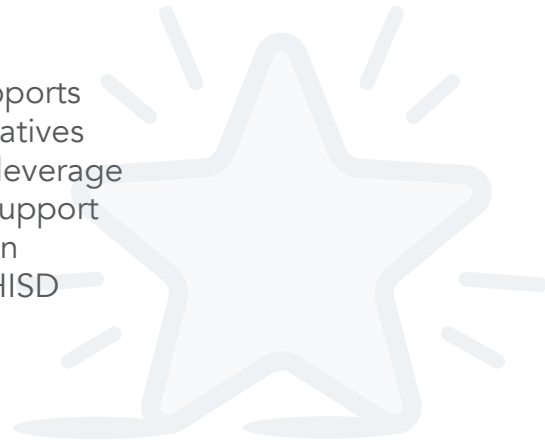




## Additional Initiatives Supported

The Division of Strategy & Innovation supports **additional initiatives** in HISD. These initiatives are aligned with the division's mission to leverage resources, families, and communities to support innovative practices that increase equity in educational outcomes, ensuring that all HISD students exit high school as prepared Global Graduates.



### Additional initiatives supported:

#### Charter Schools Department

The **Charter Schools Department** oversees the contractual agreements between HISD and its Charter School partners, coordinating school and business operations as it relates to non-instructional activities at these campuses.

#### Community Partnerships

**Community Partnerships** serves as the liaison between Houston ISD and external partners. Community Relations identifies, develops and engages external partners, ensuring that their available time, talent, and resources are effectively leveraged to support schools, students, and their families.

The **Office of Development & Donor Relations** works with local businesses, foundations, non-profits and individual donors to raise external funds for projects that align to the district's vision. This department also provides district support to the efforts of the Houston ISD Foundation.

#### Innovative Projects

**Innovative Projects** coordinates the implementation of new and special projects aimed at enhancing student achievement, including but not limited to: the HISD Summer Student Leadership Program, the Superintendent & Board of Education Scholarship, and more!

#### Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)

**Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS)** recruits thousands of parents and community partners to donate their time, resources, and knowledge in support of the district's primary goal to increase student achievement. Volunteers contribute in areas such as mentoring, tutoring, fundraising, career education, enrichment programs, extracurricular and community service activities, and office and classroom assistance.



*Through the Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) Program, HISD community member spends her free time reading to children.*