

Fort Bend Independent School District

Fort Bend ISD is an outstanding school district of choice by parents of more than 70,000 students. As the 7th largest school district in Texas, FBISD currently has 75 campuses including 11 high schools, 14 middle schools, 46 elementary schools, and 4 unique secondary campuses (the Technical Education Center, Ferndell Henry Center for Learning, M.R. Wood Center for Learning, and Progressive High School) to address the academic and vocational interests of students.

FBISD is proud to be one of the most diverse school districts in Texas and in the nation. Serving a large, multicultural population, FBISD is comprised of urban and suburban communities that include families who speak more than 90 dialects and languages.

FBISD was rated Met Standard by the Texas Education Agency in 2015 and earned full accreditation status based on financial and academic performance. In addition, 67 of the 70 campuses that receive ratings were rated Met Standard with 3 campuses rated Improvement Required. FBISD campuses also earned a total of 96 distinctions – 38 at the high school level, 28 at the middle school level, and 30 at the elementary school level – for high student performance.

Among the District's many academic honors, Fort Bend ISD has 62 high school seniors named finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program, one of the highest numbers of National Merit Finalists among the larger school districts in Texas. The 2015 Fort Bend ISD graduating seniors were offered more than \$104 million in reported academic and athletic scholarships.

FBISD has been named a 2015 "Best Community for Music Education" by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. This is the sixth consecutive year that the District has been recognized for its leadership in providing school-based music education programs to young people in our community. Thirty-nine FBISD students were selected as 2015 Texas All-State Musicians by the Texas Music Educators Association through competitive auditions. Only three percent of all high school students that begin the audition process are selected for All-State honors.

During the 2014-2015 school year, business and community partners donated more than \$3.4 million to support student success. Our Volunteers in Public Schools program recorded more than 355,000 volunteer hours which equates to more than \$8.3 million in volunteer services based on an hourly rate established by the Independent Sector. Since its inception in 1992, the Fort Bend Education Foundation has awarded more than \$31 million to FBISD teachers and schools. Last year, the Foundation awarded \$394,000 for teacher and classroom grants.

With more than 10,000 full and part-time employees, the District is the largest employer in Fort Bend County. For more information about Fort Bend ISD, visit www.fortbendisd.com.

Texas Academic Performance Report Overview

Statute requires Texas districts to disseminate the Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR) produced by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) along with additional reports produced by the district including campus performance objectives, a report of violent and criminal offenses, and a report of how high school graduates performed after enrolling in Texas institutions of higher education.

The complete annual report for Fort Bend ISD contains the following components:

- Introduction
- State TAPR Report
- District TAPR Report
- Campus Performance Objectives and TAPR Reports
- District and Campus Violent or Criminal Incidents Report
- Safe and Drug Free Programs Summary
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) report for each high school
- Glossary

The full annual report contains current and historical performance on each of the 2014-2015 TAPR indicators for FBISD and each of the campuses in the district. Region IV and State performance levels are included for comparison. Complete definitions of the TAPR indicators and other key terminology used in this report are available in the Glossary.

The TEA-produced TAPR reports on Fort Bend ISD as well as all other school districts in Texas can be accessed through the Texas Education Agency Website at <https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/tapr/>.

The full FBISD annual report is accessible at <http://www.fortbendisd.com/departments/accountability>.

State Of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness

Most of the TAPR indicators are based on the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). The STAAR test debuted in spring 2012 with grade level assessments in reading (grades 3-8), math (grades 3-8), science (grades 5 & 8) and social studies (grade 8) and end-of-course assessments for the following high school courses: algebra I, geometry, algebra II, English I, II and III, biology, chemistry, physics, world history, world geography and American history. Subsequent legislation eliminated many of the end-of-course tests so that now only algebra I, English I & II, biology and US History remain as graduation requirements.

More information about the STAAR tests and the assessed curriculum is available on the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/>.