



2012-13 State of the District Fact Sheet

Growth

- 109,945 = student enrollment on September 14, 2012
- 107,995 = student enrollment on September 15, 2011
- 38,844 = new students over last 10 years
- 11,140 = projected student enrollment increase in the next five years
- 84 campuses (52 elementary schools, 17 middle schools, 11 high schools, 4 special program facilities)
- 33 new schools built since 2000 (22 elementary schools, 7 middle schools, 4 high schools)
- 25th largest district in the nation (*American School and University*, Sept. 2012)
- 3rd largest district in Texas
- 2nd largest district in Region IV
- 45 campuses at least 20 years old
- 15,068 first-time students in 2011-12 (6,718 in grades 1-12; 8,350 in kindergarten, pre-kindergarten and early education)

Demographics

- 1975 – 90% White, 10% Minority
- 2012-13 – 29.2% White, 43.3% Hispanic, 16.3% African American, 8.4% Asian, 0.5% Native American, 2.2% Multi-racial, 0.07% Pacific Islander
- 2012-13 – 14,061 ESL/bilingual students
- 100 languages and dialects spoken by students
- 13 New Arrival Centers for non-English speaking students
- 2012-13 – 35 elementary campuses with bilingual programs
- 2012-13 – 49.7% economically disadvantaged
- 2012-13 – 7,415 special education students

Academic Achievement

- 2011 TAKS Reading/English/Language Arts scores for all students in grades 3-11 – 93% passing; 38% commended
- 2011 TAKS Math scores for all students in grades 3-11 – 88% passing; 35% commended
- 2011 TAKS Writing scores for all students in grades 4 & 7 – 94% passing; 34% commended
- 2011 TAKS Social Studies scores for all students in grades 8, 10 & 11 – 98% passing; 60% commended
- 2011 TAKS Science scores for all students in grades 5, 8, 10 & 11 – 88% passing; 37% commended
- 2012 seniors – SAT average score: Critical reading – 496; Math – 524; Writing – 476
- 2012 seniors – 24 semifinalists and 81 commended in National Merit Scholarship Program
- 2012 seniors – 5 semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship Program
- 2012 seniors – 36 National Hispanic Scholars
- 2011-12 Dual Credit course enrollment – 5,150; College hours earned – 15,760
- 2011-12 Advanced Placement class enrollment – 11,435

Business and Finance

- “Superior Achievement” Schools FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) rating for nine 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 2012
- Total tax rate of \$1.45 for 2012-13, two-cent increase from 2011-12
- 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 ratio (3.63%) in Gulf Coast region for over a decade and one of the lowest in the state
- Administrative expenditures account for only 1.4% of the operating budget
- Operating cost is \$6,626 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 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 16 years
- Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for past 15 years
- Fitch, Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s bond ratings are AA
- State and federal grant awards total \$495,734,044 (2000-01 to present)

Partnerships

- 2,558 business partners, community members and the Chamber of Commerce donated a total of \$7,171,164.69
- 21,487 volunteers have documented 413,102 hours valued at \$9,051,053.87 in donated service to CFISD
- 38 schools have an adopt-a-school partnership with an organization
- “Salute to the Stars” Gala: October 18, 2012

Highlights

- \$59,255,492.00 in academic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2012
- \$14,207,250.00 in athletic scholarships awarded to the Class of 2012
- 6,231 graduates in the Class of 2012
- 56,478 guests attended graduation ceremonies
- 4,500 watched streaming video of graduation ceremonies from their computers or smartphones
- 2,956 students enrolled in enrichment or accelerated summer school classes in 2012
- 25,655 hours in community use of facilities in 2011-12

The State of the District brochure is posted on the district website at www.cfisd.net