



State of the District Fact Sheet 2010-11

Growth

- 104,332 = student enrollment on September 24, 2009
- 106,134 = student enrollment on September 15, 2010
- 43,800 = new students over last 10 years
- 15,000 = projected student enrollment increase in the next five years
- 83 campuses (52 elementary schools, 16 middle schools, 11 high schools, 4 special program facilities)
- 32 new schools built since 2000 (22 elementary schools, 6 middle schools, 4 high schools)
- 26th largest district in nation (*American School and University*, Sept. 2010)
- 3rd largest district in Texas
- 2nd largest district in Region IV
- 38 campuses at least 20 years old
- 6,700 first time CFISD students in 2009-10

Demographics

- 1975 – 90% white, 10% minority
- 2010-11 – 33% White, 43% Hispanic, 16% African American, 8% Asian, 0.4% Native American
- 2010-11 – 18,500 ESL/bilingual students
- 95 languages and dialects spoken by students
- 13 New Arrival Centers for non-English speaking students
- 2010-11 – 34 elementary campuses with bilingual programs
- 2010-11 – 45% economically disadvantaged
- 2010-11 – 7,500 special education students

Academic Achievement

- 2009-10 TAKS Reading/English/Language Arts scores for all students in grades 3-11 – 93%
- 2009-10 TAKS Math scores for all students in grades 3-11 – 88%
- 2009-10 TAKS Writing scores for all students in grades 4 & 7 – 96%
- 2009-10 TAKS Social Studies scores for all students in grades 8, 10 & 11 – 98%
- 2009-10 TAKS Science scores for all students in grades 5, 10 & 11 – 89%
- 2010 seniors SAT average score: Critical reading – 508; Math – 538; Writing - 491
- 2010 seniors – 37 finalists, 38 semifinalists and 90 commended in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2010 seniors – 4 National Achievement Scholars
- 2010 seniors – 27 National Hispanic Scholars
- Out of the 6,497 seniors who had sufficient credits to graduate, 6,012 passed TAKS or 92.5%.
- 3,458 high school students were enrolled in dual credit college courses in 2009-2010.

Efficiency

- “Superior Achievement” School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for eight consecutive years
- 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 2010
- 20% optional local homestead exemption plus \$15,000 state exemption
- 1994 bond referendum for \$76.2 million; a 6-cent I&S tax increase projected – a 2-cent I&S rate increase realized
- 1998 bond referendum for \$264.6 million; a 10-cent I&S tax rate increase to 39 cents projected – no I&S tax increase realized above the 1998 I&S rate of 29 cents
- 2001 bond referendum for \$470.5 million; 1.1-cent increase projected – no I&S rate increase realized
- 2004 bond referendum for \$713.2 million; 3-cent increase projected – a 2-cent I&S rate increase realized
- 2007 bond referendum for \$806 million – the largest bond election in the district’s history; 6.5-cent increase projected
- Among the lowest administrative cost/pupil (4.55%) in Gulf Coast region for over a decade and one of the lowest in the state
- Administrative expenditures account for only 1.5% of the operational budget
- Operating cost is \$6,578 per student—one of the lowest in Texas
- Target revenue (per-student funding) of \$4,910 is the lowest in Harris County and the 5th lowest of the 80 largest school districts in Texas
- Budget reductions for the past three years (08-09, 09-10, 10-11) total \$59 million
- ASBO Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 14 years
- GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 13 years
- Fitch IBCA, Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s bond ratings are AA
- 2001 - Freeport Exemption adopted
- State and federal grant awards total \$260,686,234 (2000-01 to present)

Partnerships

- 2,443 Chamber of Commerce, business partners and community members’ donations total \$9,075,955.12.
- 20,479 volunteers have documented 355,031 hours valued at \$7,622,515.57 in donated service to CFISD.
- “Salute to the Stars” Gala: October 28, 2010
- Texas Assoc. of Partners in Education Outstanding Adult Volunteer for five consecutive years
- Texas Assoc. of Partners in Education Business Partnership in Career Education, 2009-10, 2008-09
- Texas Assoc. of Partners in Education Individual Partnership in Academic Impact, 2009-10
- Texas Assoc of Partners in Education Individual Partnership Advocate, 2009-10

Highlights

- Largest *Recognized* district in Texas for the third consecutive year
- Emery Elementary School and Rennell Elementary School opened in August 2010
- Highest graduation rate among the nation’s 50 largest school districts (*Education Week*, June 11, 2009)
- \$70,447,245 in scholarships awarded to the senior class of 2010
- 7,565 students enrolled in enrichment or accelerated summer school classes in 2010
- 50,791 hours in community use of facilities in 2009-2010
- Dr. David Anthony - TASA Legislative Committee member and TASA Commissioner’s Cabinet of Superintendents Region IV representative; Comptroller’s Superintendents Advisory Committee.

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