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Aldine ISD

Aldine ISD is the 11th largest school district in Texas and has earned a Recognized rating for academic achievement under the state's accountability rating system for six consecutive years (1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002). For two of those years, Aldine ISD was the largest Recognized school district in Texas.

Where did it all begin? It began with our vision. In Aldine ISD, seven elected board members embody the vision and goals of a diverse community, and have been recognized for their leadership in promoting and supporting educational excellence. The school board was named the Outstanding School Board of Texas in 1998 by the Texas Association of School Administrators, and was one of only 24 school districts nationwide to receive a 1999 Magna Award from the American School Board Journal magazine for outstanding programs that promote academic achievement. The school board's vision is shared by an administrative staff, educators, and support staff who embrace innovation and accountability for student performance as well as the daily operation of the school district.

What is the focus of our vision? Our eyes are on producing the nation's best students. Aldine serves approximately 55,200 students who reside in neighborhoods spread over 111 square miles. Many of our students have won state and national recognition for their achievements in history fairs, and competitions in writing, language arts, performing arts, and athletics. The many programs offered through our curriculum are aimed at helping students become responsible citizens, leaders in business and industry, dependable employees, and wholesome parents.

As you read about our vision, know that somewhere, perhaps in a classroom, an assembly of parents and business representatives, or in an administrative meeting, we are expanding our vision, checking our progress, and fine tuning as necessary. Strategies that work are shared; those that don't are replaced with more successful approaches.

We are a district of traditional campuses, magnet schools, and alternative campuses that meet the needs of a diverse student population in a rapidly changing world. Magnet schools offer parents choices of educational offerings at thematic campuses that include Direct Instruction and the Montessori approach, applied technology, citizenship, communications, economics, engineering, environmental studies, international studies, leadership, mathematics, multi-language, science, and the arts. A night high school offers classes for students who cannot attend during the regular school day, and educators at alternative schools instruct students who have not been successful at their assigned campuses. Other programs such as career and technology education, special education, Gifted and Talented education, and Junior ROTC and LOTC represent only the surface of the vision.

In Aldine, safety is also a priority. A modern, fully staffed police department keeps our campuses and streets safe. Counselors help children stay in school, and volunteers from businesses and the community act as positive role models in encouraging students to make good choices.

As our vision statement reads, Aldine ISD will enable and positively support each student in a quality educational process. We see it clearly. We hope you share in our vision.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test Results (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Passing)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	91%	88%	
4	96%	94%	90%
5	95%	90%	
6	95%	89%	
7	94%	93%	
8	94%	96%	86%
10	94%	93%	90%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 427 Math 442

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 17.8

Enrollment	Early Childhood/Prekindergarten	2,938
	Elementary	22,586
	Intermediate	8,259
	Middle School	8,164
	Ninth Grade	4,407
	High School	8,917
Number of Schools	Head Start Centers, 4; Early Childhood/Prekindergarten Centers, 4; Traditional Elementary Schools, 20; Traditional Intermediate Schools, 8; Traditional Middle Schools 8; Ninth Grade Schools, 4; Traditional High Schools 4; Night High School, 1; Magnet Schools, 14; Special Needs Campuses, 1; Alternative Education Placement Center, 1	
Per Pupil Operating Expenditure	\$6,822	
Tax Rate	\$1.61 (\$0.088000 for Interest and Sinking.) (\$1.530000 for Maintenance/Operation)	
Budget	General Operating \$377,316,734	
Number of National Merit Scholars	1	
Number of National Merit Commended Scholars	5	
Number of National Achievement Scholars	1	
Number of National Hispanic Scholars	2	
Number of students scoring at or above 1100 on SAT	76	
Average experience of teachers	10.6 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	24.8%	
Teacher's salary range	Minimum Bachelor's	\$35,000 (Bilingual up to \$38,500)
	Maximum Bachelor's	\$55,928 (Bilingual up to \$59,428)
	Minimum Master's	\$35,500 (Bilingual up to \$39,000)
	Maximum Master's	\$55,928 (Bilingual up to \$59,428)
	Minimum Doctorate	\$36,111 (Bilingual up to \$39,611)
	Maximum Doctorate	\$55,928 (Bilingual up to \$59,428)
	Employees also receive up to \$2,000 in longevity pay based on the number of years of service	
Percentage of graduates to higher education	77.3%	
Transportation	619 Buses	

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Conroe

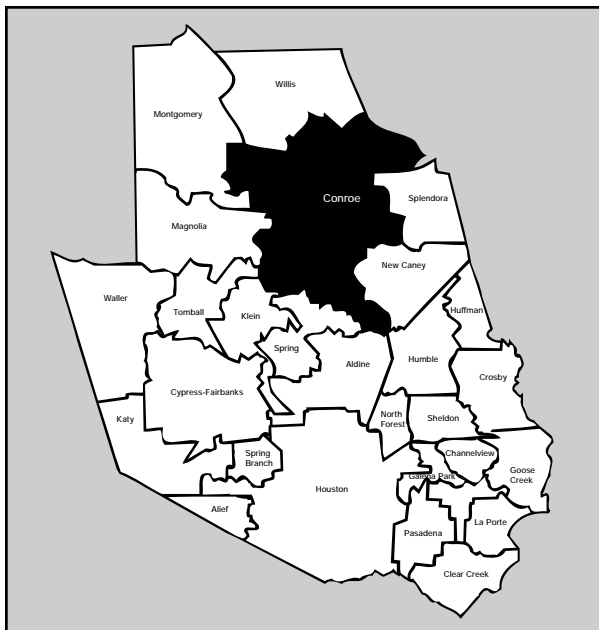
The Conroe ISD is a 348-square mile school district located in the Houston, Texas, metropolitan area with over 38,000 students, 5,000 employees, 43 schools and an annual budget which approaches \$220 million. The district serves the communities of The Woodlands, Oak Ridge North, Conroe and East County, as well as several other smaller towns, communities and unincorporated areas. Growth in the area brings 1,900 additional students to CISD annually.

The student population makeup is 76 percent white, 16.7 percent Hispanic, and 5.3 percent African American.

The District's tax rate remains low among comparable-sized districts in the Houston area. This commitment to taxing based on needs has been realized in part through reorganization and attrition, reducing almost \$10 million in central administrative costs.

Based on a strategic planning process involving all stockholders, CISD has adopted a Vision 2007 and two district Five Year School Improvement Plans. Over the past several years achievement scores have increased and are well above the state and national averages, and the dropout rate has decreased to 0.5 percent while the attendance level has increased.

CISD offers a comprehensive instructional program that focuses on the basics and also meets the unique needs of all students through a sequenced and targeted gifted program; award-winning fine arts and extra-curricular programs; the infusion of technology and career orientation; an increased offering of advanced placement courses and magnet program opportunities; a strong special and alternative education programs. The strength of the overall educational program lies in the quality administrative and teaching teams. Competitive salaries and a commitment to professional development through Total Quality Leadership, Organizational Health and advanced degree cohorts attracts and retains educators committed to continual learning and the advancement of young people.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	95%	95%	
4	98%	97%	92%
5	98%	96%	
6	98%	96%	
7	97%	96%	
8	96%	97%	88.8%
10	95%	91%	94%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 516 Math 538 Composite 1054

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 22.2

Enrollment	Elementary School	20,931 (includes Intermediate)
	Middle School	6,135
	High School	11,025
Number of facilities	Elementary	30 (includes Intermediate)
	Junior High School	6
	High School	4
	Other	3
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,465	
Tax rate	\$1.72	
Budget	\$220 million	
Number National Merit Semi-finalists	16	
Average experience of teachers	12.0 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	27%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$32,460
	Maximum Bachelors	\$53,543
	Minimum Masters	\$34,912
	Maximum Masters	\$53,349
	Maximum Doctorate	\$58,543
Percentage of graduates to higher education	80%	
Transportation	385 Buses; 1100 routes; 24000+ miles per day	

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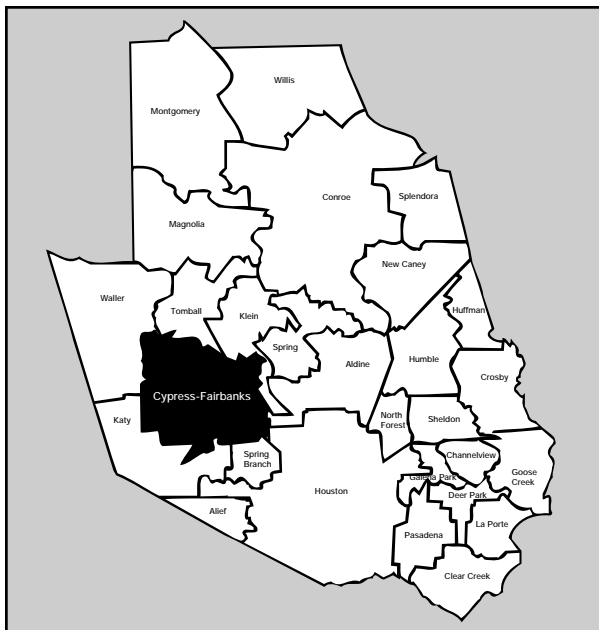
Cypress-Fairbanks

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is the fifth largest district in the state and one of the 50 largest in the nation. The district began the 2001-2002 school year with nearly 4,000 more students than the prior academic year. During the last 10 years the district has grown by more than 20,000 students. The student enrollment trend is not expected to turn in the near future as the district is projected to grow by 14,750 students over the next five years.

Despite last year's record-setting enrollment gain, the district retained its status as a "Recognized" school district for the fourth consecutive school year. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is the largest school district to ever earn this rating, which is based on the state's increasingly challenging accountability system.

There are 186 square miles of land within the boundaries of CFISD. This suburban district has more than 250 subdivisions within its borders, and according to a study conducted in 1999 by Dr. Barton Smith from the University of Houston, there are more than 500,000 residents.

The educational goal of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is to provide an instructional program designed for the individual needs, interests, and abilities of each student. This learning environment will promote the development of independent, responsible, contributing members of society.



Spring 2002 TAAS Results (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	94%	92%	
4	98%	95%	93%
5	99%	96%	
6	97%	93%	
7	96%	95%	
8	97%	97%	90%
10	97%	97%	96%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 504 Math 521 Composite 1025

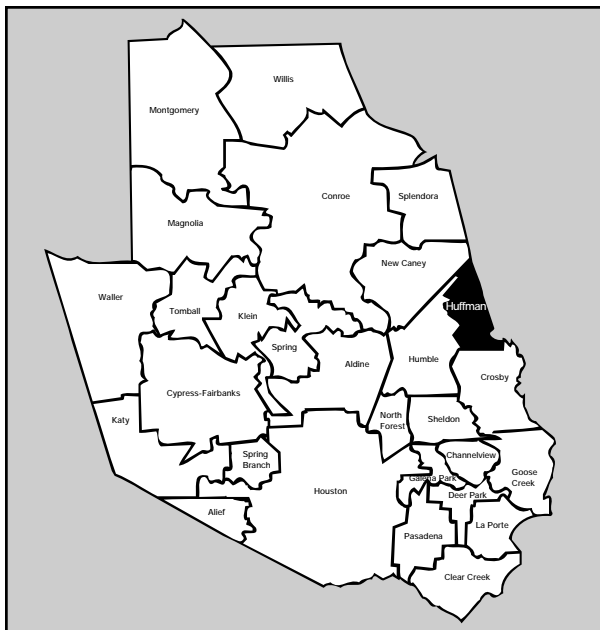
2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 21.1

Enrollment	Elementary	34,164
	Middle School	16,454
	High School	20,239
Number of facilities	Elementary	35
	Middle Schools	12
	High Schools	7
	Alternative	4
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,804	
Tax rate	\$1.745 (20% local homestead exemption in addition to the state exemption)	
Budget	\$494,316,294	
Number National Merit Finalists	24	
Average experience of teachers	12 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	21.94%	
Teachers' salary range	Bachelors:	\$35,000-\$57,063
	Masters:	\$36,000-\$58,063
Percentage of graduates to higher education	65%	
Transportation	All students provided bus transportation.	

For additional information call 281.897.4054 or visit our website at www.cfisd.net

Huffman

Huffman ISD is located in Northeast Harris County and covers a 54-square mile area. Huffman has a population of approximately 10,400. Its property line runs along the east side of Lake Houston. Huffman ISD is a fully accredited public school. The district has an enrollment of approximately 2,760 students. We have four campuses; one elementary, one intermediate, one middle school, and one high school. Ben Bowen Elementary and Hargrave High School earned an impressive rating of Exemplary, Copeland Intermediate received a rating of Recognized and Huffman Middle School received a rating of Acceptable. The entire Huffman ISD has been rated as a Recognized District. The ratings are based on the percentage of students passing each subject area on the TAAS test administered during the 2001-2002 school year. The school staff worked hard to improve TAAS scores, and their efforts have proven to be successful. There are 138 courses offered on the high school campus. Our mission is to empower students to be responsible, life-long learners who are prepared to succeed in personal and professional life.



Spring 2002 TAAS TEST (Texas assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	96%	94%	
4	98%	91%	81%
5	97%	94%	
6	94%	90%	
7	95%	94%	
8	93%	96%	76%
10	97%	96%	95%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 458 Math 458

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 19.7

Enrollment	Elementary School	856
	Intermediate School	614
	Middle School	479
	High School	818
Number of facilities	Elementary School	1
	Intermediate School	1
	Middle School	1
	High School	1
General Fund Per Pupil Expenditure	\$5,784	
Tax rate	\$1.68	
General Fund Budget	\$16,086,662	
Average experience of teachers	11 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	17%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$33,500
	Maximum Bachelors	\$44,936
	Minimum Masters	\$34,000
	Maximum Masters	\$45,436
	Doctorate	\$45,436
Percentage of graduates to higher education	73%	
Transportation	Available	

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Humble

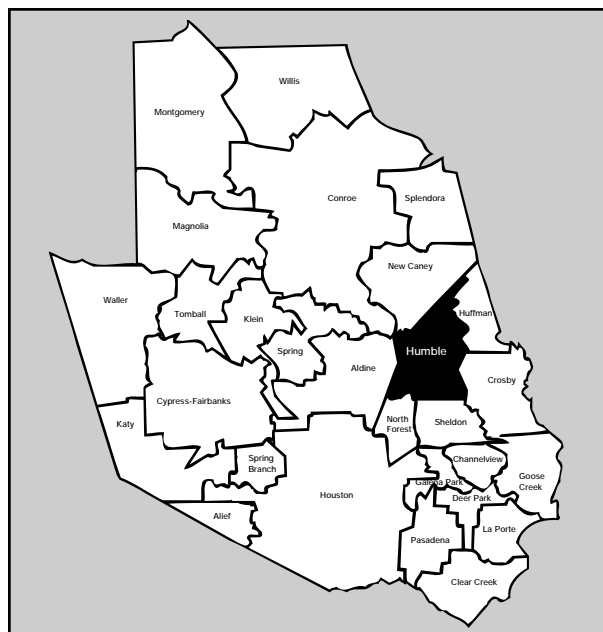
Humble Independent School District is a fast-growing suburban district serving a 90-square mile area including the communities of Humble, Atascocita, Summerwood, and Kingwood. Children attend schools located near their neighborhoods, with the exception of some that are transported to other area schools for special programs such as pre-kindergarten.

Because of its extensive curriculum, special programs, parent involvement, and consistently high student scores on standardized tests, Humble ISD enjoys an excellent reputation among Texas public school systems. Students' scores on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test and college entrance tests are traditionally among the highest, if not the highest, in the greater Houston area.

Over 25,000 students attend the district's 19 elementary schools, six middle schools, two ninth grade campuses and two traditional high schools. A third high school, with an enrollment limited to 250, was opened in January 1995 to accommodate students who prefer a small campus and an individualized, hands-on approach to learning. Also, a new Career and Technology Education Center opened in 2001 to offer in-depth programs in the fields of engineering, health science, and computer science.

Humble ISD has been named as one of the United States' best 100 school districts in music education. A nationwide survey of public and private school programs has identified the top 100 places to live in America for quality music education. Also, The Character Education Partnership has selected Humble ISD as a national semi-finalist for the 2002 district of the year award. The Partnership recognizes districts from across the country that exemplify excellence in the eleven principles of effective character education.

The district is fortunate to have many parents who want to be involved in their children's education and extracurricular activities. Humble ISD volunteers gave 113,000 hours of their time to the schools in 2000-2001, a gift worth over \$1 million!



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	87.4%	93.7%	
4	95.7%	95.2%	93.2%
5	97.2%	93.1%	
6	93.2%	90.5%	
7	91.7%	94.8%	
8	95.2%	96.5%	89.9%
10	96.1%	96.5%	95.3%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 1057

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 21.2

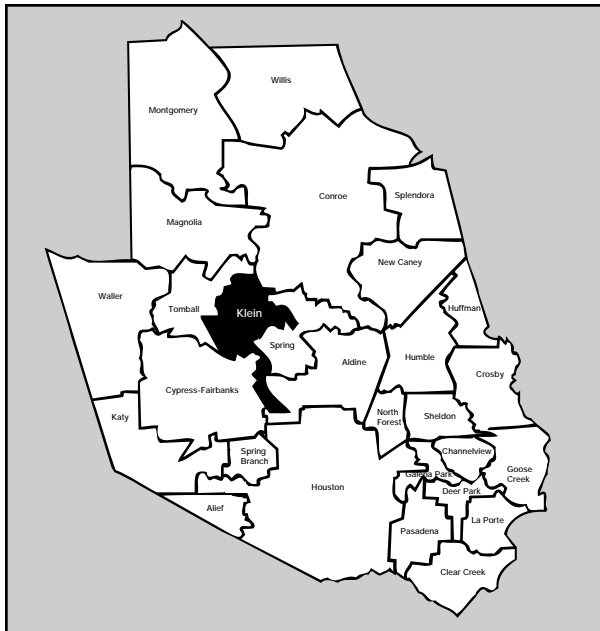
Enrollment	Elementary School	11,868
	Middle School	6,210
	High School	7,923
Number of facilities	Elementary School	19
	Middle School	6
	High Schools	3 (1 non-traditional)
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,551	
Tax rate	\$1.74	
Budget	\$144.6 million	
Number of National Merit Semi-Finalists	12	
Number of National Merit Commended Students	22	
Average experience of teachers	12 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	27%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$34,850
	Maximum Bachelors	\$50,050 + tenure pay
	Minimum Masters	\$35,850
	Maximum Masters	\$51,550 + tenure pay
	Maximum Doctorate	\$52,050 + tenure
Percentage of graduates to higher education	95%	
Transportation	Available	

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Klein

The Klein Independent School District covers 87.5 square miles of north Harris County. The center of the district is approximately 40 minutes from downtown Houston. Approximately 127,000 persons reside in the Klein school district. It is fully accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

The Klein ISD provides appropriate grade-level curriculum that ensures students the maximum opportunity to attain identifiable educational goals. District programs, which are broad and balanced in both scope and sequence, include a wide array of courses, each providing instruction in the essential elements outlined in the Texas State Board of Education curriculum development guidelines.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	90%	93%	
4	98%	96%	93%
5	99%	97%	
6	97%	93%	
7	97%	96%	
8	96%	97%	91%
10	99%	99%	97%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 515 Math 544

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 21.9

Enrollment	Elementary School 15,057; Middle School 8,409; High School 11,080 - Total 34,546	
Number of Facilities	Elementary Schools 20 Intermediate Schools 7 High Schools 4	
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,235	
Tax rate	\$1.72	
Budget	\$287,346,618	
Number National Merit Finalists	37 Commended; 9 Semi-finalists	
Average experience of teachers	14 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	27%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$35,550
	Maximum Bachelors	\$55,387
	Minimum Masters	\$36,617
	Maximum Masters	\$58,684
	Minimum Doctorate	\$37,716
	Maximum Doctorate	\$60,880
Percentage of graduates to higher education	88%	
Transportation	Provided	

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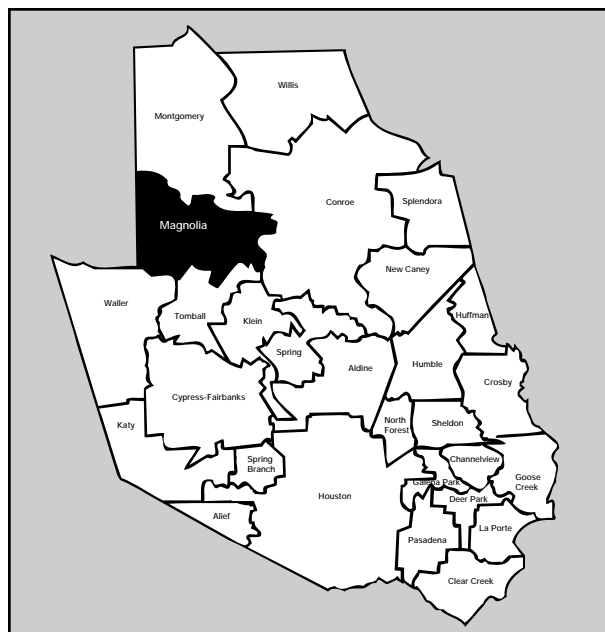
Magnolia

The Magnolia Independent School District provides an extensive, well-balanced curriculum that surpasses the state requirements. The needs of all students are addressed through advanced-honors courses, concurrent college high school enrollment credit, academic decathlon, career and technology, Early Childhood, full-day kindergarten, English As A Second Language (ESL), Foreign languages, Science, Mathematics, Language Arts, Fine Arts, Humanities, special education resource, gifted-talented, and a career planning center. 7,000 plus students are being served in the Magnolia ISD by a staff of 1,000 plus teachers, administrators, paraprofessionals, and classified staff who are dedicated to the district's vision of "Dedicated to be the best district in the state of Texas". The staff provides a positive learning environment for all students with the expectations that all students can and will learn and the staff can teach with the highest expectations of excellence in performance in return. Magnolia ISD enjoys a district average student-teacher ratio of 15-1. The district currently has six elementary schools, two 7th/8th grade junior high schools, two 6th grade junior high campuses, one senior high school, and one alternative high school. Bear Branch Elementary School and Magnolia Elementary School were rated "Exemplary" and Magnolia High School was rated "Recognized".

Magnolia is the one of the fastest growing districts in the state among comparable size schools. In August of 2002, the district opened five new facilities consisting of two elementaries, two six grade campuses, and an alternative high school.

Magnolia is changing from an agriculturally based community to one that is progressively moving to provide the technology and the tools that will best equip students for meeting the expectations and requirements of the 21st century.

Unique Programs: Comprehensive Reading Program; Saxon Math Grades K-5; Advanced Placement Courses: Articulated courses between MISD and Tomball College; Reading Recovery; Bilingual/ESL Education; NROTC program; and the Character First Curriculum.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	80.0%	87.0%	
4	92.0%	90.0%	83.0%
5	97.0%	93.0%	
6	94.0%	85.0%	
7	91.0%	85.0%	
8	91.0%	91.0%	83.0%
10	96.0%	97.0%	92.0%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 513 Math 501

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 21

Enrollment	Elementary School	4,005
	Junior High School	2,027
	High School	2,396
Number of facilities	Elementary Schools	6
	Junior High 6 th	2
	Junior High 7 th /8 th	2
	High School	1
	Alternative High School	1
Per pupil expenditure		\$5,544
Tax rate		\$1.69
Budget	\$46,823,763 Grand Operating	
	\$ 8,208,393 I & S	
	\$55,032,156	
Number of National Merit Finalists		1 Commended
Average experience of teachers		5.7 years
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees		18.0%
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$34,000
	Maximum Bachelors	\$47,580
	Minimum Masters	\$34,500
	Maximum Masters	\$48,080
	Doctorate	\$1000 above masters
Percentage of graduates to higher education		75%
Transportation		64 regular ED bus routes
		11 special ED bus routes
		Approximately 414 students transported residing in less than 2-mile radius.

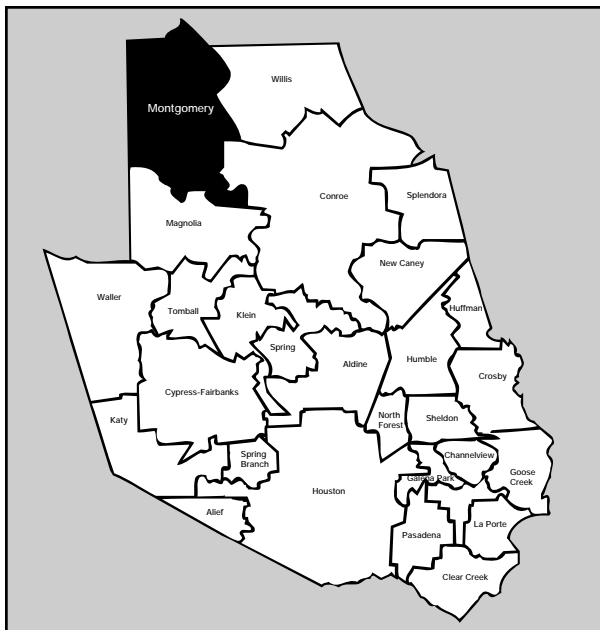
For additional information call 281.356.3571 or visit our website at www.magnoliaisd.org

Montgomery

Montgomery ISD is a growing school district located 58 miles northwest of Houston. Located within the district's boundaries are the historical town of Montgomery, the beautiful Lake Conroe recreational/residential areas, and many farms and ranches. Bordering the northern edge of MISD is the Sam Houston National Forest.

MISD is classified as a 4A system composed of: one high school (9-12), one junior high school (7-8), one middle school (5-6), one intermediate school (3-4), and two elementary schools (PK-2). With a total enrollment of 4,159 students, Montgomery Independent School District's student population is ethnically diverse consisting of 7% African Americans, 5% Hispanic, 87% white, and 1% others.

During the 2001-2002 school year, Montgomery Independent School District was named the only Texas Exemplary School District in ESC Region VI. The High School, Middle School, Intermediate School and Elementary School were rated Exemplary, and the Junior High School was rated Recognized. The high expectations of the students, parents, community members, teachers, and administrators are the major factors leading to the level of student performance in the district. Community and parent volunteerism has also played an important role in improving student performance.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	94%	93%	
4	99%	98%	100%
5	99%	97%	
6	100%	97%	
7	98%	97%	
8	98%	98%	96%
10	97%	98%	98%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 988

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 22.3

Enrollment	4,159	
Number of Facilities	Elementary	2
	Intermediate	1
	Middle School	1
	Junior High	1
	High School	1
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,737	
Tax Rate	\$1.66	
Budget	\$28,021,161	
Number National Merit Finalists	0	
Average experience of teachers	12.7 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	17.9%	
Teachers Salary Range	1-5 years experienc	\$31,980
	6-10 years experience	\$35,973
	11-20 years experience	\$43,922
	Over 20 years experience	\$50,250
Percentage of graduates to higher education	80%	

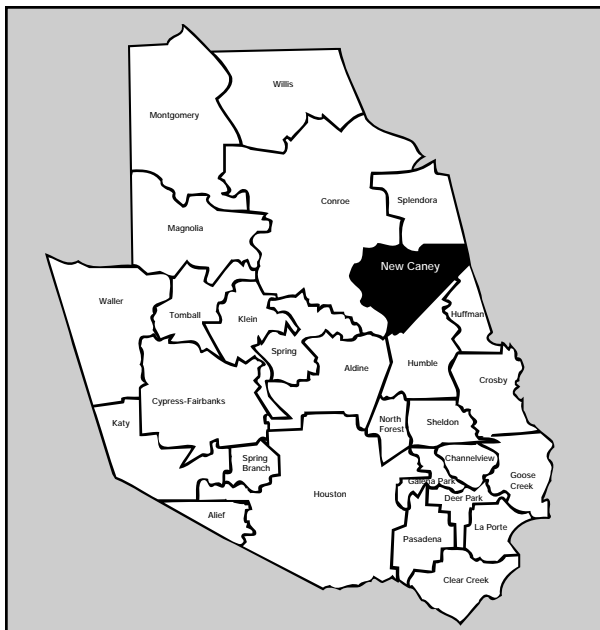
Additional district and testing information is available through the Superintendent's office at 936.582.1333 or by writing to Montgomery ISD, 13159 Walden Road, Montgomery, Texas 77356

New Caney

The New Caney Independent School District, a “Recognized” district, is located approximately 30 miles northeast of Houston in East Montgomery County, serving the residents in the Porter, New Caney and Kingwood communities. The district houses over 7,000 students in five elementary schools (K-5), two middle schools (6-8), one high school (9-12), and one alternative education center (1-12).

The district encompasses over 90 square miles and is one of the largest employers in East Montgomery County, which has a history of steady growth in housing and business development. Parent and community involvement is committed to ensuring student success.

New Caney ISD is “Recognized” by the Texas Education Agency for academic excellence. The report for the Spring 2002 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) gives Aikin Elementary, Kings Manor Elementary, New Caney Elementary, Porter Elementary, Keefer Crossing Middle and New Caney High Schools an “Exemplary” status and Crippen Elementary and White Oak Middle School an “Acceptable” rating for the 2001-2002 school year.



2002 Spring TAAS Scores (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	93%	94%	
4	98%	97%	92%
5	97%	95%	
6	94%	91%	
7	91%	89%	
8	88%	91%	83%
10	94%	97%	92%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 990

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 20.3

Enrollment	Elementary School	3,621
	Middle School	1,541
	High School	1,804
Number of facilities	Elementary Schools	5
	Middle School	2
	High School	1
	Alternative School	1
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,991	
Tax rate	\$1.71	
Budget	\$49,500,000	
Number of National Merit Finalists	0	
Average experience of teachers	11.4 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	24%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$31,000
	Maximum Bachelors	\$45,000
	Minimum Masters	\$32,000
	Maximum Masters	\$46,000
	Doctorate	\$1200+
Percentage of graduates to higher education	N/A	
Transportation	Available	

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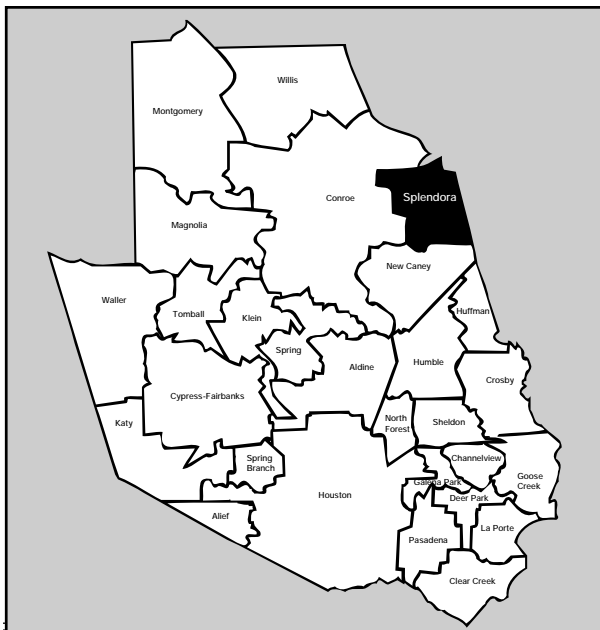
Splendor

Splendor's commitment to excellence in education is evident in the vision, leadership, and support offered throughout our district. Our district's vision: All Splendor Independent School District graduates will be competitive world class learners and workers, underscores this commitment.

This statement provides a strong foundation for instructional program planning. Many innovative programs have evolved from this philosophy of preparing our students for a competitive world-class future.

The town of Splendor is approximately 40 miles northeast of Houston on U.S. Highway 59. Towering pine trees, rolling hills, and many lakes contribute to the scenic rural atmosphere. Nestled in the "Big Thicket" area, our town's rural population is over 9,000 with a student population of 3046, making it the smallest school district in Montgomery County. Maintaining small-school charm, but providing large-school technology, Splendor residents take pride in its school district.

Collaboration in the community is high. On May 4, 2002 the community passed an \$18.7 million bond for a new high school. Additionally, many residents volunteer to be on campus/district improvement teams, are active in the PTA, and assist in educational programs. Splendor High School was named "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency for its high TAAS scores and received an additional acknowledgement for the number of students graduating on the Recommended High School Program. Splendor ISD formed its own police department to ensure a safe learning environment for its students and staff. All of these factors provide a strong foundation for our students to learn and grow. The partnership between school and community provides a positive atmosphere for strong family and educational values.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	74%	85%	
4	95%	90%	81%
5	97%	94%	
6	92%	83%	
7	84%	83%	
8	87%	90%	82%
10	88%	98%	92%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 929

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 19.8

Enrollment	Elementary School	801
	Intermediate	698
	Middle School	779
	High School	759
Number of Facilities	Elementary School	1
	Middle School	1
	Intermediate School	1
	High School	1
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,990	
Tax rate	\$1.65	
Budget	\$17.4 million	
Average experience of teachers	11.6 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	19%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$31,000
	Maximum Bachelors	\$43,550
	Minimum Masters	\$31,500
	Maximum Masters	\$44,050
	Minimum Doctorate	\$32,000
	Maximum Doctorate	\$44,550
Percentage of graduates to higher education	39%	
Transportation	Provided for all students	

For additional information call the Administration Office at 281.689.3128.

Spring

Spring ISD is committed to developing each of its more than 25,400 students to excel academically, reason and solve problems rationally, and act responsibly by displaying good character and citizenship. It is well on its way to becoming one of the premier and stellar public school systems in Texas, a fact borne out by the three consecutive "Recognized" accountability ratings that student achievement has earned the District.

The Spring ISD instructional program represents a commitment to help students develop habits that will assure that they become life-long learners. The curriculum used throughout the District reflects a belief that it is necessary to provide students with a strong foundation in the basics of reading, writing, and mathematics. This foundation is built by integrating those basic skills across the content areas of physical sciences, social sciences, and other academic specialties.

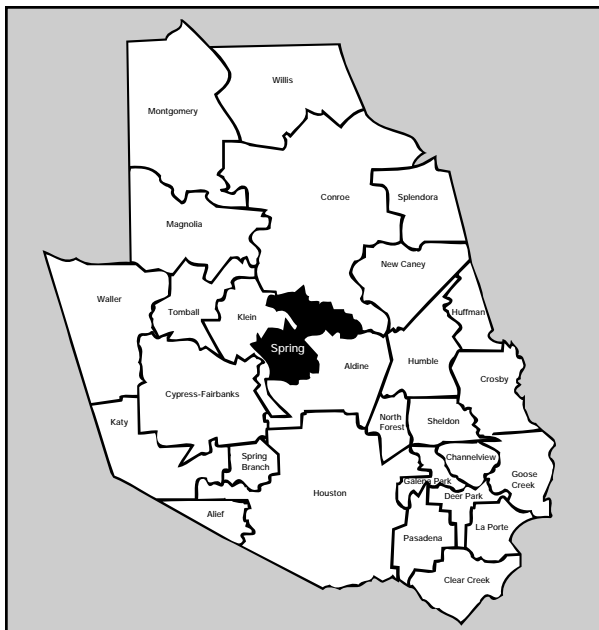
Additional instructional services are provided for students with special needs. Those programs include academic acceleration and enrichment found in the Pyramid Program, special education services for students with disabilities, English as a Second Language and bilingual education for students who speak a first language other than English.

The academic opportunities for students are supplemented by a variety of extracurricular activities in which Spring ISD students annually earn area, state, and national honors.

The foundation for student success is built on the "Zero Tolerance" position that the Spring ISD Board of Trustees has long had regarding drugs and alcohol, weapons, gang-related activities, all types of assault, bullying, teasing, racial intolerance, and sexual harassment.

"I was attracted to Spring ISD by the same things that all parents want for their children," said Dr. Michael Hinojosa who became Spring ISD's Superintendent on August 15, 2002, "a quality education program for all students; excellent, caring teachers; successful extracurricular programs; and a supportive community."

"We take pride in the fact that more families are choosing Spring ISD as the place for the education of their children, and we recognize and value the beliefs and cultures represented by all of our families," Dr. Hinojosa added. "We are committed to working together as parents, educators, and community members as reflected in our 2002-2003 theme of 'Unity through Diversity'."



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Passing)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	88%	90%	
4	95%	94%	91%
5	97%	94%	
6	94%	88%	
7	90%	91%	
8	93%	95%	86%
Exit	90%	94%	91%

(note - all Writing scores and 7th Math were same as before)

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Verbal 492 Math 516

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 19.8

Enrollment (As of Sept. 9, 2002)	Elementary School	12,627
	Middle School	5,780
	High School	7,011
Number of facilities	Elementary Schools	15
	Middle Schools	4
	High Schools	2
	Special Schools	1
	(1 elementary and 2 middle schools under construction)	
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,025	
Tax rate	\$1.79	
Budget	\$151,779,082	
Number of National Merit Finalists	5	
Average experience of teachers	10.85 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	28%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$35,500.00
	Maximum Bachelors	No maximum
	Minimum Masters	\$36,500.00
	Maximum Masters	No maximum
	Minimum Doctorate	\$37,500.00
	Maximum Doctorate	No maximum
Percentage of graduates to higher education	60%	
Transportation	1/4 mile from school	

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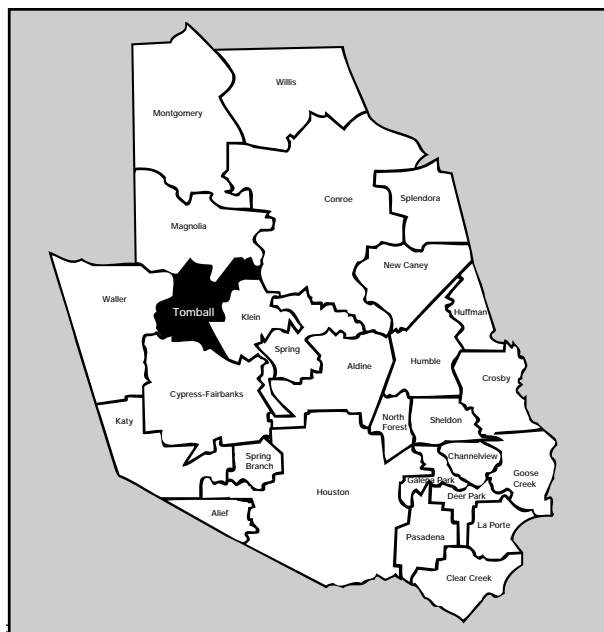
Tomball

The Tomball Independent School District has a long-standing reputation for excellence serving over 8000 students in wooded north Harris County. Tomball ISD takes pride in being progressive with instructional programming while maintaining conservative underlying guiding principles. Tomball and its school district are unique because of its heritage, traditions, and hometown appeal as a good, safe place to raise children. Parents choose Tomball schools because of our unwavering commitment to high student achievement characterized by quality of instruction, equality of opportunities and resources, demonstrated results, and strong parental involvement and community support.

A visionary technology plan provides integration of technology in the curriculum which includes networking all of the schools in the district, for search and retrieval of information. Schools are equipped with automated library systems, CD ROM technology, telecommunications capabilities, multimedia stations, and videodisc technology.

A well-balanced curriculum is designed to address the educational needs of all students at each level of their schooling.

- Elementary - In Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 4 instruction is focused on the core academic areas and students are heterogeneously grouped. Varied activities provide students with opportunities for enrichment and academic challenges.
- Intermediate - The instructional program for Grades 5 and 6 is designated to best meet the needs of the adolescent student based on middle school research. Core academic subjects are taught by an interdisciplinary team of teachers. Exploratory elective courses are offered.
- Secondary - The secondary program serves students in Grades 7-12 in the Junior and Senior High Schools. The curriculum includes a wide variety of academic courses to prepare the student for college and career choices. Extensive elective coursework is available along with a broad range of extra-curricular activities. Student achievement is at the center of all Tomball ISD programs which consistently receive awards for performances on the fields, the stages, and in academic competitions.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	89%	90%	
4	96%	97%	89%
5	96%	92%	
6	98%	94%	
7	95%	94%	
8	93%	96%	92%
10	97%	97%	95%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 1021

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 21.3

Enrollment	Elementary School	3,135
	Middle School	2,472
	High School	2,434
Number of facilities	Elementary Schools	4
	Middle School	3
	High School	1
Per pupil expenditure	\$5,794	
Tax rate	\$1.75	
Budget	\$57,063,000	
Number National Merit Finalists	1	
Average experience of teachers	11.3 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	25%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$35,000
	Maximum Bachelors	\$55,821
	Minimum Masters	\$36,000
	Maximum Masters	\$56,821
	Doctorate	\$57,821
Percentage of graduates to higher education	87%	
Transportation	Available to all students	

For additional information please call 281.357.3100 or visit our website at www.tomball.isd.esc4.net

Waller

The Waller Independent School District is the second largest school district in total square miles in the Houston area, encompassing 328 square miles in Waller and Northwest Harris Counties. It is located on Hwy 290, approximately 45 miles west of downtown Houston, in a semi-rural/agricultural region that is currently undergoing rapid residential and commercial development. The population within the district is approximately 10,000 people with seven Waller ISD campuses serving over 4,600 students.

Waller ISD is a dynamic and fast-paced school district that provides an excellent education for students PreK through the twelfth grade. Innovative thinking and teamwork are hallmarks of the district, and over the past few years Waller ISD has emerged as a state and national leader in technology education. All schools and administrative buildings in the district are networked through a fiber optic wide area network, all classrooms and libraries have direct Internet connections, and each campus has a technologist on site. There are more than two dozen integrated technology learning programs in use throughout the district.

Sixty percent of the district's graduates are college-bound and in 2001-2002, Waller ISD TAAS scores showed remarkable gains for the second year in a row, including 12 of the highest scores ever recorded in the district. An overall performance score of 86.9 was up 2.6 points over 2001-2002 scores, creating a total gain of 7.1 points over the past two years. Waller ISD has three Recognized campuses - Waller High School, Jones Elementary, and Roberts Road Elementary. In 2002, Waller High School took First Place in the annual District 18AAAA U.I.L. Academic Meet.

Waller ISD also provides a number of other educational opportunities, including special education for preschool and school age children as well as a wide variety of adult education programs. Professional growth opportunities available to its personnel include Masters Online, Reading Renaissance Model and Master Classroom certification, Bilingual programs through Texas A&M University, Carnegie training, Boys Town training, CPR certification, and a state and nationally acclaimed program of technology staff development.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Grade	Math	Reading	Writing
3	87%	85%	
4	91%	89%	89%
5	95%	88%	
6	89%	85%	
7	82%	86%	
8	84%	90%	73%
10	94%	95%	93%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 916

2001-2002 Mean ACT Composite Score 17.8

Enrollment	Elementary Schools (PK-4)	1,809
	Middle School (5-6)	716
	Jr. High School (7-8)	750
	High School (9-12)	1,343
Number of facilities	Elementary Schools	4
	Middle Schools	1
	Junior High	1
	High Schools	1
Per pupil expenditure		\$6,029
Tax rate (for calendar year 1999)		\$1.70
Budget		\$36,425,394
Average experience of teachers		9.6 years
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees		14.5%
Teachers' salary range	Beginning Teachers	\$33,500
	Master Teachers	\$34,000
	1-5 Years Experience	\$34,500
	6-10 Years Experience	\$36,500
	11-20 Years Experience	\$44,000
	Over 20 Years Experience	\$46,000
Percentage of graduates to higher education		60%
Transportation	Buses -	82
	Routes -	78
	Miles traveled each day -	approximately 6,200
	Students transported daily -	approximately 2,500

For additional information please call 936.931.3685 or visit our website at www.waller.isd.esc4.net

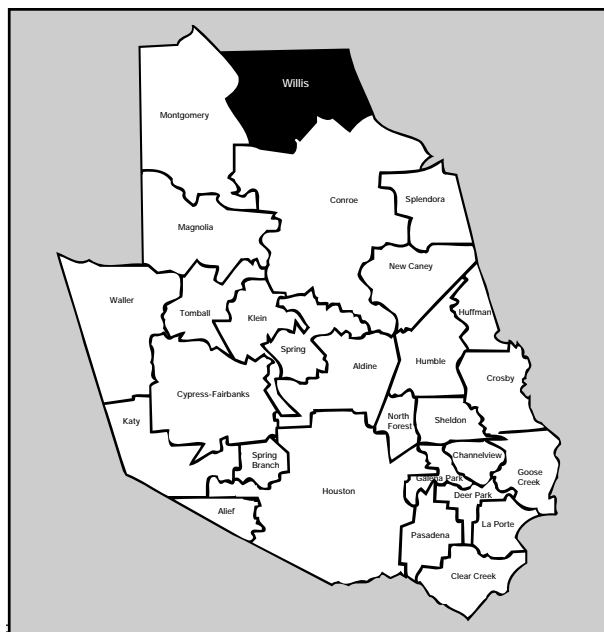
Willis

Willis ISD is a dynamic, highly progressive school district, which encompasses 144 square miles. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) rates the campuses of C. C. Hardy Intermediate, Lynn Lucas Middle School and Willis High School as state Recognized campuses. E. B. Cannan Elementary and A. R. Turner Elementary are rated as state Exemplary campuses by TEA. The Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredit all district schools.

Since 1991, every campus in the district has been extensively renovated or newly constructed. The Edward B. Cannan Elementary School opened in the fall of 1999, the district's third elementary school. A new classroom addition to Willis High School opened in January 2001. Renovations and new construction continue to improve district facilities. A new facility for the Maintenance Department was completed in August 2002, along with renovations to an existing building for the Transportation Department. Projects from the 2001 Bond Issue remain on schedule with the construction of a new middle school, expansions to Willis High School, improvements to the elementary schools, and renovations to Stubblefield Academy. All projects are scheduled for completion by August 2004.

The Career & Technology Education program at Willis is truly unique. The district has an extensive array of advanced coursework available for its students, including advanced placement courses, dual college credit courses, and many on-line distance-learning opportunities.

With the support of a unified, informed, forward-thinking school board, and under strong administrative leadership, Willis ISD looks toward the future with the goal of providing every single child in Willis a world-class education.



Spring 2002 TAAS Test (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills Percentage Mastering)

Testing results for all students

Reading	97.0%
Mathematics	97.0%
Writing	93.0%

2001-2002 SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test)

Composite 989

2001-2002 ACT Composite Score 20.2

Enrollment	4,692	
Number of facilities	Early Childhood Center	1
	Elementary Schools	3
	Intermediate Schools	1
	Middle Schools	1
	High Schools	1
	Alternative Schools	1
Per pupil expenditure	\$6,558	
Tax rate	\$1.73	
Budget	\$30,771,947	
Number of National Merit Finalists	1	
Average experience of teachers	11.6 years	
Percentage of teachers with advanced degrees	19.5%	
Teachers' salary range	Minimum Bachelors	\$31,800
	Midpoint Bachelors	\$40,200
	Maximum Bachelors	\$49,800
	Minimum Masters	\$32,640
	Midpoint Masters	\$41,040
	Maximum Masters	\$50,640
	Doctorate	\$840 more than masters
Percentage of graduates to higher education	88%	
Transportation	Provided to all students	

For additional information please call 936.856.1200

North Harris Montgomery Community College District

North Harris Montgomery Community College District (NHMCCD) has distinguished itself as one of the finest community college districts in the country, offering a wide range of academic and occupational courses for recent high school graduates and community residents of all ages. Since 1973, when North Harris College opened its doors, the college district service area has grown to 1,400 square miles.

Among the largest community college districts in Texas, NHMCCD comprises North Harris College, Kingwood College, Tomball College, Montgomery College, seven satellite centers, and The University Center. Cy-Fair College, the fifth comprehensive community college in the district, is expected to open in fall 2003. Over 35,000 credit students enroll each semester, with 15,000 more in continuing education, workforce development and customized training.

NHMCCD continues to be a benchmark for its innovative programs, highly skilled faculty and student-centered learning environments. Students attend the district's colleges for diverse reasons: to obtain an associate's degree or certificate; to transfer to a university; to gain new job skills; to change careers, or to improve their lives.

One of the most crucial educational needs of a community is to provide a trained workforce. It's a well-established cycle: education generates a trained workforce, and a trained workforce fuels a community's economy. Experts say that a trained workforce is the critical factor in producing and maintaining a healthy economy.

It makes sense that the five NHMCCD colleges and seven satellite centers are accessible to all students in all the college district's neighborhoods. The whole idea is to deliver quality education close to home – where students can easily find credit and non-credit courses, quality faculty, career training, flexible schedules, academic advising and financial aid.

By reaching further into the community through off-campus sites and through distance education methods, the college district has found that those with the greatest need for education and job training – the historically underserved – are much more likely to conquer their educational challenges when education is within reach – financially and geographically.

For further information call 281.260.3500 or visit us at www.nhmccd.edu

COLLEGE HIGHLIGHTS

North Harris College

North Harris College, nestled on 200 acres of piney woods, was the first college constructed in the district. With more than 60 programs of study, including university-transfer courses, North Harris College is keenly focused on leading-edge technology in emerging technical job fields. Programs of note include computer information systems, health information technology, interpreter training technology, machining technology, Montessori infant and toddler training, associate degree nursing, interactive media, and pharmacy technology. The college serves as north Houston's center for the arts, including a juried art gallery and comprehensive fine arts curriculum with a calendar full of free and low-cost theater, music, art events and exhibits.

Carver Center and Parkway Center, two full-service satellite centers, are a part of North Harris College, providing day, evening and weekend classes in computers, English, speech, art appreciation, history, government, math, business and health, as well as many other university -transfer and job-preparatory courses.

For further information call 281.618.5400 or visit us at www.northharriscollege.com

Kingwood College

Kingwood College is located on 264 beautiful, wooded acres at 20000 Kingwood Drive. The college offers university transfer courses, a wide variety of one-and two-year career programs including computer information systems, computer graphic arts, nursing, respiratory care, occupational therapy assistant, cosmetology, interior design, accounting, business, and more. The Student Center/Fine Arts Building has become a cultural center for the community for both the visual and performing arts. The Continuing Education Division serves thousands of adults and children each year with programs for workforce training, personal enrichment and the well attended Summer Youth College. Two new satellite centers have recently been opened to better serve the students of our area, the CATE Center in Humble and the EMCID Center in New Caney. Kingwood College will open its 72,000 square foot Allied Health Science Building in 2004. Kingwood College operates its own cable television channel on Kingwood Cablevision providing educational programming, news, community service and programs of interest to the community. Kingwood College continues to provide accessible, quality education and services to meet the changing needs of the community and today's workforce.

For further information call 281.312.1600 or visit us at www.kingwoodcollege.com

Tomball College

Tomball College is a comprehensive community college conveniently located on SH249 in Tomball. Campus offerings include academic transfer, occupational programs, workforce training, and community education. Programs of note include associate degree nursing, veterinary technology, occupational therapy assistant, Oracle, Cisco, engineering technology and international business. The college's mission is to "provide accessible, quality, lifelong learning opportunities and to prepare learners to meet the challenges in the global and technological society."

The Willow Chase Center is Tomball College's outreach location in the Cy-Fair/Willowbrook area. Located just off the Tomball Parkway at Grant Road, the Center hosts a wide range of transfer, college preparation, and technology classes as well as business and industry training.

For further information call 281.351.3300 or visit us at www.tomballcollege.com

Montgomery College

Built in 1995, Montgomery College offers a state-of-the-art Extended Learning Center, which helps promote advanced, computerized learning for its growing student population. Programs of note include biotechnology, physical therapist assistant, nursing, human services, and business. Montgomery College takes advantage of its close proximity to The Woodlands Research Forest, providing a critical link between numerous high-tech companies and the knowledge-based communities of Montgomery and North Harris Counties. The college's proximity to The University Center makes it an ideal place to begin work towards a bachelor's or master's degree.

For further information call 936.273.7000 or visit us at www.montgomery-college.com

Cy-Fair College

The newest campus in the district, Cy-Fair College, is a beautiful 445,000 square foot campus on 200 acres around lakes and waterways. It supports an exciting learning environment that brings together high technology and active, collaborative learning. The high-tech comprehensive campus features a wireless outdoor patio and Internet cafe, a state of the art wellness center, a comprehensive center for the arts with amphitheater, main stage and black box theaters, recital hall, art gallery and a recording studio. The Emergency Services Education Center serves as a working fire station and a training complex for EMS and fire services students. The heart of the campus is The Learning Commons, a blended public and college library with extensive holdings featuring a children's library, media center and tutoring services. Modern science labs and simulated clinical facilities provide 21st century advanced health care training in allied health and nursing. The Technology Center is home to technology related programs such as Microsoft certifications, Cisco and AutoCAD as well as an advanced manufacturing center. Other programs of note include Geographic Information Systems (GIS), industrial welding, logistics/warehouse distribution, radiology technology and sonography, TV and video motion graphics/graphic arts and teacher certification. Students can pursue a wide range of studies including university transfer and career preparation.

Cy-Fair College has two convenient locations. The Fairbanks Center, located at Highway 290 and West Little York, is currently offering credit and non-credit classes. The Barker Cypress campus at Barker Cypress and West roads opens for classes August 2003.

For further information call 832.782.5100 or visit us at www.cy-faircollege.com

The University Center

The University Center is a unique educational partnership with six universities, the North Harris Montgomery Community College District and the private sector. Its mission is to provide bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and continuing studies to the more than one million people in the college district service area.

Serving as an important link for community development and individual opportunities, The University Center provides partnerships, educational programs, a interactive telecommunications "hub" for delivering instruction, and student and learning resource support services.

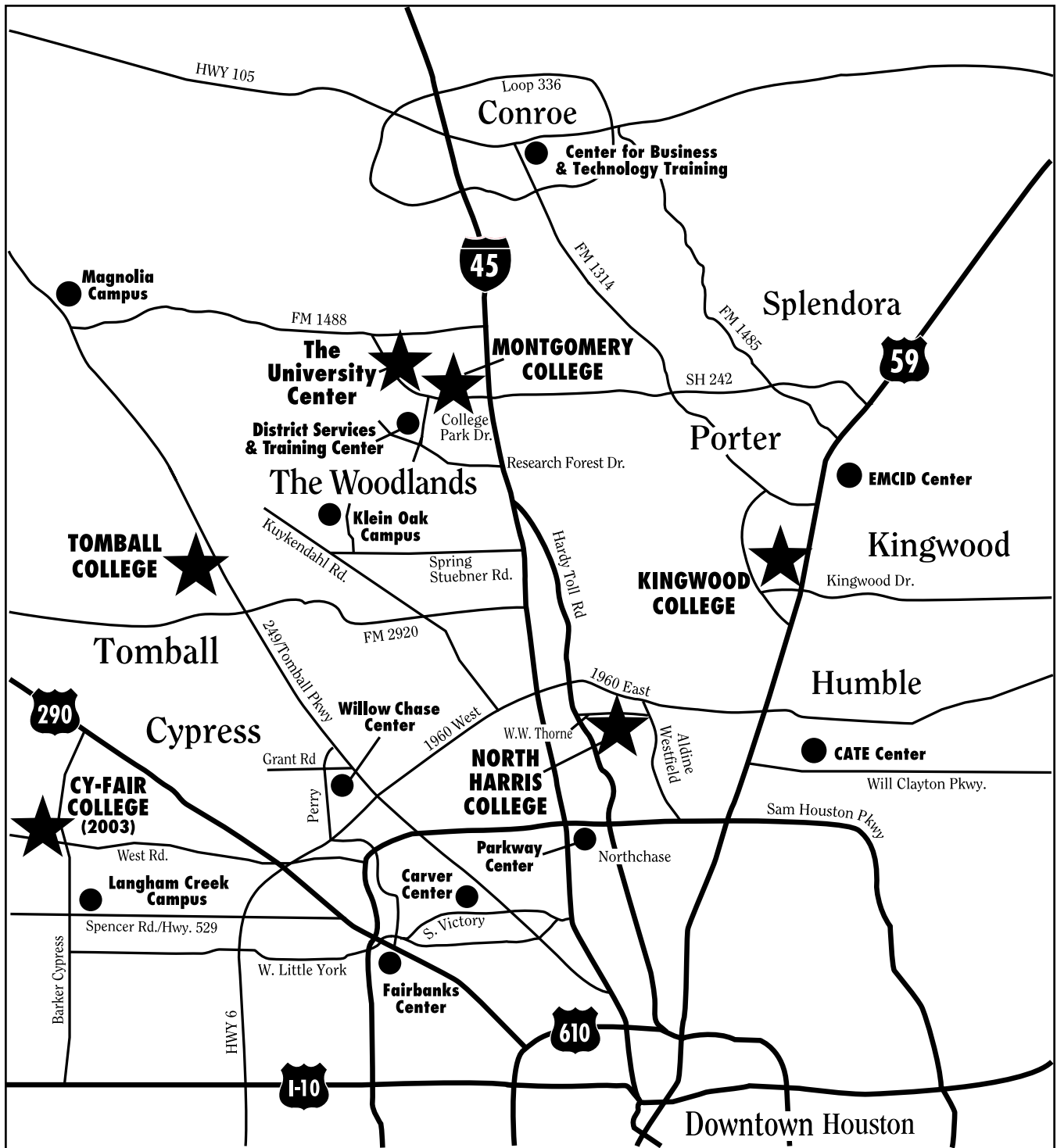
The partner universities offer junior- and senior-level and graduate courses for bachelor's and master's degrees at The University Center. The five NHMCCD colleges offer the freshman and sophomore coursework. Programs offered through The University Center are of the same quality of advanced work training and professional development as those on the university home campuses. In addition to NHMCCD, The University Center partners include Prairie View A&M University, Sam Houston State University, Texas A&M University, Texas Southern University, University of Houston, and University of Houston-Downtown.

The University Center is more than a campus. It is housed in the 78,000-square foot George P. Mitchell Building that not only contains classrooms and laboratories, but also serves as a "hub" for interactive, technology-based systems to interconnect all NHMCCD colleges and centers with the university partners for delivering laboratory simulation and observation, instruction, library resources and student support services.

Technology and telecommunications are used to connect and deliver student support and learning services including application, admissions, advising, degree planning, class transfer, and transcript analysis.

For further information call 936.273.7510 or visit us at www.tuc.edu

NHMCCCD Colleges and Centers

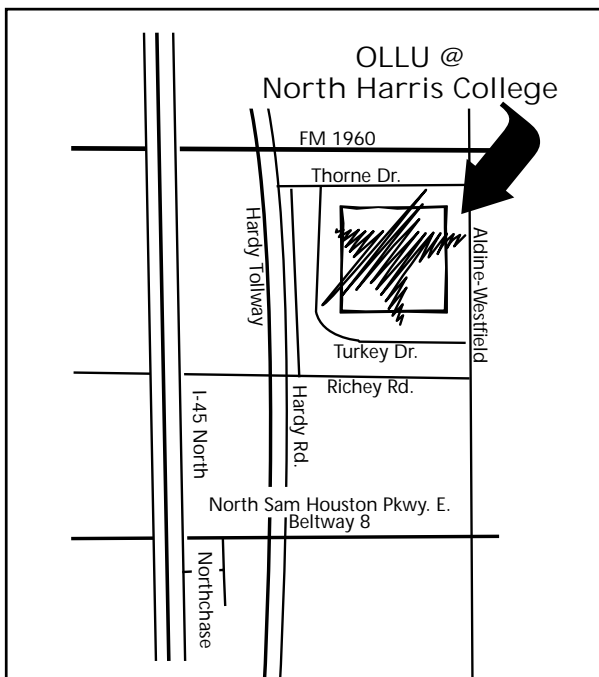


Our Lady of the Lake University

Houston Weekend Program

Our Lady of the Lake University has offered bachelor's and master's degree programs in Houston since 1986. Currently, the University operates three Houston campuses. These are located at North Harris College (I-45 near FM 1960), the Cy-Fair College Fairbanks Center (Highway 290 at W. Little York), and near the Galleria (1900 Yorktown). Most classes meet every other weekend, allowing adult students to earn a degree while they work full-time. Undergraduate majors include management, organizational leadership, psychology and other behavioral sciences, fine arts and an interdisciplinary major in liberal arts. Graduate degrees include the MBA, the MBA/Healthcare Management, the MS in Psychology (Marriage and Family Therapy), an interdisciplinary MA in Human Sciences, and the online Med which includes certification as a Master Technology Teacher (MTT).

Established in 1895, Our Lady of the Lake University is an accredited, independent university with campuses in Houston, San Antonio and Dallas. The Houston campus enrolls approximately 500 students per term and scholarships are available for new applicants.



To learn how Our Lady of the Lake University-Houston can help advance your career, visit our website at www.ollusa.edu or call 281.618.5499.

Private Schools offering K-12 education

Abercrombie Academy

17102 Theiss Mail Rd., Spring, Texas 77379
281.370.0663

Banff School

13726 Cutten Rd., Houston, Texas 77065
281.444.9326

Berean Christian School

702 Atascocita Rd., Humble, Texas 77396
281.441.3292

Calvary Baptist School

3401 N. Frazier, Conroe, Texas 77303
936.756.0743

Conroe Christian School

1612 Oddfellow, Conroe, Texas 77301
936.539.2989

Covenant Christian School

1202 Callahan, Conroe, Texas 77301
936.539.4144

John Cooper School

One John Cooper Dr., The Woodlands, Texas 77381
281.367.0900

Lifestyle Christian School

1201 Hillcrest Dr., Conroe, Texas 77301
936.756.9383

Northeast Christian Academy

1711 Hamblen Rd, Kingwood, Texas 77339
281.359.1090

Northland Christian School

4363 Sylvanfield, Houston Texas 77014-1643
281.440.1060

Rosehill Christian School

19830 FM 2920, Spring, Texas 77388
281.351.8114

Spring Cypress Presbyterian School

6000 Spring Cypress Rd., Spring, Texas 77379
281.370.8020

Woodlands Christian Academy

5125 Shadowbend Place, The Woodlands, Texas 77381
936.273.2555

Uniquely Texas

Texas is a unique place. Its public education system is one facet of the state that reflects its uniqueness. From the early struggle for independence from Mexico in 1836 to today, Texans have been concerned about the education of their children.

The first Anglo-American public school law in Texas was enacted in 1840 and provided for setting aside 17,712 acres (four leagues) of land in each county to support public schools. Later, the state constitution of 1845 required that one-tenth of the annual state tax revenue be set aside as a perpetual fund to support free public schools. A permanent school fund was established in 1854, and after the Civil War and Reconstruction, the new state constitution of 1876 set aside 45 million acres of public domain for school support and directed that the income from the Permanent School Fund be invested in bonds.

Over the last 150 years, Texans have worked to ensure that their children's education will be protected and one of high standards. The following information will give you an at-a-glance look at the academic and legislative structure of the public schools in Texas:

State Board of Education

The governing body for the Texas Education Agency. The SBOE is comprised of 15 members elected during biennial general elections. The State Board of Education is responsible for establishing policy and adopting rules in regard to the state's public education system.

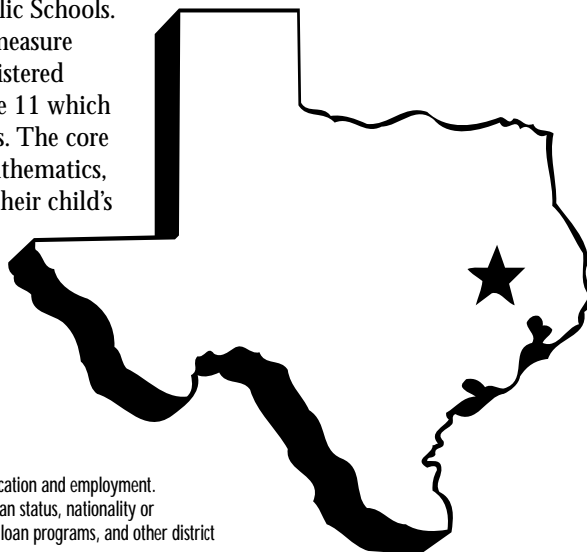
Commissioner of Education

As educational leader of the State of Texas, the Commissioner serves as executive officer of the Texas Education Agency and the executive secretary of the State Board of Education. The Commissioner of Education is appointed by the Governor of Texas to a four-year term and works to implement the rulings of the State Board of Education and the Texas Legislature to provide a quality education for all Texas school children.

State Accountability

The accountability system is used throughout the state by the Texas Education Agency to evaluate the performance of public school districts and campuses and is driven by the Academic Excellence Indicator System. The base indicators for accountability ratings are: Student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in the areas of reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies. Other indicators include high school dropout and completion rates and other measures of student preparation for higher education. A school report card is issued in the fall of each school year which delineates student performance in these areas, as well as instructional and administrative costs per student, and other demographic information related to the specific school campus. The accountability system and school report card are intended to improve and track student performance while being a communication tool to inform parents and the community about the success of the Texas Public Schools.

TAKS is the primary part of the statewide assessment plan to measure student achievement. TAKS is a series of academic tests administered annually in grades 3-10, and an exit level administered in grade 11 which high school seniors must have passed before receiving diplomas. The core subject areas now tested at various grade levels are: reading, mathematics, writing, science, and social studies. Parents receive a report of their child's TAKS results in order to monitor academic progress.



The North Harris Montgomery Community College District is committed to the principle of equal opportunity in education and employment. NHMCCD does not discriminate against individuals on the basis of race, color, gender, religion, disability, age, veteran status, nationality or ethnicity in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, employment policies, scholarship and loan programs, and other district or college administered programs and activities.

Inquiries concerning NHMCCD's policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to the vice chancellor for human resources and general counsel. The vice chancellor for human resources is designated as the NHMCCD's equal opportunity officer and Title IX coordinator. Inquiries about the laws and about compliance may also be directed to the assistant secretary for civil rights, US department of education.