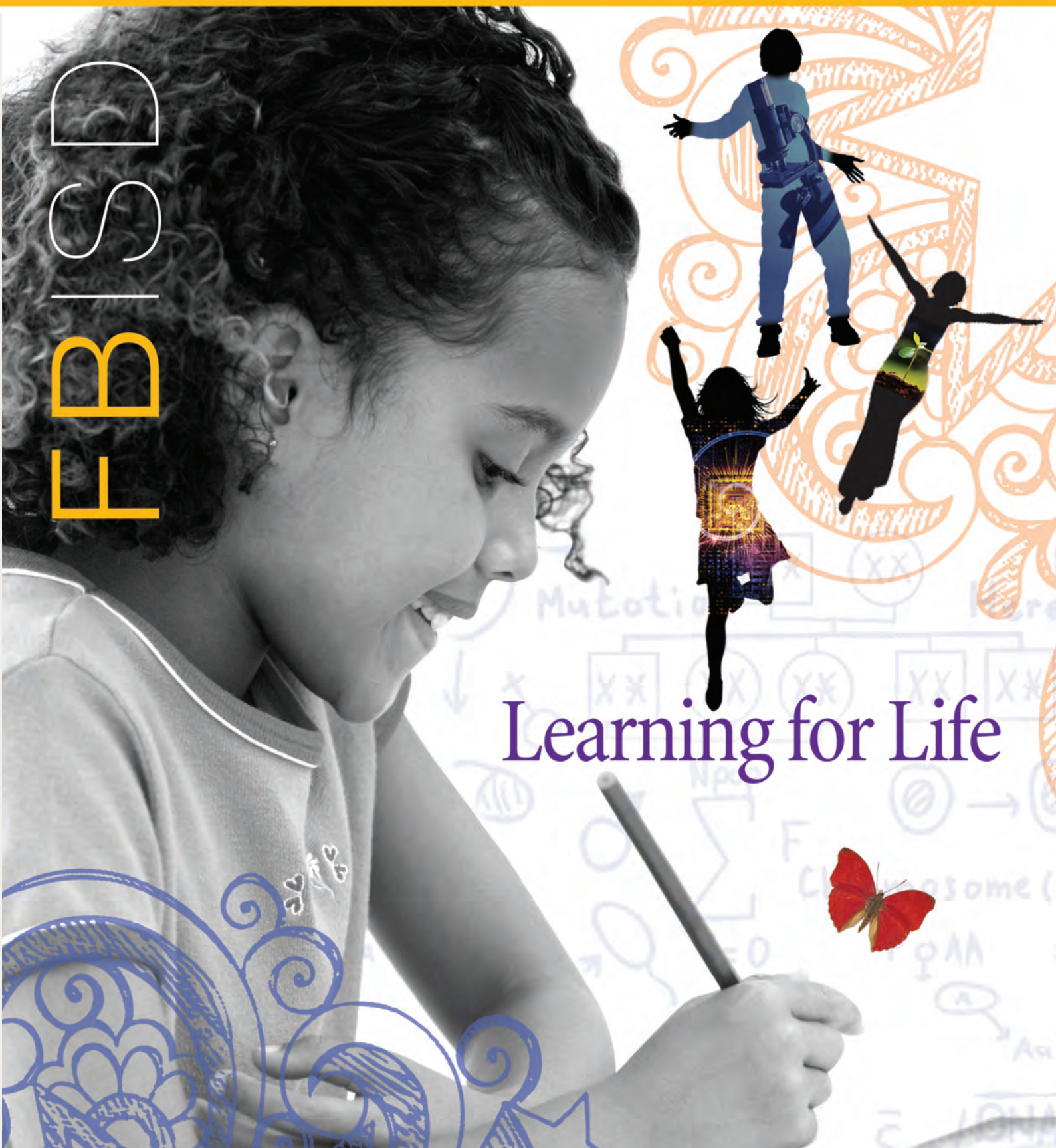


# Fast Facts

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## Fort Bend ISD Profile:

- 170 square miles
- 74 campuses and 14 other sites
- Projected enrollment for 2013-2014 is 70,184
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with approximately 9,254 employees and substitutes

## Sound Fiscal Management:

- 2013-2014 Operating Budget = \$497,159,194\*
- 65.3% of M&O budget allotted to instruction
- \$6,521 Expenditure per student
- Starting teacher salary is \$46,750

\* includes salary increase of 3% for all employees.

## District's tax rate remains at current level; one of the lowest in the Houston area

Our overall tax rate of \$1.34 per \$100 valuation, which includes a debt service tax rate of 30 cents combined with the District's \$1.04 M&O tax rate, will remain at its current level for 2013-2014.

## Growth:

- As the 7th largest school district in Texas, Fort Bend ISD is an outstanding district of choice by parents of more than 70,000 students.
- To serve a growing population, FBISD has 74 campuses (11 high schools, 14 middle schools and 45 elementary campuses). To address various vocational interests and special learning needs, the District also has a Technical Education Center, the M.R. Wood Center for Learning, the Progressive High School, and the Ferndell Henry Center for Learning.

## Student Information

Our Students (Fall 2013).....	70,184
Bilingual/ESL.....	4.19%/9.47%
Career & Technology Education (eligible students) .....	57%
Economically Disadvantaged .....	39.7%
Gifted & Talented.....	7%
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) .....	13.7%
Special Education.....	6.4%
Number of Languages Spoken.....	95

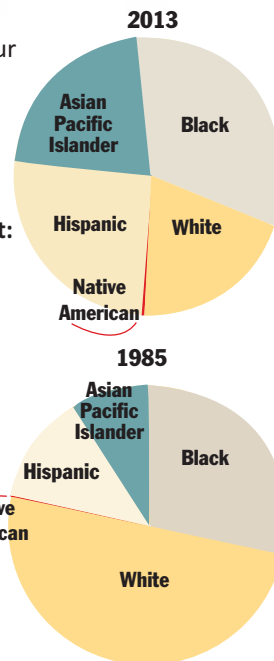
Fort Bend ISD is proud of the fact that we are one of the most diverse school districts in Texas and in the nation. As a multicultural school district, our students represent countries from around the world. More than 95 different dialects and languages are spoken by our students and their families.

## FBISD is a majority minority school district:

29.27% .....	Black
19.08% .....	White
26.36% .....	Hispanic
22.46% .....	Asian/Pacific Islander
0.45% .....	Native American

## How we've changed over the last 28 years:

26.64% .....	Black
51.01% .....	White
14.28% .....	Hispanic
7.98% .....	Asian/Pacific Islander
0.09% .....	Native American



## New Laws Affecting Our Students

The Texas Legislature has created a new landscape for school children with the many education bills that were passed and signed into law during the 83rd Texas Legislative Session in 2013. These new laws will impact student testing and graduation requirements, as well as how schools will be rated by the State, and Fort Bend ISD is working to ready our schools for the changes that will be forthcoming. Although many details are still being finalized by the Texas Education Agency, we want to share the latest information the District has received, as well as provide you with resources for more information. Please visit our "New Laws" webpage under the Curriculum Department at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com).



## FBISD is a 2013 National District of Character

Fort Bend ISD was the only school district in the nation to be named a National School District of Character in 2011 by the Character Education Partnership in Washington, D.C., and will carry that distinction for five years. Character development is a priority in our District, and we have several programs, services and events that aid us in creating a community of caring to help our students succeed.

## FBISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent



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## 2013 Texas Education Agency State Accountability Ratings

For its 2013 District and campus accountability ratings from the Texas Education Agency, Fort Bend ISD received the **Met Standard** rating for **69** of its 70 campuses (98.6 percent). Statewide, 84.2 percent of campuses received the rating Met Standard. The District also received a rating of Met Standard. All campuses and districts in Texas were labeled as either Met Standard or Improvement Required. The 2013 ratings are the first to be issued under the state's new accountability system based on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR).

FBISD campuses earned a total of 74 distinctions in three possible areas – Student Progress (22 campuses), English Language Arts/Reading (26 campuses) and Math (26 campuses). Distinctions replace the Gold Performance Acknowledgements from the previous accountability system that acknowledged district and campuses with high performance.

### How are the Accountability Ratings determined?

Under the state's accountability system, all campuses and school districts are assigned one of two ratings: **Met Standard** or **Improvement Required**. The ratings reflect meeting the targets on indices measuring Student Achievement, Student Process, Closing Performance Gaps and Post Secondary Readiness. Those include primarily performance on STAAR.

### FBISD Ratings

District .....Met Standard  
Schools Rated Met Standard .....69  
Schools Rated Improvement Required .....1

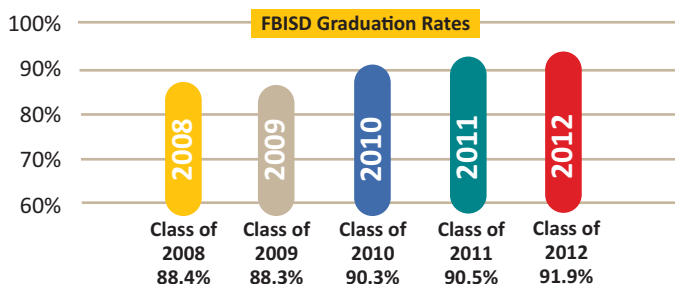
*For more information about the ratings, go to [fortbendisd.com](http://fortbendisd.com).*

## Our Students are College Ready!

Fort Bend ISD is focused on efforts to ensure that all students will graduate ready for their futures – whether those paths lead to a university, technical college or joining the business world. As part of a comprehensive College and Career Ready plan, students will have more choices in their educational pathways, while providing a more holistic approach to their learning as the District aligns its efforts with the State's new graduation requirements.

### Graduation Rates

Each year, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) reports graduation rates for the previous school year. In Fort Bend ISD, graduation rates for 2012 have increased to nearly 92 percent, according to a TEA report on graduation and completion rates for that year. We are proud of our students, teachers and principals who are working hard to continue to raise graduation rates for all students.



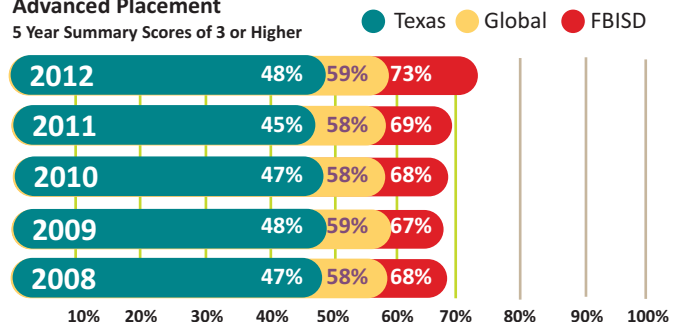
\*Results for Class of 2011 are from the 4-yr completion rate report received in June 2013. This value will appear on AEIS when it is released later this year.

## Advance Placement Exams

Students in Fort Bend ISD outperformed students in the state of Texas and students from the United States and Canada. In Fort Bend ISD, **73%** of the exams administered earned a score of 3 or higher. In Texas, only 48% earned a 3 or higher, while 59% of the exams taken in the United States and Canada scored a 3 or higher.

### Advanced Placement

5 Year Summary Scores of 3 or Higher



## SAT Scores

The College Board reported the most recent 2012 SAT mean scores for FBISD exceeded the state mean by 49 points (1,022 versus 973), and FBISD students exceeded the nation by 12 points (1,022 versus 1,010).

## ACT Scores

The mean composite score for the Class of 2012 who took the ACT exam was 22.3. The state mean was 20.8, and the national mean was 21.1.



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# Fort Bend ISD Points of Pride

*As the seventh largest school district in Texas, Fort Bend ISD is an outstanding district of choice by the parents of more than 70,000 students. A few highlights of the district's many accomplishments include:*

FBISD has **48 students named finalists in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program**, one of the highest percentages of National Merit Finalists among the larger area school districts.

Also, 14 FBISD students were selected by the U.S. Department of Education as candidates for the **Presidential Scholars Program**, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students.

The 2013 Fort Bend ISD graduating seniors earned more than **\$42 million in reported academic and athletic scholarships**.

Based on a national Gallup Student Poll of fifth, seventh and tenth graders, 11 FBISD schools were named **2013 High Hope Schools**. The national poll measures the amount of hope, engagement and sense of well-being that our students have. The schools are: Elementary – Blue Ridge, Briargate, Commonwealth, Fleming, Glover, Goodman, Hunters Glen, Lakeview; and Secondary – Baines, Fort Settlement, and Sartartia. Only 192 schools out of the 1,750 taking part in the survey received this designation.



The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation selected Fort Bend ISD as one of the **2013 Best Communities for Music Education**. The District was recognized for its leadership in providing school-based, music education programs to young people in our community.

Fort Bend ISD was named the winner of the **American Association of School Administrators Award for outstanding leadership in voter education** – 2012 School District Project, presented by My Voice Student Mock Election.

FBISD is the only school district in the nation to be named a **2011 National School District of Character** by the National Schools of Character Program in Washington, DC, and will carry the distinction for five years. The District was also named a **2012 Promising Practice in Character Education National Award Winner** by the Character Education Partnership in recognition of its High School Diversity Conference, which provides a forum for student-led discussion of diversity issues.



Parent and community support plays an integral role in the district's commitment to academic excellence. In 2012-2013, **community and business partners donated more than \$3.4 million** to support student success, and **volunteers donated more than 363,000 recorded volunteer hours at district campuses**. If you attach an hourly rate of \$21.91, established by the Independent Sector, that equates to more than \$7.9 million in volunteer services donated to our district in just one year.

Since its inception in 1992, The Fort Bend Education Foundation has awarded more than \$4 million to FBISD teachers and schools. In 2012-2013, the **Education Foundation awarded \$316,941 for classroom grants**.

During the 2012-2013 school year, Fort Bend ISD was awarded **Energy Star certifications** for 17 campuses. In addition to the Energy Star distinction, the District received **energy efficiency rebates totaling \$84,600** through the 2012 CenterPoint Energy (CPE) Retro-Commissioning and SCORE program.

The State Comptroller's Office awarded FBISD its highest **five-star rating for the 2012 Financial Allocation Study for Texas** which measures academic progress and cost-effective operations in 1,136 school districts across the state. FBISD is one of only 45 school districts to receive this five-star rating, putting Fort Bend among the top 20 percent of all districts.

Fort Bend ISD received a **Superior Achievement rating for Financial Integrity** by the Texas Education Agency. The District scored 70 out of a maximum of 70 points from the various indicators, which rate audit and governance disclosures, cash and investments, tax collections, fund balances, administrative costs and staffing levels. The District also received the **2012 Gold Leadership Circle Award** from the Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program. The "Gold" designation is the highest award level and highlights annually those entities that are setting the bar with their transparency efforts.



For more information about Fort Bend ISD, visit our website at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com) or call the Community Relations Department at **281-634-1100**.

## School Hours

PreK hours:	8:10 am – 11:10 am, 12:10 pm – 3:10 pm
Elementary:	8:10 am – 3:10 pm
Middle School:	8:55 am – 3:55 pm
High School:	7:30 am – 2:30 pm

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