Texarkana Independent School District strives each and every day to be The Place to Be! We want to ensure that our students and staff have opportunities to grow, not only intellectually but also socially and emotionally. Our goal is to push the limits on the heights of their success.

What does our community value? This became a question presented to us.

So, in the spring of 2017, TISD partnered with K-12 Insight in order to help us determine what our community expects and values from Texarkana ISD. Through this partnership, we conducted surveys that included the opinions of students, staff, parents, taxpayers and community members. The results of these surveys helped us design the Community Based Assessment that you will find in this document.

The Community Based Assessment was designed to evaluate ourselves based upon what our community values, rather than what legislators in Austin and Washington value. The concept of local control has long been lost in education and we want to take it back. We believe our students are worth more than just a test score. Our Community Based Assessments allowed our communities to provide input on how TISD is educating the whole child, not just the academic component of a child.

2017 is our baseline year and what you will find in the following pages provides an abundance of information about Texarkana ISD and who we are. In the coming years we will continue to monitor and evaluate our district and, as always, ask our community to provide feedback on how we are progressing in these areas.

TISD’s goal is to provide our community with this information and be completely transparent in how we are performing in all areas. We look forward to continued growth in our strong community partnership to ensure that TISD continues to be...The Place to Be!

Sincerely,

Paul Norton
Superintendent of Schools
STUDENTS
7,169
ELEMENTARY ENROLLMENT
3,794
(NINE ELEMENTARY CAMPUSES – PRE-K-5)
MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
1,485
(TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL – GRADES 6-8)
HIGH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT
1,890
(TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL & OPTIONS HIGH SCHOOL)

STUDENT TO TEACHER RATIO
14:1

AFRICAN AMERICAN - 44%
14% - HISPANIC
WHITE - 35%
7% - OTHER

ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED
68%

AT-RISK
48%

SPECIAL EDUCATION
9%

PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS
524
SERVED FULL-DAY

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS
485

GRADUATES IN 2017
434

RECEIVING A RECOMMENDED OR DISTINGUISHED DIPLOMA
81%

88% of High School Students Enrolled in Career & Technology Courses

1,583
ENROLLED AS STEM STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12

COLLEGE BOUND STUDENTS
75%

STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE
95.4%

75% College Bound Students

434 Graduates in 2017

81% Receiving a Recommended or Distinguished Diploma

14:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

1,583 Enrolled as STEM Students in Grades 6-12

7,169 Students

3,794 Elementary Enrollment

1,485 Middle School Enrollment

1,890 High School Enrollment

485 English Language Learners

524 Pre-Kindergarten Students Served Full-Day

About Us...
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

About Us...

12 CAMPUSSES

- Paul Laurence Dunbar Early Education Center
- Highland Park Elementary
- Martha and Josh Morriss Mathematics & Engineering Elementary
- Nash Elementary
- Spring Lake Park Elementary
- Theron Jones Early Literacy Center
- Waggoner Creek Elementary
- Wake Village Elementary
- Westlawn Elementary
- Texas Middle School
- Texas High School
- Options Academic Alternative High School
- Academic Alternative High School
- Bilingual Instruction

Bilingual Instruction provided to 274 students on 2 campuses (Highland Park Elementary & Nash Elementary)

"9 Campuses providing FREE Breakfast & Lunch to ALL students as part of the Community Eligibility Program"

1,137 Employees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fred Norton, Jr.
President
(At Large - District 7)

Gerald Brooks
Vice President
(District 2)

Amy Bowers
Secretary
(District 4)

Wanda Boyette
(District 3)

Bryan DePriest
(District 5)

Bill Kimbro
(District 1)

Paul Miller
(At Large - District 6)
Texarkana Independent School District

Mission Statement
The mission of Texarkana Independent School District, an innovative learning community strengthened by its diversity, is to provide a superior education in a caring environment that inspires, challenges and engages each student through a wide range of opportunities.

Components that Create a Productive Learning Environment

1. Mutual respect between staff members and students
2. Availability of staff members for student academic success
3. Communication between schools and parents regarding student progress, rules, expectations
4. Encouragement and acknowledgement of students' accomplishments
5. Friendliness and encouragement of parent and community involvement

Mission Statement

We will always focus on students while valuing all people in the education process.

We will always strive for excellence.

We will always promote a culture of personal accountability and mutual respect.

912 Active Members of Volunteers in Public Schools

42,709 District Volunteer Hours Served in 2016-2017

2,161 Parent Access Accounts are currently active.

3,327 Students have at least one parent/guardian with an account.

TISD PAC

(Click Here for Link to Parent Access Center Application)

(Click Here for Link to Partnership Application)
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Culture & Climate...

Parents and Students have 24-7 online access to Student Handbooks and Code of Conduct.

COMMUNICATION EFFORTS FOR ALL THINGS TISD

01 Media Releases (sent to all local Media)
02 Social Media Messaging (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
03 TISD Web Page (www.txkisd.net)
04 Parent/Guardian Email Notification (make sure we have your email address - update at your student’s campus office)
05 Mobile App (FREE download through Apple App Store and Google Play)

WE BELIEVE...

All students are capable of success!
It is our responsibility to inspire students to believe in themselves.
Care and compassion create an environment that fosters hope and intrinsic motivation.
Every student should be provided an education that will prepare him or her for a successful future.
Diverse educational experiences best serve unique, individual needs.
Showing love and compassion to students, staff, parents and community members is essential.
The highest quality educators are necessary for the best results.
It is our responsibility to grow people.
Positive relationships with families are key to the success of the child.
Educating children is the job of everyone in the community.

STAY CONNECTED

STRAEGIC OBJECTIVES

All students will take ownership in their personal learning in a trusting, supportive and mutually respectful environment.
We will develop a highly qualified and diverse staff that will promote high expectations for all.
We will facilitate family and community involvement in the growth and success of the student.

WE WILL COMMIT TO PROVIDING A RELEVANT, CHALLENGING CURRICULUM THAT RAPIDLY Responds TO THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF THE STUDENTS, COMMUNITY AND GLOBAL WORKFORCE.

COMMUNICATION OPPORTUNITIES...

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES...

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(Click Here for Elementary Student Handbook)
(Click Here for Texas Middle School Handbook)
(Click Here for Texas High School Handbook)
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Facility & Support Operations...

Factors necessary for supporting safe, exceptional schools include:

- Facilities are clean, well maintained, landscaped and appropriate
- Fresh and nutritious food is served at school
- Finances and resources (technology, textbooks, other learning materials) are handled responsibly
- Student transportation is reliable
- Students feel safe at school

1,271,550 meals served during the 2016-2017 school year including summer feeding program

12,855 meals served daily

TISD also oversees Food Service programs for:

- Bloomburg ISD
- DeKalb ISD
- Linden-Kildare ISD
- Malta ISD
- McLeod ISD
- New Boston ISD
- Redwater ISD

14 Officers, also trained in CPR, First Aid and AED Certified, responsible for providing security on all campuses

122 Child Nutrition Employees

3,574 students enrolled in MY SCHOOL BUCKS online meal payment program (Click Here to Sign Up your Student)

Anonymous online school safety reporting for students, staff, parents & community

20 Crosswalk Guards

POLICE

TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Protecting Texarkana's Most Valuable Asset
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Facility & Support Operations...

General Fund Balance June 30, 2016
$15,874,412
Fund Balance as a Percent of General Fund Expenditures: 28.6%
(Click Here to see Fund Balance Chart - Page 30)

$1,000,000 spent on technology annually

1.5 MILLION Square Feet of Instructional Space maintained daily by
63 dedicated Building Maintenance staff

1 MILLION spent annually for rotating Maintenance schedule on replacement and upgrades for all facilities

2,253 students ride a school bus on a regular basis

30 ROUTE BUSES
7 SPECIAL NEEDS BUSES
17 TRIP BUSES

2017 TAX RATE:
$1.17
$ .255
$1.427

2017-18 Projected Revenue
$64,354,087
(Click Here for our 2017-18 Budget)

8% Federal
44% Local
48% State

1 TECHNOLOGY DEVICE for every 3 students

$1,000,000 spent on technology annually

WIFI Access on ALL Campuses

Classroom Technology at TISD campuses consists of:
- Teacher computer
- Student computer
- Data projectors
- Interactive whiteboard tools
- iPads, iPods
- Document cameras
- Chrome books

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS PERMANENT FACILITY
Capacity: 4,189  Enrollment: 3,826  91%

SECONDARY SCHOOLS PERMANENT FACILITY
Capacity: 4,063  Enrollment: 3,329  82%

Over 5,666 Computer & Technology Devices maintained for 8,000 users.
Opportunities for Students...

Opportunities that support a well rounded education should include:

- Guidance for college and career readiness
- Scholarship opportunities
- Variety of interesting extracurricular activities
- Variety of athletic programs
- Variety of fine arts programs
- After-school academic enrichment programs
- Mentor programs

Independent Research (IR) opportunities for JUNIORS and SENIORS involve student designed learning. IR components include a portfolio, a product and a presentation.

77% of Texas High School students participated in at least one of the following: athletics, performance, activity courses, academic UIL or clubs.

18 year olds encouraged to register to vote. Texas High also requires students to register to vote in campus elections.

Texas High Tiger Camp prepares incoming freshmen with the tools necessary to be a balanced student:

- Time management
- Homework tips
- Relationships
- And goal management

27 National Merit Scholars (in last 5 years)

Texas High School offers 67 clubs & student organizations.

Texas Middle School offers 24 clubs & student organizations.

Multiple Clubs & student organizations at elementary level to build leadership skills.

27 National Merit Scholars (in last 5 years)

Texas High School graduates attending Universities within the Top 20 of the Best National University Rankings:

- Princeton University
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- Rice University
- University of California - Berkeley

30 Students - Texas High School - Best National University Rankings

Texas High also requires students to register to vote in campus elections.

77% of Texas High School students participated in at least one of the following: athletics, performance, activity courses, academic UIL or clubs.

89% of Texas Middle School students participated in athletics, performance, clubs and/or UIL.

27 National Merit Scholars (in last 5 years)
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Opportunities for Students...

TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DEPARTMENT

FOCUS: Coursework & Grades, Standardized Assessments, College Planning, Career Search and Portfolio Development

Parent Monthly Workshops

4 Academic Advisors

Dedicated Testing Facility for: ACT/SAT/PSAT/ASVAB

Naviance Training for ALL students to envision the range of college and career possibilities available to them based upon their strengths, interest and long-term goals

TEXAS MIDDLE SCHOOL COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS DEPARTMENT

Introduces 6th - 8th Grade students to 17 Courses at the Pre-AP or Accelerated Level

Offers 8th Grade Students 10 Courses for High School Credit as well as Degree Planning

MENTORING PROGRAMS INCLUDE

Tiger Mentors

REACH

Boys to Men Leadership Academy

Precious Gems Social Club for Girls

Texas High School DREAM/Chick-fil-A Academy

Top-Ranked Sports Programs Offered

Baseball

Basketball

Cheerleading

Cross Country

Football

Golf

Powerlifting

Soccer

Softball

Swimming

Tennis

Track

Volleyball

Intramural Basketball & Volleyball

ALL campuses participate in at least one mentor program

SCHOLARSHIPS RECEIVED

CLASS OF 2017

$17,676,333

82% of secondary students were involved in at least one extracurricular activity

Award-Winning Fine Arts Programs Offered

Theatre

Tiger Times

TigerVision

Band

Orchestra

Art

Drill Team

Commercial Photography

One Act Play

Choir

Yearbook

82%
The elements crucial to providing a superior education include:

**Our Students**
- High learning standards for all students
- Prepare for career and/or post-secondary education
- Increase Advanced Placement and Dual-credit Enrollment
- Consistent growth on state-mandated tests

**Our Staff**
- Retain high-quality teachers
- Invest in school leaders
- Provide appropriate access to technology
- Recruit a diverse staff

**Teaching & Learning...**
- High school graduation rate that exceeds state average
- ACT/SAT scores on pace with state and national averages

**EXCEEDING State Averages on National Tests**

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**Class of 2016**
- TISD Graduation Rate: 89.8%
- State Graduation Rate: 89.1%

**Based on 5,737 classroom walkthroughs, student instruction involves higher level thinking activities 67% of the time.**

**ALL Endorsement Pathways Offered:**
- Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Multidisciplinary Studies, Public Service, STEM

**61% of TISD teachers have more than 5 years experience**

**40% of TISD Teachers hold a Masters Degree compared to 24% of Texas Teachers**

**2017 Professional Development Conference**
- 761 Attendees
- 259 Individual Sessions
- 101 Presenters

**83.59% of General Fund Allocated to Personnel Payroll**
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Teaching & Learning...

2017 Accountability Ratings
District and ALL 12 Campuses MET STANDARD!

RECEIVED 20 TOTAL CAMPUS DISTINCTION DESIGNATIONS IN:
- Academic Achievement in ELA/Reading
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- Academic Achievement in Science
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies
- Top 25% Student Progress
- Top 25% Closing the Performance Gap
- Postsecondary Readiness

1,229 enrollments in Dual Credit Courses
83 Dual Credit Courses Offered for the opportunity of 369 academic college semester hours of credit

507 Course Offerings Available at Texas High School

139 Course Offerings Available at Texas Middle School

132.3% of Graduates completed 12 or more hours of postsecondary credit compared to 12.2% statewide

907 enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses
26 AP Courses Offered for a total of 78 Semester Hours of Credit
61.5% THS students scored 3+
State Average 50%
240 Named Advanced Placement Scholars (in last 5 years)

Associate Degree in General Studies offered for students wanting to complete High School Diploma and Associate Degree at the same time

Annual TISD Leadership Academy established to develop future campus and district instructional leaders.

Pathway to Teaching program offered for para-professional employees who are interested in becoming a certified teacher. College Tuition & Books paid through TISD. Participants required to continue to work with TISD at least three years or repay tuition & books.

Teaching & Learning...
TEXARKANA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Graduate Profile...

Traits a Texarkana ISD graduate should possess include...

- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills
- Use critical thinking skills to plan with appropriate tools and research
- Organize and use time effectively
- Understand short- and long-term goals
- Understand and apply financial literacy
- Make quality contributions to society

Texarkana ISD Graduates will...

- Be academically prepared for college and career choices
- Be responsible citizens and quality contributors to society
- Exhibit strong character and personal qualities
- Apply 21st Century technology skills

(Click Here for Graduate Profile Full Document)