

Fort Bend ISD From A-Z

FBISD
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BACK TO SCHOOL 2023-2024



TOP 5 COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES FBISD Graduates Attend



University of Houston



Houston Community College



Wharton County Junior College

Wharton Community Junior College



Texas A&M University



TEXAS

University of Texas

MORE THAN
80,000 STUDENTS



Eighty Two
National Merit
Semifinalists
in 2024

*FBISD has more
semifinalists than any
other district in the
entire Houston region*



**83
CAMPUSES**

located southwest of Houston

12 High Schools (Two Title I)

15 Middle Schools (Three Title I)

51 Elementary Schools (22 Title I)

5 Specialized Schools



One of the most diverse school
districts in the nation. Our
families speak more than
90 languages and dialects

7 HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIES



Digital Media
Academy



Engineering
Academy



Global Studies
Academy



International
Business &
Marketing Academy



Math & Science
Academy



Medical Science
Academy

29,715

2022-2023
AP Credit
Hours

18,519

2022-2023
Dual Credit
Hours

85

2022-2023
Associates
Degrees Earned

NATIONALLY  RECOGNIZED

FINE ARTS and ATHLETICS
PROGRAMS

New Student Registration

The district provides innovative programs to address each student's unique needs at all school levels.

High school students can earn college credit and industry-recognized certifications and licenses through programs such as the Early College High School or Pathways in Technology Programs. Six academies provide learning communities with concentrated courses in career-focused classes.

In middle school, students begin exploring careers through 14 Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. The district's state-of-the-art Career and Technical Center is open to juniors and seniors and has a number of student-run enterprise businesses that are open to the public.

FBISD also offers a gifted and talented academy for middle school students.

A full day pre-K program is available and two early literacy centers equip students with grade-level reading skills by the end of first grade.

Additional programs including gifted and talented, special education and multilingual ensure students have equitable access to all educational opportunities.

A young boy with short brown hair and black-rimmed glasses is smiling and giving a thumbs-up. He is wearing a blue and white striped shirt and a grey backpack with yellow straps. To his right is a black alarm clock with a white face and black numbers. The background is a solid yellow color.

**Ready, Set
Learn!**

How Do I Enroll My Child in School?

All children who are five (5) years of age or over, but younger than 21 years of age on September 1 of any school year in which admission is sought and who reside within the Fort Bend ISD or has a parent/legal guardian (assigned by a court of law) who resides within the FBISD are eligible to attend Fort Bend ISD schools.

To enroll a child in the Preschool Program for Children with Disabilities, the child must be:

- Three (3) to five (5) years of age,
- eligible for special education and recommended by the ARD committee for placement.

To qualify for Fort Bend ISD's tuition-free prekindergarten program, a child must meet the following criteria:

- four years old on or before September 1, 2023, and
- unable to speak or comprehend the English language, eligible for free/reduced lunch according to federal guidelines, homeless, in foster care (currently or previously) or must have a parent currently on active military duty (or injured or killed while on active duty)

A child must be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 to enroll in kindergarten. To enter first grade, a student must be six (6) years of age by the first day of school or has either been enrolled in the first grade or has completed kindergarten in a public school of another state prior to

transferring to a Texas public school. A child must be enrolled by the child's parent, guardian, or a person with legal control established via a court order. The District must record the name, address, and date of birth of the person enrolling the child; therefore, an updated Texas Driver's License or Texas ID card containing the parent's/guardian's FBISD address will be requested at the time of enrollment. [see Board Policy FD(LEGAL).]

To enroll a child in prekindergarten, kindergarten or first grade, the following documents are needed:

- birth certificate or its equivalent,
- most recent report card or grade transcript,
- immunization records,
- proof of residence, including a deed, lease or mortgage agreement, a recent utility bill (water, gas, electric),
- a student's social security card (will be requested) or state assigned ID number, and
- a government issued photo ID of the student's parent or guardian, which provides their FBISD address (TX Driver's License/ID Card)

To enroll a student in grades 2-12, the following is required:

- birth certificate or its equivalent (for students younger than age 12)
- most recent report card or grade transcript,
- immunization records,
- proof of residence, including a deed, lease or mortgage agreement, a recent utility bill (water, gas, electric),
- a student's social security card (will be requested) or state assigned ID number, and
- a government issued photo ID of the student's parent or guardian, which provides their FBISD address (TX Driver's License/ID Card)

Registration must be completed at the school in which the child's residence address is zoned within the FBISD; therefore, parents must contact their child's zoned school for additional enrollment information.

August

July 31- Aug 1 District Professional Learning Day
2-4 Professional Learning Day/No Students
7 Teacher Planning Day/No Students
8 Teacher Work Day/No Students
9 First Day of Classes 1st Semester

September

4 Holiday/Labor Day
15 Early Release- Elementary
29 Professional Learning Day/No Students

October

9 Holiday
10 Teacher Planning Day/No Students

November

10 Holiday/Veterans Day
20-24 Holiday/Thanksgiving Break

December

14 Early Release-MS/HS
15 Early Release/All Students
18-29 Holiday/Winter Break

January

1 Holiday/New Year's Day
2 Professional Learning Day/No Students
3 Teacher Planning Day/No Students
4 First Day of Classes 2nd Semester
15 Holiday/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

15 Early Release-Elem.
16 Professional Learning Day/No Students
19 Holiday/Inclement Weather Make-Up Day

March

1 Teacher Planning Day/No Students
11-15 Holiday/Spring Break
29 Holiday/Good Friday

April

1 Holiday/Inclement Weather Make-Up Day

May

22 Early Release-MS/HS
23 Early Release- All Students
24 Teacher Work Day/No Students
27 Holiday/Memorial Day

June

19 Holiday/Juneteenth Day

July

1-5 District Offices and Campuses Closed

KEY

- District Professional Learning Day [] Beginning/End of Nine Weeks
- Professional Learning Day - No Students { } Exams
- Teacher Planning Day - No Students ■ Holiday
- Teacher Work Day - No Students ■ Early Release - ES
- ◆ First Day of Semester Classes ■ Early Release - MS & HS
- Inclement Weather Make-up Day

This Calendar Reflects the Following	ES	MS	HS
Total Days of Instruction	173	173	173
Total Teacher Contract Days	187	187	187
Operational Minutes per Full Day	435	435	435
Operational Minutes per Early Release Days	240	270	245
Total Operational Minutes Pre-Waiver	74,475	74,595	74,495
Waiver Minutes for Professional Learning	2,100	2,100	2,100
Total Operational Min. w/ Approved Waivers	76,575	76,695	76,595
Bank of Operational Minutes	975	1,095	995

HB 2442 requires a minimum of 75,600 operational minutes with any applicable waivers and at least a minimum bank of 840 operational minutes. The bank of operational minutes can be used in the event of bad weather and other issues of health and safety. FBISD reserves the right to revise the calendar, pending Board approval, to meet the minimum required operational minutes each year.

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1st Semester Grading Period	83 Days	
1st Nine Weeks	8/9 - 10/6	41
2nd Nine Weeks	10/11 - 12/15	42

2nd Semester Grading Period	90 Days	
3rd Nine Weeks	1/4 - 3/8	43
4th Nine Weeks	3/18 - 5/23	47

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Board Approved 2/13/23

August

July 29th – 30th..... District Professional Learning Days/
No Students

July 31st.....Teacher Work Day/No Students

1st – 6th.....Professional Learning Day/No Students

7th.....Teacher Planning Day/No Students

8th.....First Day of Classes 1st Semester

September

2nd Student/Teacher Holiday/Labor Day
26th Early Release-Elementary
27th Professional Learning Day/No Students

October

4th	Student/Teacher Holiday
10th – 14th	Student/Teacher Holiday
15th	Teacher Planning Day/No Students

November

1st Student/Teacher Holiday
11th Student/Teacher Holiday/Veterans Day
25th – 29th Student/Teacher Holiday/Thanksgiving Break

December

19th Early Release – MS/HS
20th Early Release/All Students
23rd – 31st. Student/Teacher Holiday/Winter Break

January

1st - 3rd	Student/Teacher Holiday/New Year's Day
6th	Professional Learning Day/No Students
7th	Teacher Planning Day/No Students
8th	Teacher Work Day/No Students
9th	First Day of Classes 2nd Semester
20th	Student/Teacher Holiday/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February

13th Early Release-Elementary
14th Professional Learning Day/No Students
17th ... Student/Teacher Holiday/Inclement Weather Make-Up
Day
28th Teacher Planning Day/No Students

March

10th – 14th..... Student/Teacher Holiday/Spring Break
31st Student/Teacher Holiday

April

18th	Student/Teacher Holiday
21st	Student/Teacher Holiday/Inclement Weather
	Make-Up Day

May

26th Student/Teacher Holiday/Memorial Day
28th Early Release-MS/HS
29th Early Release- All Students
30th Teacher Workday/No Students














June

19th Student/Teacher Holiday/Juneteenth Day
30th District Office and Campuses Closed

July

1st – 4th District Office and Campuses Closed

KEY

	Teacher Work Day		Beginning/End of Nine Weeks
	Professional Learning		Exams
	Teacher Planning		Early Release ES
	First Day of Semester		Early Release HS/MS
	District Professional Learning Day		Early Release HS/MS/ES
	Student/Teacher Holiday		Inclement Weather
			Make-up Day

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Bank of Operational Minutes	940	1,060	960

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1st Semester Grading Period		83 Days
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2nd Semester Grading Period		88 Days
3rd Nine Weeks	1/9 - 3/7	38
4th Nine Weeks	3/17 - 5/29	50

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Early Childhood

A strong early start is a good indicator of a student's educational success. Fort Bend ISD offers diverse options to support the needs of students as young as three years of age. Prekindergarten (pre-K) programs are offered district-wide, including the district's two Early Literacy Centers and Fueling Brains Academy. For young learners who require language support, the district has bilingual pre-K programs available as well.

Special programs are also available for students who require special education services. The district offers curriculum through the Early Childhood Special Education program and the district's Early Intervention Academy.



**Serving All
Learners**



Gifted and Talented^(GT)

FBISD works to identify all its gifted learners to support their unique and diverse learning styles.

GT services are educational interventions for students who perform at or show the potential for performing at a remarkably high level of accomplishment. Gifted and Talented services are offered to students in Fort Bend ISD, in kindergarten through 12th grade. Students can be referred for evaluation, which can be done in the fall, spring and summer. All FBISD second grade students are also screened.

Through unique opportunities including a high school mentoring program and middle school academy, FBISD supports students and their families in creative, self-directed learning. Visit www.fortbendisd.com/gt to learn more.



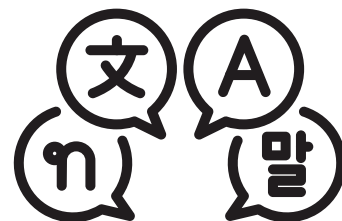
Special Education

At Fort Bend ISD, we are committed to providing an inclusive and supportive learning environment for all students, including those with disabilities. We understand the importance of ensuring that each child's educational needs are met. Our dedicated team of special education professionals collaborates with teachers, parents, and students to develop individualized education plans (IEPs) that outline appropriate supports and services for each student.

These support services include:

- External Support, Accommodations, and Modifications
- In-Class Support
- Co-Teaching
- Specialized Support
- Home Instruction and Instruction in Hospitals and Institutions

For more information on special education services and placement options, visit the Special Education website. You may also reach the Special Education Department directly at 281-634-1143 for any specific questions or concerns.



Multilingual Programs

The district's Multilingual Programs department supports families with students for whom English is not the first language at home. The department offers tailored programs to elementary and secondary students, in addition to world language instruction in seven languages. Parents can learn more about what is offered at www.fortbendisd.com/multilingualprograms.



FBISD HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Fort Bend ISD High School Academies is to provide specialized learning communities with concentrated and rigorous course pathways that include both career and academic coursework.

These specialized academies exist at the high school level to provide focused study and services, launching our students toward careers and college pathways in a number of highly skilled and competitive areas. A middle school GT Academy and a GT Mentorship program are also offered for selected students. All of these programs are offered through an application process, which includes a combination of academic performance data, test scores and interviews.

Students apply for high school academies as 8th graders. Students will receive an email with their test or interview dates. Students must reside in the FBISD attendance zone during this application window in order to apply. Students may not apply and will not be accepted outside of this process. In order to properly staff our programs, create schedules, and train staff we must limit the application period for all specialized programs. There are no exceptions to this policy.

Digital Media Academy, Global Studies Academy, & International Business and Marketing Academy
Phone: 281-634-3106

CONTACT US

Engineering Academy, Math and Science Academy, & Medical Science Academy
Phone: 281-634-5645

Website: <https://www.fortbendisd.com/academies>



The **Digital Media Academy** exists to provide students exposure and skills applicable to digital media career pathways and to prepare students for entry level positions or college career readiness upon completion of the program



The **Engineering Academy** exists to provide students opportunities to receive in-depth exposure to a specific career pathway in the engineering field. The Academy is comprehensive in nature and covers the multiple disciplines in the general field of engineering with an emphasis on the engineering design process.



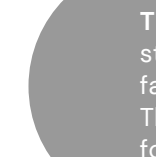
The **Global Studies Academy** exists to equip students to effectively solve the challenges society will face in the future while developing multi-faceted global citizens. Students are empowered to become innovative global leaders and thinkers who celebrate diversity.



The **International Business and Marketing Academy** exists to provide students opportunities to develop skills in one of two career pathways – Business or Marketing. Upon completion of the academy, students will be able to conduct basic accounting, marketing and management functions for a business.



The **Math & Science Academy** exists to provide students opportunities to advance through a specialized series of courses to prepare them for careers in math and science fields. Emphasis is placed on the significance of math and science in a modern society propelled by daily technological innovation.



The **Medical Science Academy** exists to provide students opportunities to explore world-class medical facilities and position themselves for medical careers. The Academy offers four years of robust curriculum focused on a variety of medical science topics.



Something for everyone

Fort Bend ISD provides innovative programs to address every student's unique needs and interests.

High school students can earn college credit and industry-recognized certifications and licenses through a number of programs.

Students can earn up to two years (60 hours) of tuition-free college credits or an associate degree through the Early College High School or Pathways in Technology programs while simultaneously earning their high school diploma.

Those interested in digital media, engineering, global studies, international business and marketing, math and science, and medical science can attend one of six high school academies that provide career-focused courses, and a middle school academy that serves gifted and talented students.

High school students can also earn certifications and licenses through the district's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offered at every campus.

Juniors and seniors from across the district receive real world experience when they attend the district's state-of-the-art CTE Center which houses student-run businesses that are open to the public.

Students begin exploring careers through the district's 14 CTE program pathways in middle school then continue through high school. These pathways include: Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts, A/V Technology and Communications; Business, Marketing and Finance; Education and Training; Health Science; Hospitality and Tourism; Human Services; Information Technology; JROTC; Law and Public Services; Manufacturing; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and Transportation, Distribution and Logistics.



Our youngest learners

A full day prekindergarten program is available on 39 elementary campuses, and two early literacy centers equip the district's youngest learners with grade-level reading skills by the end of first grade.

Additional specialty programs available to all students include gifted and talented, special education and multilingual education.

Award winning fine arts

More than 77% of Fort Bend ISD students are enrolled in fine arts courses.

The district's exemplary program continues to earn prestigious awards.

Four music ensembles received special invitations to perform at prestigious state and national music education conferences next spring.

Nine Fort Bend ISD music programs were named recipients of 2023 Mark of Excellence honors, given by The Foundation for Music Education to outstanding middle and high school bands, choirs and orchestras across the nation.

Fort Bend ISD earned a Texas Educational Theatre Association "Awards of Distinction-Outstanding Level" for its commitment to theatrical excellence and dedication to the educational growth of its students.

Expanding aquatics program

Last year, the district broadened its aquatics program with the addition of water polo.

During May 2023, voters approved a bond program that includes the construction of a third swim center that will support the growing demand for aquatics in the district and community by providing swim lessons, competitive swim and diving events, and more.

This summer, FBISD's Athletics and Extended Learning departments piloted a program that provided learn-to-swim lessons to students in grades K-5.

Students will begin selecting courses for 2023-24 early next year. For more information about FBISD's selection of programs, visit fortbendisd.com.



Meet Jerry!

Veterinary Medicine's CPR training "manikin"

Extended Learning

Offers Enriching Programs

The Extended Learning Department operates various programs to enhance your child's educational journey and foster their growth as critical thinkers and lifelong learners.

Extended Day Program (EDP): Our before and after school program is available at FBISD elementary campuses. This program offers a safe and nurturing environment where students can engage in enriching activities, complete homework, and interact with their peers.

Club Excel: Designed specifically for FBISD middle school campuses, it provides students with opportunities to explore their interests and develop new skills. From arts and crafts to sports and STEM projects, Club Excel offers a well-rounded experience for middle school students.

Little Learners Program: For children enrolled in pre-K, this program is designed to provide our youngest learners with a supportive and stimulating environment that encourages their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Success Zone: An exciting afterschool enrichment program for elementary students that offers classes from STEM, cooking, sports, fitness to art, music, dance and more. We collaborate with professionals throughout the community to bring students the perfect mix of fun learning, imaginary curriculum, and high-energy activities.

For more information, including the registration process and class schedules, go to the Extended Learning website or contact the department directly at 281-634-4220.



The district's Whole Child Health Initiative supports and develops the mental, behavioral, social, emotional and physical health of all students. Students' academic performance is directly and positively linked to their overall health, so FBISD provides resources and counseling to students, parents and staff with six in-district counselors and partnering organizations. The initiative also offers free monthly parent webinars during the school year. Visit www.fortbendisd.com/wholechildhealth to learn more.





Creating Comparable Learning Spaces and Tools, Closing the Gaps Between Old and New Campuses

Thanks to our community, students and staff will benefit from much needed projects funded by the district's 2023 Bond package, which passed in May.

The district had not had a bond in five years. Some of its campuses were rated in critical condition due to outdated mechanical, plumbing, roofing, electrical and HVAC systems. Construction projects will enhance every campus except newly constructed schools.

In addition, the bond will fund technology upgrades for student and staff devices and infrastructure, new buses and a transportation center, safety and security items and a new natatorium.

To find out about projects taking place and their progress, visit www.fortbendisd.com/bond.



Building Bright Futures



Become a Student Mentor!

What to expect:

- Get paired with a student and meet once a week for 30 minutes
- Mentor either face-to-face or virtually
- Read books and provide support to a student

FBISD Collaborative Communities

281-634-1109

collaborativecommunities@fortbendisd.com

Community Partners Make an Impact

Fort Bend ISD values the community partners that support our schools, and ultimately support student achievement. Our partners range from corporate entities, local businesses, community-based organizations and health institutions.

There are many ways community members can make an impact on our students.

1. Participate in mentoring, after-school activities or read with a child
2. Provide impactful programs and/or learning materials that reflect real-world applications of classroom subjects
3. Donate
 - Provide in-kind support for programs/events
 - Provide incentives for students and/or teachers
 - Donate funds to purchase awards for student achievement
 - Underwrite or assist with funding for a variety of campus and/or district-wide activities, events or programs

4. Serve as an event judge or Career Day speaker
5. Serve on a Collaborative Communities committee
6. Conduct campus beautification projects

A partnership is defined as a no-cost, mutually beneficial and ongoing relationship between the district and an organization that supports students, families and/or the district in accordance with the mission, vision, core beliefs and commitments.

If you are interested in becoming a District Partner, please fill out the Partnership Interest Form.

Volunteer Opportunities District-wide

Fort Bend ISD recognizes the importance that volunteers can play in education as they help to promote a school/community partnership. There are many ways that parents, families and the community can engage with the district through volunteer opportunities, including but not limited to:

- Participation in PTA / PTO meetings, committee, and fundraising meetings
- Supporting Shared Dreams
- Mentoring
- Assisting teachers with projects
- Creating communication and recruitment materials (i.e., newsletter)
- Supervise school breakfasts or lunches
- Chaperoning field trips

Volunteer Guidelines

All adults, 18 years of age and older, who volunteer and will be in direct and extended contact with students both during and after school hours on school campuses or at any school-sponsored function when the job involves working with campus personnel and children other than their own must complete a no-cost Criminal History Check.

For assistance in completing the Volunteer Background Application, please contact 281-634-1109 or email collaborativecommunities@fortbendisd.com.

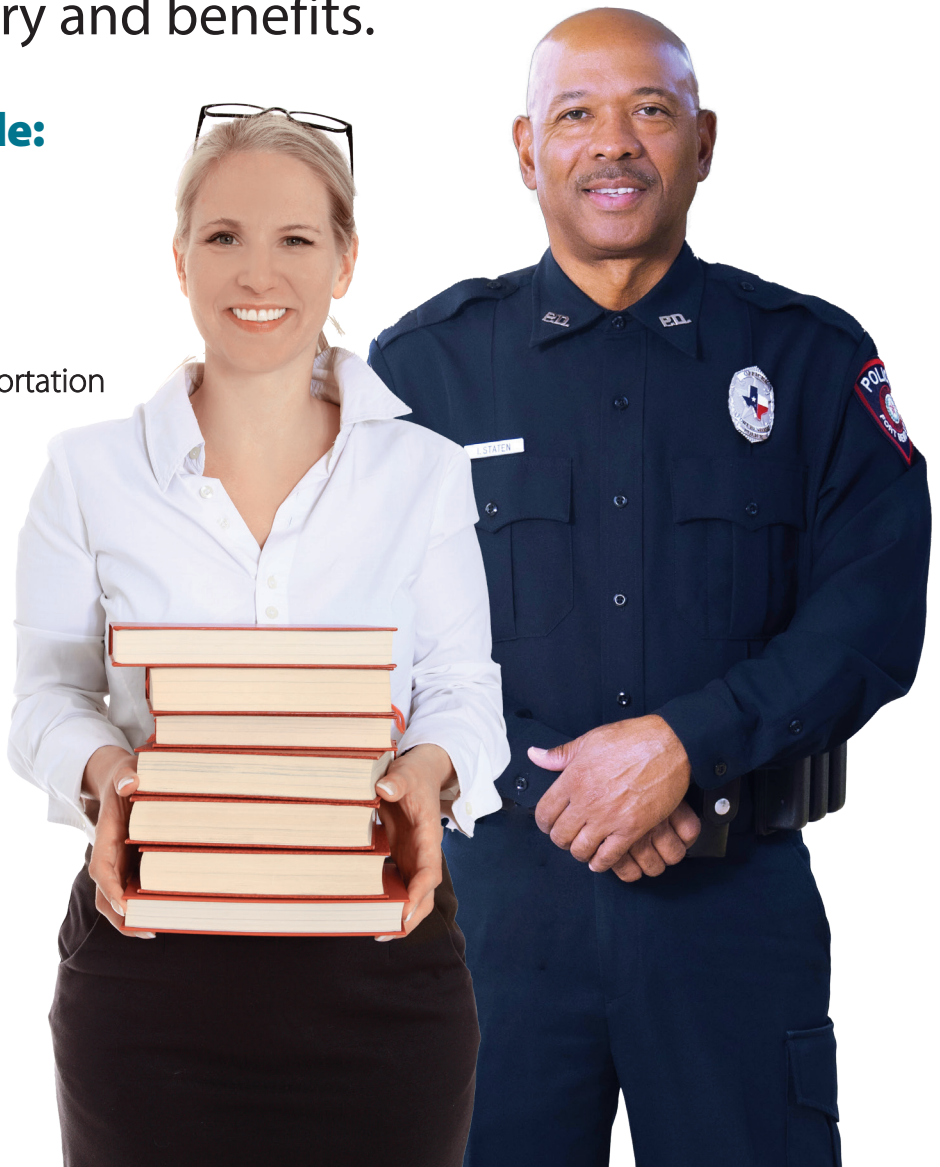
Fort Bend ISD is hiring!

With more than 11,000 full-time employees and substitutes, FBISD is the largest employer in Fort Bend County. We have many career opportunities available and offer competitive salary and benefits.

Positions available include:

- Instructional Aides
- Instructional Apprentices
- Certified Teachers
- Librarians and Nurses
- Extended Learning, Facilities, Transportation and Child Nutrition staff
- Police Officers

To view all job postings
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Business Program

Creates Network of Support

Fort Bend ISD's Small Business Enterprise Program has become a model in the greater Houston area for building and nurturing relationships with business owners and community partners.

The program known as SBEP, ensures that at least 25% of the contracts for district construction projects are awarded to local small businesses. SBEP was established after voters approved the district's 2014 Bond.

The program is led by Jeanette Boleware, a champion of small businesses and a proponent of FBISD students.

Boleware has lived in the district for more than two decades. While her children are now grown, she's always had a passion for supporting youth, and served as a substitute teacher in several FBISD schools before applying to serve as the coordinator for the SBEP in 2016. Early in life, she was very involved in the faith-based community and worked with her father, meeting important local leaders like the late Congressman Mickey Leland and the late Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. Later, she worked for the City of Houston, City Council and the Mayor's Office, building relationships as a community liaison.

"I just love working in the community," Boleware said. "I'm a people person. My personality is to be a servant leader and to think, 'what can I do to serve our students?'"

The SBEP primarily serves small businesses by educating owners about the district's procurement process through vendor workshops, focus groups, one-on-one meetings and partnerships with local advocacy organizations. They learn the supplier registration process and how to obtain their small business certification.

"When people hear about working with the district, they think that's on the academic side, but it's also on the community side and the construction side when you're building schools, because that environment has to

be perfect for our students to succeed," Boleware said.

Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration in Houston Tim Jeffcoat met with Boleware during the early days of the SBEP to support her goals. He manages SBA programs in more than 30 counties.

"We were impressed that Jeanette was willing to consult with us, and grateful that she seriously considered our input," Jeffcoat said. "Fort Bend ISD makes a point of purchasing locally from small businesses, which has an immeasurably profitable impact on local hiring and commercial investments."

Adult Transition Service

One beneficiary of the SBEP has been FBISD's Adult Transition Services (ATS) team, which is part of the Department of Special Education. ATS serves students who are approximately 18 years old and making plans for life beyond high school.

Boleware's support of the program is personal. One of her children, her late son, lived with special needs. She hopes that by supporting ATS students, she can help them and their families realize dreams of success and independence.

Dulles High School ATS Teacher Debra Wingard has worked in FBISD for decades and began partnering with Boleware in 2019.

"She has a passion for our children, especially our children who have special needs," Wingard said.

The collaboration with Boleware and the SBEP has resulted in a huge advantage for her students because of the nature of small businesses and the flexibility of their

operations. Wingard said she and Hightower ATS teacher Judy Phillips now attend SBEP events, meeting with small business owners to open more doors for ATS students.

The FBISD Board of Trustees established that 25% of district contracts be awarded to small enterprises, but Boleware said the rate is presently at 28% for construction projects and 35% for architectural and engineering projects, far exceeding the goals set forth in 2014 by the FBISD Board and by Boleware herself.

She said she is proud of the fact that business owners regularly express gratitude for the lessons learned about district processes, and there have even been cases where some of them provided support to students who sought to open their own businesses.

FBISD's SBEP has been recognized numerous times with dozens of industry awards and honors in the last 10 years. There are now approximately 15,000 businesses in the district's database for potential project bidders compared to just a handful when SBEP started. The program has become the model for other school districts across the state, with Boleware helping Austin ISD and San Antonio ISD establish their programs following a recommendation from the SBA.

"We're excited about what we're doing," Boleware said, "and my passion is serving the community, serving the district and serving our children. I don't look at challenges. I don't look at obstacles. I don't look at hurdles. I look at the big picture, and that's our students. We must lead by example. I've instilled that in my children and my grandchildren as well."

FORT BEND ISD ENGAGES SENIOR CITIZENS, **BUILDS BRIDGES ACROSS GENERATIONS**

In Fort Bend ISD, age is not a barrier. It's a bridge to a more connected future. That is why the district has started "Go for the Gold", a new active seniors initiative which aims to strengthen the bond with the FBISD senior citizen community by hosting events and offering them opportunities to stay active, connected, and contribute their valued time and talents to the district.

Fort Bend ISD residents aged 62 and older are able to obtain a VIP pass, a Gold Card, to district athletic and fine arts events completely free of charge.

Special events for Active Seniors

Coffee and Conversations was the first event of the year-long active senior initiative. Held at the James Reese Career and Technical Center, attendees 62+ enjoyed, breakfast student performances and some even walked away with great prizes. They heard updates on district happenings, information on how

to become a volunteer and mentor, and details about job opportunities. Turnout was good, about 80 attended.

Senior Night took place at six high school varsity football games. The active seniors were not just spectators but also honored as special guests.

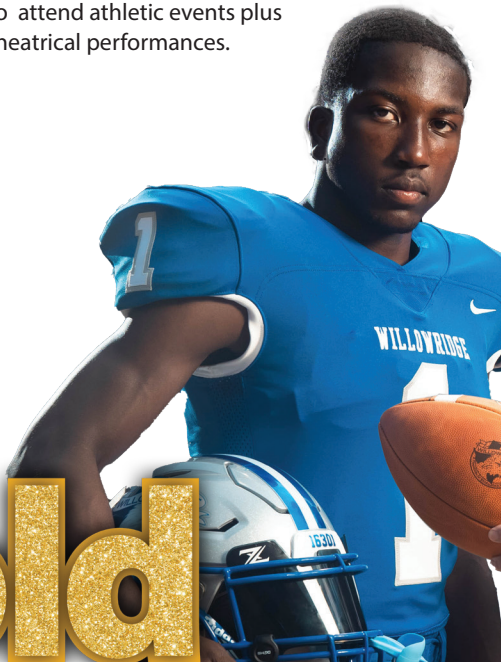
More events on the horizon

The district will host more events designed specifically for its senior citizens such as a game night and a sock hop to dance the night away. Also, they will continue to attend athletic events plus theatrical performances.



Fort Bend ISD offers its senior residents several ways to get engaged. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, community education classes or part-time work opportunities, visit fortbendisd.com/activeseniors.

**Go
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Ways to Stay Connected

With Fort Bend ISD

Ensuring effective communication with our community is important. The district offers various resources to keep you informed about important updates and events. By utilizing these resources, you can stay connected, informed, and engaged with Fort Bend ISD.

Here are ways to stay connected with the district:

www.fortbendisd.com

www.fortbendisd.com/realtors

Follow us on Facebook:
Fort Bend ISD

Fort Bend ISD website:

Visit our district website regularly to access a wealth of information, including district news, calendars, school directories, curriculum details, policies, and contact information for various departments.

Express Newsletter:

Stay informed about district news, events, and initiatives by subscribing to the FBISD Express Newsletter. This newsletter delivers timely updates directly to your email inbox, keeping you in the loop with the latest happenings in Fort Bend ISD.

Let's Talk: Let's Talk is an online communication tool that provides a convenient and direct way to communicate with specific departments within the district to ask questions, provide feedback, or seek support.

Blackboard: Blackboard is a digital communication platform that delivers district-wide announcements, emergency alerts, and important updates to parents and staff. Be sure your contact information is up-to-date in Blackboard to receive important communications.

Social Media: Follow Fort Bend ISD on official social media platforms, including Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn for district news, success stories, upcoming events, and educational resources. Engage with us, comment, and share to stay connected and join the conversation.

FBISD Magazine: Stay informed about district initiatives, achievements, and success stories by reading our FBISD Magazine. It highlights the outstanding work being done in our schools and the talents and accomplishments of our students, staff, and community members.

Skyward: Skyward is a student management system that allows you to stay connected with your child's academic progress, attendance records, grades, and more.

Schoology: Schoology is an online learning platform used by students and teachers. While parents have view-only access, it provides a window into your child's coursework, assignments, and class updates.

Elementary Schools

Armstrong
Austin Parkway
Barrington Place
Blue Ridge - Briargate*
Brazos Bend
Bhuchar
Burton
Colony Bend
Colony Meadows
Commonwealth
Cornerstone
Drabek
Dulles
Ferguson

Fleming
Glover
Goodman
Heritage Rose
Highlands
Holley
Hunters Glen
Jones
Jordan
Lakeview
Lantern Lane
Leonetti
Lexington Creek
Madden
Malala
Meadows
Mission Bend - Glen*
Mission West
Neill
Oakland
Oyster Creek

Palmer
Parks
Patterson
Pecan Grove
Quail Valley
Ridgegate
Ridgemont
Scanlan Oaks
Schiff
Seguin
Settlers Way
Sienna Crossing
Sugar Mill
Sullivan
Townwest
Walker Station

Garcia
Hodges Bend
Lake Olympia
McAuliffe
Missouri City
Quail Valley
Sartartia
Sugar Land
Thornton

Specialty Schools

Progressive HS
(In the FBISD Education Complex)
Ferndell Henry Center for Learning
James Reese Career and Technical Center
Early Literacy Center at Ridgemont
Hunters Glen Early Literacy Center
Technical Education Center

*Briargate/Blue Ridge consolidation
*Mission Bend/Mission Glen consolidation

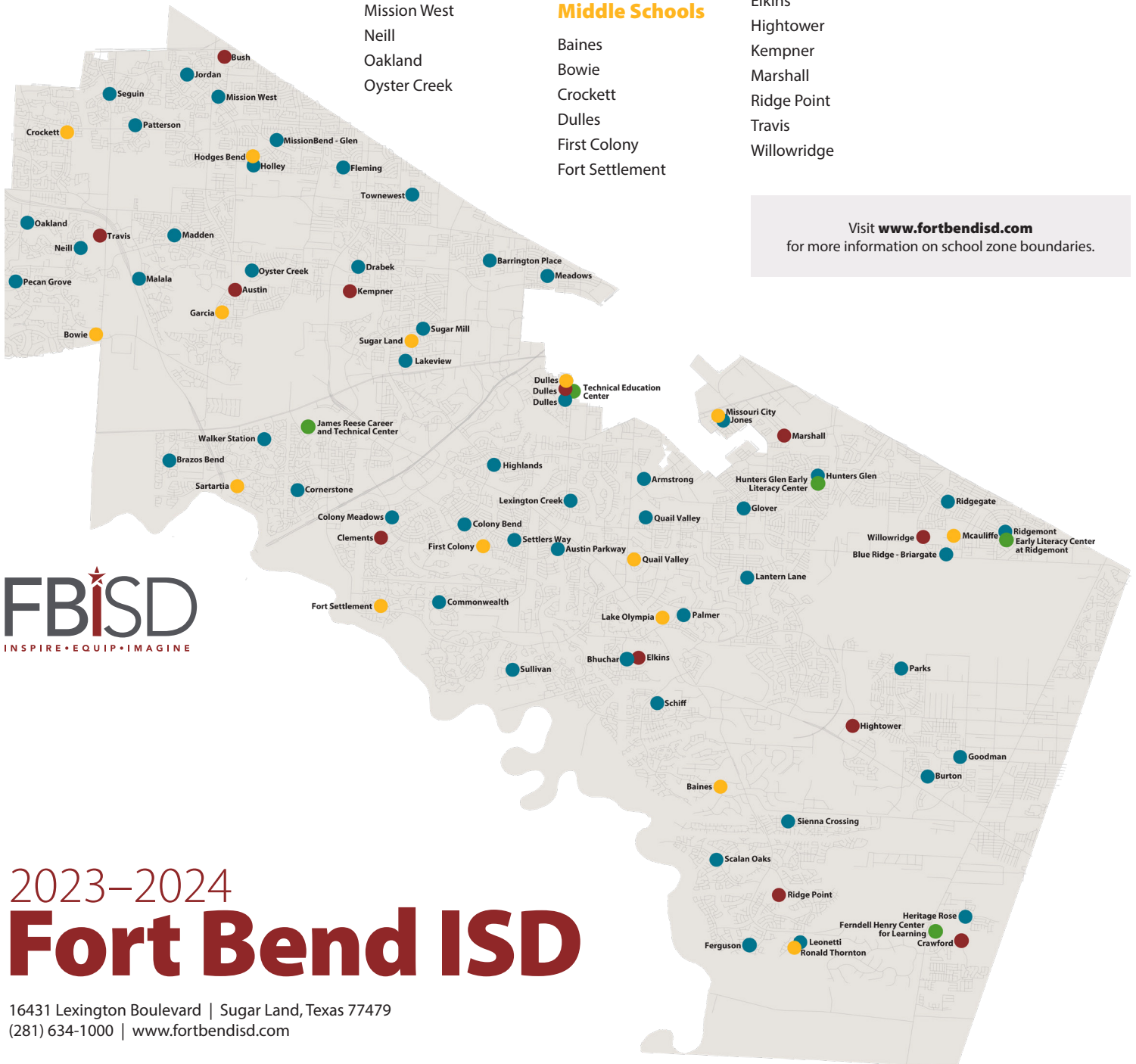
High Schools

Austin
Bush
Clements
Crawford
Dulles
Elkins
Hightower
Kempner
Marshall
Ridge Point
Travis
Willowridge

Middle Schools

Baines
Bowie
Crockett
Dulles
First Colony
Fort Settlement

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