graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Construction Science. Rammrath was second in command of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets and has been commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Deric Duley, 2012 graduate of **Elkins High School**, attends the University of St. Thomas and plays on the men's basketball team. As a freshman, he was named "Freshman of the Year." As a sophomore, he was named "Defensive Player of the Year." He has also helped lead the team to two NAIA national tournaments.

Isaiah Washington, 1981 **Willowridge High School** graduate, is a successful television and movie actor who has appeared in several Spike Lee films and is best known for his role as Dr. Preston Burke on the ABC medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*.

Knile Davis, a 2009 **Marshall High School** graduate, is a National Football League (NFL) running back for the Kansas City Chiefs. He played college football for the University of Arkansas and was drafted in the third round of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Kansas City Chiefs.

PRIDE BY THE NUMBERS

In 2013, **3,697** FBISD students took an AP exam. In fact, there were a total of **8,663** AP exams taken that year.



During the 2013-2014 school year, **1,316** student athletes earned Academic All District honors; **152** students were recognized as Academic All State Athletes.

During the last academic year, the FBISD Board of Trustees recognized over **300** students and staff members for their state and national achievements.

Last year, the Volunteers in Public Schools program recorded more than **376,000** volunteer hours. If you attach an hourly rate to that amount, those hours equate to more than **\$8.3** million in volunteer services provided for our teachers and students!



As a multicultural school district, our FBISD students represent various countries from around the world and speak more than **90** languages and dialects, making FBISD one of the most culturally diverse school districts in the state of Texas.

Serving with Pride...

FBISD is projected to serve an additional **5,400** students in the next five years and **12,600** over the next 10 years.

FBISD maintains a total of **92** facilities. That's **11,233,542** of square feet in **220** permanent buildings!

The FBISD Transportation Department operates **479** buses on a daily basis, driving an average of **25,140** average miles per day.



Right now, more than **7,000** of our students are attending classes in **168** portable, two-classroom buildings to keep up with the growth.

During the last academic year, FBISD students checked out **1,052,503** items from the District's libraries.

FBISD child nutrition workers serve an average of **35,000** meals each day and an average of **8.6** million every year.



FBISD maintains a total of **1,757** acres and spans **170** square miles, which is about the size of New Orleans!

To find more exciting things happening in our schools, visit the FBISD website at: **fortbendisd.com**

