FORT BEND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Office of Student Leadership

At the core of the District's efforts to empower students to take ownership of their learning and transform their communities.

Fort Bend ISD's mission is to inspire and equip students to pursue futures beyond what they can imagine. The Office of Student Leadership is at the core of serving this mission and fulfilling the vision of graduates who exhibit the attributes of the District's Profile of a Graduate.

Student Leadership exists to develop the leadership potential in all students through leadership development experiences, character education and community service.

Through the core campus-based and district-wide leadership initiatives, students see themselves as critical leaders in the culture and climate of their campuses and community, leading to graduates who are successful and productive citizens in their communities and professions.

Leadership 101/102

A Board of Trustees initiative, 33 students representing each of the 11 high schools participate in a two-year program exposing them to leaders at all levels in the community and to develop their leadership strengths. In the second year of their experience, students apply their learned skills in service to local non-profit organizations.

- Competitive selection process that identifies potential for
- Engage with business and community leaders
- Mentor elementary students to develop their leadership
- Culminating experiences in Austin and Washington, D.C.

Campus Leadership Programs

On the campus-level students take leadership in serving their communities through participation in core Student Leadership managed organizations, as:

- Student Council
- **National Honor Societies**
- Peer Assistance & Leadership Program (PALs)
- Teen Leadership
- No Place for Hate

Ropes Program

The Ropes program promotes self-discovery, self-confidence and self-esteem through the use of games, initiatives and challenges. The program challenges student and adult groups emotionally, socially and physically to communicate effectively, understand team dynamics and set common goals.

Core Beliefs

The Office of Student Leadership holds at its core the belief that...

...all students, staff and parents have the potential to grow as leaders

...effective leaders develop, inspire and invest in the next generation of leaders

...the culture and climate of our schools is a reflection of the hearts and minds of our team.

Student Voice Advisory Network

Through this superintendent-led initiative, four students from each high school participate in day-long sessions that develop their advocacy skills. Student ambassadors elevate the student voice in decision-making at the district and campus levels, and regularly advise district officials.

- Through case-studies and speakers, ambassadors are exposed to models of advocacy that help them find their voice and sharpen their advocacy skills
- Annually host 100% student-run diversity conference
- Host town hall meetings to capture the student voice
- Develop policy proposals to address student concerns and present to senior district officials for resolution

Global Initiative

For six years FBISD and Fort Bend County have participated in a sister city relationship with Foshan, China. Each year, 20 students and adults participate in a cultural immersion experience in China. Conversely, each year two FBISD high schools host a Chinese delegation to immerse their students and staff in an authentic American experience. In the experience, delegates:

- Visit Beijing, Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Foshan
- Live in dorms and with host families
- Attend classes to learn about Chinese history and culture

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