

THE BEST ARE IN THE EAST — HISD EAST REGION SCHOOLS



The **Houston Independent School District's East Region** is made up of 43 schools throughout Houston's East side. The East Region serves more than 32,000 students in Pre-K through grade 12. Students from across Houston travel to East Region schools to take part in innovative programs in engineering, oil industry technology, early college prep, and dual credit as well as Vanguard (gifted/talented) and Magnet programs. East Region schools offer challenging academic content that supports the college-bound culture of HISD.

Better Performance on the TAKS

- The number of exemplary campuses is projected to increase to seven.
- The number of recognized campuses is projected to increase to 15.
- There are no projected academically unacceptable campuses in the East Region.
- More than half of our schools posted double-digit gains in student performance in Science.
- Many campuses showed increased student performance in writing.
- "Commended performance," the highest level of achievement, has increased in all subjects and grade levels.

Nationally Recognized Programs

East Region secondary-school campuses offer students advanced-study programs such as Project Lead The Way, Advanced Placement, dual credit, and The Early College High School Initiative. Project Lead The Way is a nationally recognized high-school science and engineering program that is in place at Chávez High School. Chávez is one of only 21 schools in the country to have earned the title of National Engineering Academy.

The Academy of Petroleum Exploration & Production Technology opens at Milby High School in the fall of 2008. The academy was established with the help of The Independent Petroleum Association of America, based in Houston. The academy provides students the Advanced Placement math and science courses needed to grasp the basics of the energy industry. Students will leave the academy with the skills and knowledge necessary for careers in the energy industry.

Cooperation and support among East Region schools and the East End Chamber of Commerce, businesses, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation have made programs such as these a reality. These cutting-edge programs, along with the Maritime Academy at Austin High School, prepare our students for success in college and careers. Graduating seniors have flourished in these programs as evidenced by the increase in college scholarships they have earned over the past three years.

Kudos and Accolades

Texas Monthly acknowledged and recognized the following schools for their exceptional performance on the 2007 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

- Crespo Elementary School
- J. P. Henderson Elementary School
- Oates Elementary School
- Project Chrysalis Middle School

Texas Business & Education Coalition (TBEC)

Eastwood Academy and Project Chrysalis received the 2007 Honor Roll Award, the highest honor from TBEC, for their commended performance on TAKS. Eastwood has also been listed as a bronze medal winner in *U.S. News and World Reports'* list of best high schools in the United States for 2008.

AARP Founders Legacy Award

In 2008, Furr High School received one of only seven AARP Legacy Awards given nationally for its Intergenerational Interdependence—I to the Power of Two program. This program prepares students for college and creates a student volunteer corps that addresses the needs of senior citizens in the community.

Early Childhood - The First Steps

Take the "First Steps Towards Graduation" at Ninfa Laurenzo Early Childhood Center. Ninfa Laurenzo offers a full day Pre-Kindergarten program to qualifying children who live in the HISD school zone. Students attending Laurenzo ECC enjoy a variety of educational experiences designed to ensure all students receive a high-quality, child-centered learning experience that positions them for a lifetime of success.



Elementary Campuses that Shine

Twenty-eight elementary-school campuses are dedicated to serving the needs of the families in their communities. Many campuses offer after-school programs and Saturday classes that provide enrichment and accelerated

instruction for students. Campus libraries are being upgraded and literacy specialists are being added to each school to support all struggling readers. In addition, there are numerous other exciting educational opportunities for students in the East Region. Pre-Advanced Placement (Pre-AP) classes for gifted-and-talented students are available in each elementary school. Elementary-school students in the East Region have the opportunity to participate in science/math robotics programs; CSTEM competitions; and history, science, and spelling competitions that all lead to state- and national-level contests.

Middle - School Programs that Engage

Middle school is a time of great change and growth for all students—it can also be challenging for some. East Region middle schools help students meet those challenges by offering programs that support students’ personal growth and development.

- Advancement through Individual Determination (AVID)
- Prepared for Life
- Art
- Interscholastic sports
- Band, dance, and drum line
- Duke Early Talent Identification Program
- Clubs include science, robotics, karate, and dance

Magnet Programs Offer Choices

Students extend their reach when they are offered opportunities to pursue activities of personal interest to them. East Region schools host a multitude of Magnet programs that provide students those types of opportunities.

- Austin High School: Teaching Professions
- Chávez High School: Environmental Science
- Furr High School: Film Study
- Milby High School: Science Institute
- Deady Middle School: Communication Arts
- Jackson Middle School: Vanguard
- Holland Middle School: Vanguard
- Stevenson Middle School: Math and Science
- Carrillo Elementary School: Vanguard
- Crespo Elementary School: Fine Arts
- De Zavala Elementary School: Vanguard
- Lantrip Elementary School: Environmental Science
- Patterson Elementary School: Literature
- Pleasantville Elementary School: Vanguard
- The Rusk School (PK–8): Science and Technology

Career and Technology

East Region schools meet the demand of preparing students for the 21st century workforce. Schools are equipped with up-to-date computer labs, SMART boards, and interactive media to support and engage student learning. Classes provided at the Rudy C. Vara Center for Technology give students the hands-on experience they need to pass A+ Certification tests in computer programming, repair, and maintenance. Preparation for these tests cost students up to \$30,000 if done independently, but the classes are provided free of charge at the Vara Center. Students from all of the East Region high schools are able to enroll in these classes.

East Region Schools

Bellfort Academy	Lantrip Elem.	Whittier Elem.
Bonner Elem.	Laurenzo ECC	Project Chrysalis
Briscoe Elem.	Lewis Elem.	Deady Middle
Burnet Elem.	Oates Elem.	Edison Middle
Cage Elem.	Park Place Elem.	Holland Middle
Carrillo Elem.	Patterson Elem.	Jackson Middle
Crespo Elem.	Pleasantville Elem.	Stevenson Middle
Dávila Elem.	Port Houston Elem.	Ortiz Middle
De Zavala Elem.	Robinson Elem.	Austin High
Franklin Elem.	Rucker Elem.	Chávez High
Gallegos Elem.	The Rusk School	Eastwood Academy
Harris J. R. Elem.	Sánchez Elem.	East Early College
Harris R. P. Elem.	Southmayd Elem.	Furr High / Reach
Henderson Elem.	Tijerina Elem.	Milby High



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