HISD truly is a global district in a global city. What happens here is a reflection of the innovation, optimism, and entrepreneurial spirit that puts Houston on the global map. That’s why we place such a huge emphasis on ensuring all students are Global Graduates. With signature programs and schools with unprecedented connections to corporations in Houston, our schools are preparing students to enter the global workforce.
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190 career pathways offered in HISD high schools

600 volunteers with Read Houston Read are helping children develop a love of reading.

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