



## 2013-2014 State of the District Fact Sheet

### Growth

- 111,348 = student enrollment on September 16, 2013
- 36,611 = new students over last 10 years
- 11,400 = projected student enrollment increase in the next five years
- 85 campuses (53 elementary schools, 17 middle schools, 11 high schools, 4 special program facilities)
- 34 new schools built since 2000 (23 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 4 high schools)
- 24<sup>th</sup> largest district in the nation (*American School and University*, July 2013)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> largest district in Texas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> largest district in Region IV
- 46 campuses at least 20 years old
- 24,801 first-time students in 2012-13 (11,342 in grades 1-12; 13,459 in kindergarten, pre-kindergarten & early education)

### Demographics

- Ethnic Breakdown:

Hispanic	White	African American	Asian	Multi-racial	Native American	Pacific Islander
43.60%	28.32%	16.51%	8.59%	2.30%	0.59%	0.08%

- 14,970 ESL/bilingual students
- 100 languages and dialects spoken by students
- 13 New Arrival Centers for non-English speaking students
- 35 elementary campuses with bilingual programs
- 50% economically disadvantaged
- 7,058 special education students

### Academic Achievement

- Largest school district to have 100-percent of its campuses earn *Met Standard* honors in the 2013 Texas Education Agency accountability ratings (*see chart for scores*)
- 2012 seniors – SAT average score:  
Critical reading – 496; Math – 524; Writing – 476
- 2013 seniors – 35 semifinalists in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2013 seniors – 103 commended in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2013 seniors – 4 semifinalists in National Achievement Scholarship Program
- 2013 seniors – 49 National Hispanic Scholars
- 2012-2013 Dual Credit course enrollment – 4,817;  
College hours earned – 14,686
- 2012-2013 Advanced Placement class enrollment – 28,968

**STAR** State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness

STAAR Comparison: CFISD to Texas  
Passing Percentage (Level II: Satisfactory)

	CFISD	Texas
Grade 3 Reading	82	79
Grade 3 Math	77	69
Grade 4 Reading	79	72
Grade 4 Math	81	68
Grade 4 Writing	75	71
Grade 5 Reading*	87	77
Grade 5 Math*	89	75
Grade 5 Science	89	73
Grade 6 Reading	79	71
Grade 6 Math	82	74
Grade 7 Reading	84	77
Grade 7 Math	81	71
Grade 7 Writing	75	70
Grade 8 Reading*	89	84
Grade 8 Math*	74	77
Grade 8 Science	84	75
Grade 8 Social Studies	76	63

\* first administration only

## Business and Finance

- “Superior Achievement” Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for 10 consecutive years
- Five Star rating for three consecutive years for the Texas Comptroller’s Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST)
- “Gold” level award for financial transparency for four consecutive years on the Texas Comptroller’s Leadership Circle Awards
- M&O Tax rate at \$1.50, the maximum allowed by law, from 2002 through 2005; reduced from \$1.50 to \$1.354 in 2006; reduced to \$1.024 in 2007; increased to \$1.04 in 2008 and remained at \$1.04 throughout 2013
- Total tax rate of \$1.45 for 2013-2014
- 20% Optional Local Homestead Exemption plus \$15,000 state exemption
- 2004 bond referendum for \$713.2 million
- 2007 bond referendum for \$806 million – the largest bond election in the district’s history
- Among the lowest administrative cost ratio (3.42%) in Gulf Coast region for over a decade and one of the lowest in the state
- Administrative expenditures account for only 1.6% of the operating budget
- Operating cost is \$6,921 per student—one of the lowest in Texas
- Budget reductions for four years (08-09, 09-10, 10-11, 11-12) total \$106 million
- Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 17 years
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 16 years
- Fitch, Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s bond ratings are AA
- State and federal grant awards total \$599,956,934 (2000-01 to present)

## Partnerships

- 2,590 business partners, community members and the Chamber of Commerce donated a total of \$7,705,996
- 18,990 volunteers have documented 403,665 hours valued at \$9,110,719 in donated service to CFISD
- 45 schools have an adopt-a-school partnership with an organization
- “Salute to the Stars” Gala: October 17, 2013

## Highlights

- Ranked the #1 school district in the state by the Education Research Group (ERG) for academic and financial performance
- \$59,255,492 in academic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2012
- \$14,207,250 in athletic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2012
- 6,809 graduates in the Class of 2013
- 60,679 guests attended CFISD graduation ceremonies at the Berry Center
- 39,722 guests attended other school districts’ graduation ceremonies at the Berry Center
- 6,262 watched streaming video of graduation ceremonies from their computers or smartphones
- 5,334 students enrolled in enrichment or accelerated summer school classes in 2013
- 22,230 hours in community use of facilities in 2012-2013

*The State of the District brochure is posted on the district website at [www.cfisd.net](http://www.cfisd.net)*