



Equity & Outreach

Equity & Outreach maximizes academic outcomes by connecting Houston ISD's most underserved student populations to critical non-academic support services.

What does Equity & Outreach support?

Ascending to Men (ATM) Project

The **Ascending to Men (ATM) Project** connects male students of color to positive role models and advocates. These adults offer mentorship and guidance as well as opportunities for educational, social, and professional growth.

Family & Community Engagement (FACE)

Family & Community Engagement (FACE) works to build intentional partnerships to advance student achievement. This is accomplished by: promoting a welcoming environment to families at every HISD campus, honoring families for choosing HISD, and linking high-impact activities to learning.

Miles Ahead Scholars (MAS) Program

The **Miles Ahead Scholars (MAS) Program** empowers young men of color to ignite positive change in their lives, schools, and communities by preparing them to attend and graduate from our nation's top universities. The program currently operates at three HISD campuses: Kashmere HS, Wheatley HS, and Worthing HS.

Parent & Community Assistance Center

The **Parent & Community Assistance Center** supports parents and community members with addressing concerns, issues, and conflicts. Parent liaisons are available to help parents and community members resolve these conflicts through proper district protocol, fostering a stronger partnership between home and school.

Parent University

Parent University supports parents and families in the education of their children, providing an introduction to district programs, community resources, and more.

ROSES

The **Resilient Outstanding Sisters Exemplifying Success (ROSES) Project** connects female students of color to positive role models and advocates. These adults offer mentorship and guidance as well as opportunities for educational, social, and professional growth.

Special Projects and Events

Special Projects & Events plans, develops, and executes high-level districtwide events— this enhances student outcomes by engaging community members, aligning district office efforts with campus-based needs, and fortifying corporate partnerships. Events are professionally-executed and build efficiency by creating sustainable, highly-effective partnership systems.

Student Assistance

The **Student Assistance Department** incorporates the use of compliance analyst and outreach workers to assist campuses in matters of attendance, dropout prevention, homeless assistance, and support to students who are in foster care or residential treatment. The department is responsible for the planning and implementation of programs which address the needs of students at risk for school failure due to non-academic indicators. The department works to coordinate various supports and strategies in schools and communities to provide at-risk students with the opportunity to graduate from high school.

Wraparound Services

Wraparound Services provides students with the non-academic supports necessary to be successful in school, including: access to mental and physical health professionals, food, housing, and more.