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2017 Fast Facts

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## FBISD At A Glance

*As the seventh largest school district in the State of Texas, Fort Bend ISD is proud of our diverse student population, as well as our diverse group of educators. Together, we work collaboratively with our students, parents and community to fulfill our Mission:*

***FBISD exists to inspire and equip all students to pursue futures beyond what they can imagine.***

*For more than 56 years, Fort Bend ISD has built a community of learners that is making a difference in our cities and our nation.*



### BY THE NUMBERS:

- **74,005** Current FBISD student enrollment
- **77,764** Five-year student enrollment projection for 2018
- **84,997** 10-year student enrollment projection for 2023
- Largest employer in Fort Bend County with more than **10,000** full and part-time employees
- FBISD spans **170** square miles
- **75** FBISD schools (47 elementary, 14 middle schools, 11 high schools and 3 unique programs)
- **93** FBISD facilities total with 221 permanent buildings
- **11,233,542** Total permanent square feet for FBISD facilities
- **1,757** Total acres maintained by FBISD

### Sound Fiscal Management:

- 2016-2017 Operating Budget is \$592,626,411\*
- 62% of M&O budget allotted to instruction
- \$7,996 Expenditure per student
- Starting teacher salary is \$50,500

### District's tax rate is among lowest in the Houston area and has remained at its current level for the past six years

FBISD's 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 2016-2017.

### Student Information

#### Our Students (Spring 2016)

Bilingual .....	4.15%
ESL .....	11.58%
Career & Technical Education (eligible students grades 7-12) .....	54.89%
Economically Disadvantaged .....	37.1%
Gifted & Talented .....	7%
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) .....	12.93%
Special Education .....	7.2%
Number of Languages Spoken .....	95



### One Family...Many Faces

In Fort Bend ISD, recognizing and appreciating cultural differences is a way of life. As a multicultural school district, our 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.

**FBISD is a majority-minority school district:**



2016 FBISD Ethnicity

- .32% ..... American Indian/Alaska Native
- 21.61% ..... Asian
- 32.80% ..... Black
- .13% ... Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander
- 15.29% ..... White
- 27.22% ..... Hispanic
- 2.63% ..... Two or More Races

### The Lines of Communication are Open at Fort Bend ISD

Do you have a question about district policy, the budgeting process, or the latest on school construction and attendance zones?

You can get the answers to your questions through a variety of communication resources available within FBISD and at **fortbendisd.com**.

**Let's Talk** - questions and concerns for specific departments and campuses  
**Bond Project Update** - visit the 2014 Bond Program webpage  
**Twitter** - @FortBendISD

Let's Talk

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### School Hours

PreK hours:	8:10 am – 11:10 am
	12:10 pm – 3:10 pm
Elementary:	8:10 am – 3:25 pm
Middle School:	8:55 am – 4:10 pm
High School:	7:30 am – 2:45 pm

### FBISD Board of Trustees and Superintendent



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# Equipped for Success

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 graduation requirements.



## Decision Day Event

Last year, more than 5,547 seniors from all 11 FBISD high schools were accepted and made the decision to attend college, a technical or trade school, or join the U.S. military.

To celebrate the seniors' academic success and post-secondary commitments, FBISD's College and Career Readiness Department hosted a district-wide **Decision Day** event that featured guest speakers, a roll call of colleges/universities, \$11,000 in scholarships presentations, musical and dance performances, and lots of give-a-ways to help prepare students for life beyond high school.

Fort Bend ISD is dedicated to its mission to educate the **“whole child,”** and to help them grow academically, socially and emotionally to inspire and equip them to pursue futures beyond what they can imagine.

## Success Stats:

**Sixty-nine percent** (3,771) of the Class of 2016 (5,433 graduates total) enrolled in postsecondary education the fall immediately following high school graduation.

The FBISD Advancement Via Individual Determination (**AVID**) program provides intensive college and career support for our first-generation college students. Approximately 1,434 students are currently enrolled in the AVID elective classes, and from the 2015-16 AVID seniors, **92.6%** reported acceptance to a four-year college and **81.4%** enrolled in a college or university.

Class of 2016 seniors completed more than **30,000** active college applications, or approximately 6 applications per student.

## AP Exams

Number of students taking at least one AP Exam ..... **5,038**  
 Number of AP tests taken..... **12,612**

Percent of AP tests with a score of 3 or higher  
 FBISD Students ..... **8,083 - 64%**

### Over the past three years:

- 47% increase in total AP exams administered (97% increase in African-American and 105% in Hispanic student participation)

## AP Scholars

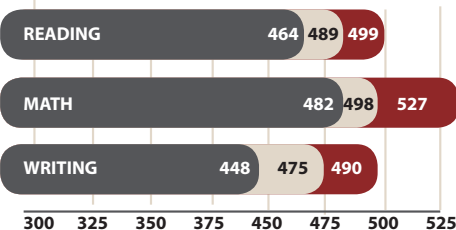
AP Scholar Awards recognize high school students who have demonstrated college-level achievement through AP courses and exams.

FBISD Students ..... **1,644**

Fort Bend ISD students outperform the Texas and national mean on both the SAT and ACT.

## SAT Scores

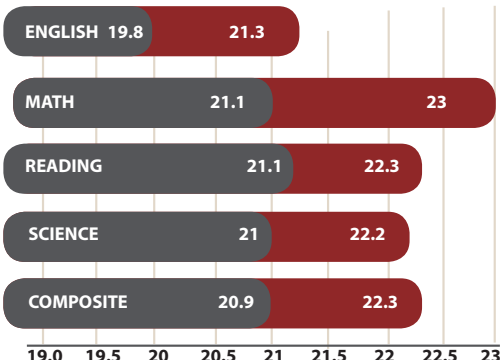
Number of test takers ..... **4,077**



● Texas ● National ● FBISD

## ACT Scores

Number of test takers ..... **1,954**



● Texas ● FBISD

Fort Bend ISD is nationally recognized in the **College Board's 2015 Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll** – one of only **130** school districts in the U.S. – for its work in creating opportunities for traditionally underrepresented students. The districts featured on the Honor Roll have expanded access to higher education by providing students with rigorous academic offerings and innovative college-preparation programs. Honor Roll districts also demonstrated significant and consistent growth in the number of underrepresented students and students from lower-income backgrounds participating in AP, taking the SAT, and applying to four or more colleges.

**Dual Credit** course sections offered have **increased by 250%** in the past year, and through a partnership with Houston Community College, students can enroll tuition-free. FBISD is committed to assisting our students reach their postsecondary goals and ensuring that families are able to find affordable solutions to college enrollment.

The District was rated **Met Standard in the 2016 Accountability Ratings**. FBISD campuses earned a total of **108 distinctions** in seven possible areas – Student Progress, Closing Performance Gaps, English Language Arts/Reading, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Post-Secondary Readiness.



## DISTRICT HONORS – BY THE NUMBERS

The 2016 FBISD graduating seniors were offered more than **\$110 million** in academic and athletic scholarships.

**Eighty (80)** FBISD high school seniors have been named Finalists in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program, sponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. They are among nearly **15,000 students** selected from the approximate **16,000 Semifinalists** announced in the fall to advance to the Finalist level.

**Thirty (30)** Fort Bend ISD student musicians were selected as 2017 Texas All-State Musicians by the Texas Music Educators Association. They are among 1,780 students selected through competitive auditions for All-State Concert and Jazz Band, All-State Orchestra and All-State Choir. All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive, and only three percent of musicians who audition receive All-State honors.

**Seven** FBISD school band, choir and orchestra programs are recognized as winners in the 2016 Mark of Excellence project, sponsored by The Foundation for Music Education. The Mark of Excellence project is a competition, entered by recordings, in which the top-quarter are selected as National Winners, and the second-quarter receive Commended Honors. This year, some of the finest musical ensembles in the nation entered the competition, with entries from 36 states.



**Four** FBISD Academic Decathlon teams – Clements, Dulles, Elkins and Ridge Point High Schools – were among more than **70 top 5A and 6A** teams in the state to advance to the State Academic Decathlon Meet after earning impressive scores at their region contests.

**Two** FBISD Destination Imagination (DI) teams – The RaDicals and The Hungry Sharks – advanced to the 2016 Global DI Finals, joining more than **1,400** teams representing 48 U.S. states and 15 countries to showcase their skills in STEM-related problem-solving challenges.

Since its inception in 1992, the Fort Bend Education Foundation has awarded more than **\$32 million** in grants to FBISD teachers and schools. During the 2015-2016 school year, the Education Foundation awarded **more than \$477,000** to FBISD for teacher and classroom grants.

### 2014 Bond Program Update:

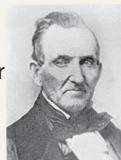
*The \$484 million 2014 Bond Program included funding for four new elementary schools, improvements to Career and Technical Education, and technology and safety upgrades.*

**The three remaining elementary schools are all planned to open for the start of the 2017-18 school year, including:**

**Donald Leonetti Elementary** (No. 48) is located in the Sienna Plantation community to support student growth on the District's southeast side. The school is named in honor of Donald Leonetti, a long-time supporter of FBISD students, schools and athletic programs. The two-story elementary is adjacent to the location of FBISD's newest middle school that is being constructed. **Ronald Thornton Middle School** will open in August 2018, and is named after Ronald Thornton who served as an award-winning Willowridge High School band director and Fine Arts Department Chair from 1989 until his death in 2009.



**James C. Neill Elementary**, (No. 49) located in the Harvest Green subdivision, is named in honor of a 19th century soldier and early defender of the Alamo. Neill's namesake provides continuity with other campuses in its area who are named after Texas History heroes, including Travis and Austin High Schools, Bowie and Crockett Middle Schools and Seguin Elementary.



**James Patterson Elementary** (No. 50) is named after the Fort Bend County Commissioner, who spent his entire educational career serving the students of FBISD as a teacher, coach and administrator. The campus will be located in the Grand Vista subdivision. Like Neill Elementary, this new school supports growth on the west side of the District.



All three schools are designed in accordance with the newly-revised Elementary Education Specifications and include 21st Century Learning concepts to encourage collaboration and inspire learning.



In addition to the elementary schools, the **James Reese Career and Technical Education Center** will open in August of 2018 and will serve students from all 11 of FBISD's comprehensive high school campuses. The facility will offer advanced junior and senior level courses that will help prepare students for future career paths, whether their plans include post-secondary education, immediate entry to the workforce, or a combination of both. The centralized facility will be located on a 65-acre plot in the Telfair community, located at Chatham Avenue and University Boulevard.

The new CTE facility is named in honor of James Reese, a former FBISD math teacher who later served as the first FBISD Vocational Director from 1970-1985. Mr. Reese's career in education spanned a total of 36 years, with 33 in FBISD.

The **Bonnie Beard Agriculture Center** will be located adjacent to Travis High School. Among the first female agriculture teachers in Texas, Beard is considered a trailblazer in agricultural education. Her career spans 40 years – 39 at Dulles High School where she still teaches today.



**For more information about the 2014 Bond Program and to see monthly progress reports, please visit [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com).**