

FORT BEND ISD 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR

FBISD FAST FACTS



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## Inspired by Our People

### By the Numbers:

- **71,222** 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 **9,500** full and part-time employees
- FBISD spans **170** square miles
- **74** FBISD schools (45 elementary, 14 middle schools, 11 high schools and 4 unique programs)
- **92** FBISD facilities total with 220 permanent buildings
- **11,233,542** Total permanent square feet for FBISD facilities
- **1,757** Total acres maintained by FBISD

### Sound Fiscal Management:

- 2014-2015 Operating Budget is \$561,700,652\*
- 64% of M&O budget allotted to instruction
- \$7,767 Expenditure per student
- Starting teacher salary is \$50,000

\*includes salary increase of 4% for all employees

### District's tax rate is among lowest in the Houston area and has remained at its current level for past five 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 2014-2015.

### Student Information

#### Our Students (Fall 2014)

Bilingual .....	4.14%
ESL .....	10.35%
Career & Technical Education (eligible students grades 7-12) .....	53.8%
Economically Disadvantaged .....	37.57%
Gifted & Talented .....	7%
Limited English Proficiency (LEP) .....	15.5%
Special Education .....	6.3%
Number of Languages Spoken.....	95

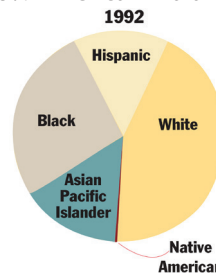
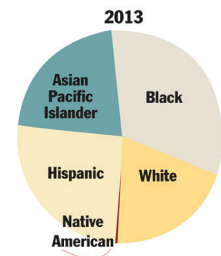
### One Family...Many Faces

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:

- 23.08% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 29.24% Black
- 26.41% Hispanic
- 18.48% White
- 2.42% Multi-Racial
- 0.38% American Indian/Alaskan Native



### How we've changed over the last 22 years (1992):

- 11.25% Asian/Pacific Islander
- 28.56% Black
- 14.42% Hispanic
- 45.71% White
- 0.06% Native American

### FBISD Launches New Website

During the summer of 2014, Fort Bend ISD launched a new website that contains several new features to help parents, students and community members access District information in a quick and efficient way. With more than two and a half million visitors last year from approximately 150 countries, FBISD's website is a vital communication tool for the District. Some of the new features include: global icons representing the most visited webpages, a translate function to assist the District's diverse population, dedicated tabs for specific groups, quick links and an events section. For optimal user experience, modern browsers (such as Google Chrome, Safari or Firefox) should be used when viewing the website. To visit the new FBISD website, go to [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com).



### 2014 Texas Education Agency State Accountability Ratings

Fort Bend ISD received a 2014 District accountability rating of **Met Standard**, and **69 of 70 campuses** received a Met Standard rating based on overall student achievement, progress, performance of identified student groups and post-secondary readiness. Under the state's accountability system based on the STAAR test, campuses and districts receive either Met Standard or Improvement Required ratings. FBISD campuses also earned a total of 107 distinctions – 32 at the high school level, 26 at the middle school level, and 49 at the elementary school level – for high student performance.

### FBISD Ratings

<b>District</b> .....	<b>Met Standard</b>
Schools rated Met Standard .....	69
Schools rated Improvement Required.....	1

# I M A G I N E



**New District Brand:** Fort Bend ISD has a new district brand based on our Board-adopted FBISD Mission Statement –

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



## Equipped for Success

At the August 18 Board meeting, the Fort Bend ISD Board of Trustees called a \$484 million bond election for November 4, 2014 to address the district's growth, to provide safety and security improvements, and to upgrade the District's technology infrastructure.

### Bond Package Highlights

- No tax rate increase to fund new bonds:**

Due to the district's growing tax base and the retirement of existing bonds, a tax rate increase will not be required to fund the new bonds.

- FBISD to serve a growing number of students:**

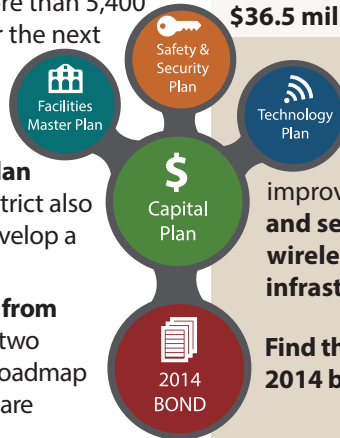
FBISD currently serves more than 72,000 students. Over the next five years, the District expects to add more than 5,400 additional students, and 12,600 students over the next 10 years.

- Planning for bond based on community input:**

The community participated in the development of the FBISD **Facilities Master Plan** and the FBISD **Safety & Security Plan**. The District also performed a comprehensive assessment to develop a **Technology Plan**.

- FBISD Capital Plan incorporates information from each of these plans:**

The Capital Plan, includes two phases and will serve as the District's planning roadmap through 2023. Phase One Capital Plan priorities are funded in the 2014 Bond.



Fort Bend ISD Board Unanimously Calls for a \$484 million bond election for Nov. 4, 2014

### The Nov. 4, 2014 \$484 Million Bond Package includes:

**\$365.4 million** for new construction and classroom additions to support increasing student enrollment, and major maintenance and renovation needs identified through a comprehensive facilities assessment performed by Jacobs Engineering,



**\$26.9 million** for safety and security improvements



**\$15.9 million** for new school buses, bus cameras and GPS



**\$39.4 million** for technology infrastructure



**\$36.5 million** for land purchases and other needs



Notable projects in the bond proposal include **four new elementary schools** to address growing student enrollment, funding for improving **career and technical education, safety and security improvements at all schools, and wireless network deployment and technology infrastructure improvements at all schools.**

Find the most current information about the 2014 bond at [www.fortbendisd.com](http://www.fortbendisd.com).

## Chart Your Course

### House Bill 5 sets Groundwork for Graduation and Career Planning

High school students will benefit from several changes resulting from HB5 and other education bills that were signed into law during the 83rd Legislative session. Students will benefit from reduced testing, more flexibility in core course options, and strategic use of courses (core and electives) to earn endorsements. Below is a listing of the five endorsements students may choose, similar to how students choose a major in college. Students may also focus on academics, fine arts, JROTC or Career and Technical Education. Please visit the Fort Bend ISD website for more information about Graduation Plans.

## Imagine their Futures

### ENDORSEMENTS

STEM

Business/Industry

Public Services

Arts & Humanities

Multidisciplinary Studies

# FBISD POINTS OF PRIDE

Fort Bend ISD is proud to announce that 66 high school seniors are **finalists in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program**, which is one of the highest numbers of finalists among the larger school districts in Texas. The 66 FBISD scholars are among 15,000 chosen as finalists from more than 1.5 million high school seniors in nearly 22,000 United States high schools who earned the 2014 Merit Program by taking the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.



**Forty-nine** Fort Bend ISD high school students were selected as **2014 Texas All State Musicians** by the Texas Music Educators Association through competitive auditions. Only two percent of all high school students that begin the audition process are selected for All-State honors.

The **2014 Fort Bend ISD graduating seniors** were offered more than \$90 million in reported academic and athletic scholarships, which is more than double the amount reported last year.

The **2014 Children at Risk Rankings** – which ranks districts and campuses on student achievement, performance and growth – ranked Fort Bend ISD fourth among large school districts in the Greater Houston area. Five FBISD schools (Colony Meadows and Commonwealth Elementary Schools, Fort Settlement and Sartartia Middle Schools and Clements High School) are among the Top 10 schools.



Four Fort Bend ISD schools – Clements, Austin, Kempner and Dulles High Schools – are among the **2014 Best High Schools in the U.S.**, according to the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings that are based on a school's performance on state end-of-course assessments in reading and math, and college readiness.

Fort Bend ISD was named a **2013 Awards for Excellence in Texas School Health** winner and received the program's Vanguard Award in recognition of its WATCH Recognized Wellness Campus Award program. The Awards for Excellence program recognizes and promotes effective school health programs and initiatives that strive to improve the lifelong health of students, staff and the greater school community.

Fort Bend ISD has been named a **2014 "Best Community for Music Education"** by the National Association of Music Merchants. This is the fifth consecutive year that the District has been recognized for its leadership in providing school-based, music education programs to young people in our community.



FBISD values its strong community and business partners, who play an integral role in student success. Last year, **Business and Community Partners** donated more than \$4.1 million to support student success. In addition, our **Volunteers in Public Schools** program recorded more than 376,000 volunteer hours. If you attach an hourly rate established by the Independent Sector, the recorded hours equate to more than \$8.3 million in volunteer services provided for our teachers and students.

Since its inception in 1992, The Fort Bend Education Foundation has awarded more than \$4.4 million to FBISD teachers and schools. During the 2013-2014 school year, the **Foundation awarded more than \$396,000** to the District for teacher and classroom grants.



For the 11th consecutive year, Fort Bend ISD received a rating of **Superior Achievement by the Texas Education Agency's Schools FIRST** (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest mark, an indicator of the quality of the District's financial management and reporting system.



**Colony Meadows Elementary School** science teacher, **Lisa Baum**, was one of only eight teachers from across Texas named a finalist for the 2014 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). The highest recognition a mathematics or science teacher may receive for exemplary teaching in the United States, PAEMST recognizes K-6 teachers whose innovative methods bring teaching to life in the classroom.

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.

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## School Hours

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

## Fort Bend Independent School District

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