
2016 COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDE

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Welcome to the revised and expanded **Houston Independent School District (HISD) Family and Community Engagement (FACE) 2016 Community Resource Guide**. Its primary intended audiences are administrators and teachers in the HISD and the parents, guardians, families, and communities they serve.

Structure and Organization

In its third edition, the **2016 Community Resource Guide** now includes 41 topics and 735 profiles. The profiles encompass 350 unique organizations. A profile is the total description of an entry. An entry is an organization and its total profile under a given topic. A topic is the total collection of profiles for a specific area of interest. The **Guide** consistently uses 15 headings as prompts for information. A heading is a specific question of interest and it is repeated across all entries and within all topics.

Methods Used

In identifying possible topics and profiles for this new, revised edition of the **Guide**, HISD FACE staff members:

1. Used service providers' websites as the primary information resource.
2. Consulted Guidestar and organizations' IRS Form 990s for contact and communication information.
3. Sent emails with questions to selected organizations for which there were gaps in information.
4. Made phone calls to selected organizations for which there were also gaps in information.
5. Reviewed successive drafts to assess quality, completeness, and ease of use.
6. Included a **Product Evaluation Form** for feedback from schools, families, and other users.

Origins and Attributes

Under the leadership of Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Jorge Arredondo, an eight-person team contributed to developing the **2016 Community Resource Guide**: Dr. Elizabeth Cocina, Carmen Acevedo, Victoria Graham, Gabriella Hernandez, Walter Simpson, Rony Canales, Valeria Schillaci, and Jeffrey Smith. The **Guide** traces its lineage to such trailblazers as Harris County's Community Youth Services Program and the United Way of Greater Houston, but it also differs from them in significant ways: (1) The **Guide's** area of focus is on HISD and Houston, not on a broader geography; (2) information summary tables precede the profiles for each topic; (3) through the headings used in its service provider profiles, the **Guide** presents answers for a consistently defined set of questions; (4) wherever possible, it includes contact names, local bus and METRO rail transit routes, and the languages in which information and/or services are available; (5) the **Guide** identifies four ways to get information about community resources: phone, fax, email, and website; (6) the **Guide** also indicates whether services are available onsite at public schools and it briefly describes available services; and (7) the **Guide** is available in single-topic and comprehensive print versions and as a searchable online database.

Disclaimer

This revised **Guide** is intended to be a quick reference resource for HISD schools and families. Inclusion in it does not denote endorsement or recommendation. Please send information about new resources, as well as any updates, corrections, and comments to jsmith55@houstonisd.org.

Evaluation Form

A two-page Product Evaluation Form appears at the end of this **Guide**. We would welcome your feedback!

ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Alternative Education:

1. Harris County Department of Education – Academic and Behavior Centers and Highpoint Schools
2. Houston Preparatory Academy (HPA)
3. Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) – Excel Academy
4. Monarch School
5. River Oaks Academy and Tutor Lab
6. Texas Challenge Academy
7. Texas Education Agency – Charter Schools

	Phone	Ages/Grades Served	Costs	Onsite at Schools	Languages
1	713-694-6300 713-696-2160 713-696-2195 713-242-8036 713-339-9411	Ages 5-22 and Grades 6-12	Free	No	English, Spanish
2	713-659-1199	Grades 6-12	Not available	No	English, Spanish
3	713-669-0799	Grades 6-12	Free	No	English, Spanish
4	713-479-0800	Grades PreK-12	Costs vary	No	English
5	713-783-7200	Grades K-12	Costs vary	No	English
6	432-836-1516	Ages 16-18	Free	No	English
7	512-463-9575	Grades PreK-12	Free	No	English

Harris County Department of Education – Academic and Behavior Centers and Highpoint Schools

Area Served: Harris County

Location	Address	Phone	Fax	Contacts	Bus Routes
Office	6300 Irvington Boulevard, Houston, TX 77022	713-694-6300	Not available	Dee Mattox-Hall, Senior Director	79
Highpoint School East	8003 East Sam Houston Parkway North, Houston, TX 77049	713-696-2160	713-696-2161	Marion Keith Cooksey, Principal	Not available
Highpoint School North	11902 Spears Road, Houston, TX 77067	713-696-2195	713-696-2196	David Oquin, Principal	399
Academic and Behavior School East	7703 South Loop East, Houston, TX 77012	713-242-8036	713-645-5773	Mindy Robertson, Principal	40, 76
Academic and Behavior School West	7800 Westglen Drive, Houston, TX 77063	713-339-9411	713-978-7662	Victor Keys, Principal	47

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-4:30pm

Fax: Not available

Email: DMattox-Hall@hcde-texas.org or mcooksey@hcde-texas.org or doquin@hcde-texas.org or mrobertson@hcde-texas.org or vkeys@hcde-texas.org

Website: <http://www.hcde-texas.org/default.aspx?name=003.SpecialSchools>

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 5-22 (at ABC) and Grades 6-12 (at Highpoint Schools)

Eligibility: Students at the ABC campuses have severe behavioral, emotional, intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. • Students at Highpoint Schools have been expelled and adjudicated.

Costs: Free for the students and families served. • School districts contract with HCDE for the services.

Onsite at Schools: No. • ABC and Highpoint Schools are alternative school programs.

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Operates two alternative education programs. • Two Academic and Behavior Centers (ABC) are special education alternative schools that provide academic and behavioral services for students ages 5 - 22. • Two Highpoint Schools serve expelled and adjudicated youth in Grades 6-12.

Houston Preparatory Academy (HPA)

Address: 3262 Westheimer Road, Suite 321, Houston, TX 77098

Area Served: Houston: ZIP Codes 77020 and 77026

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5pm

Contact: Helen M. Berger

Phone: 713-659-1199

Fax: 713-523-4621

Email: houprep@aol.com

Website: <http://www.houstonprep.org>

Local Bus Routes: 82

Ages/Grades Served: Grades 6-12

Eligibility: Students must be eligible for free or reduced price lunch and must have achieved above average results on a national standardized test. • Students also must submit an application.

Costs: Not available

Onsite at Schools: No. • HPA is an alternative school.

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Enhances academic and social skills of low-income, underserved middle and high school students who have demonstrated academic potential in their local public schools.

Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program (JJAEP) – Excel Academy

Address: 2525 Murworth Drive, Houston, TX 77054

Area Served: Harris County

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Contact: Sherida Barnes, Principal

Phone: 713-669-0799

Fax: 713-669-0788

Email: Not available

Website: <https://hcjpd-edu.harriscountytexas.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

Local Bus Routes: 41, 84

Ages/Grades Served: Grades 6-12 (ages 10-17)

Eligibility: Must be an adjudicated juvenile placed in detention for a misdemeanor or a felony offense.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No. • The Academy is an alternative school program.

Languages: English, Spanish

Direct Services: Serves all juveniles placed by the courts in detention and residential facilities for criminal activity or serious misconduct while at school. • Focuses on student progress throughout core academic curriculum, remediation for state academic assessments, vocational education, and life skills.

Monarch School

Address: 2815 Rosefield Drive, Houston, TX 77080

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Novice and Apprentice Levels: Monday, 8:30am-12:15pm, Tuesday-Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm. • Challenger and Voyager Levels: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30am-3:15pm, Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30pm-4:15pm.

Contacts: Vita Como, Interim Head of School

Phone: 713-479-0800

Fax: 713-933-0567

Email: vcomo@monarchschoo.org

Website: <http://www.monarchschool.org/curriculum/day-school>

Local Bus Routes: 36, 46, 58

Ages/Grades Served: Grades PreK-12

Eligibility: Serves students with attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), learning disabilities, Tourette syndrome, seizure disorders, traumatic brain injury and related conditions — whose difficulties with organization, planning, motivation, social/emotional development, and information processing are not being met by other educational facilities. • Also serves students with pervasive developmental disorders, and related disorders that affect social development, who demonstrate potential for independent social functioning. • Also serves students who have primary difficulties with impulsive behavior and/or emotional regulation, but who do not pose a risk of harm to themselves or others, and who may be diagnosed with anxiety disorder or a mood disorder.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition is \$15,400-\$47,400 per year. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • Monarch School is an alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Applies a learner-centered approach to providing an innovative, therapeutic education for persons with neurological differences. • Helps persons who may have autism spectrum disorder, attention deficit (hyperactivity) disorder, learning disabilities, Tourette syndrome, mood disorders, anxiety disorders, traumatic brain injury, and seizure disorders.

River Oaks Academy and Tutor Lab

Address: 10600 Richmond Avenue, Houston, TX 77042

Area Served: Greater Houston

Days/Hours: Office: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. • School: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-3pm.

Contact: Luis Valdes, Program Director

Phone: 713-783-7200

Fax: 713-783-7286

Email: roainfo@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.riveroaksacademy.com>

Local Bus Routes: 25, 161

Ages/Grades Served: Grades K-12

Eligibility: A three-step intake assessment evaluates student needs and matches them against available services. • Parents, school counselors, psychiatrists, mental health workers, and community service providers refer students to the Academy throughout the year.

Costs: Costs vary. • Tuition charges vary with the needs of the student. • Call to ask about specific costs.

Onsite at Schools: No. • River Oaks Academy is an alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Helps students with learning differences, learning disabilities, unique learning styles, social skills needs, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), autism, and behavioral and emotional issues. • Offers individualized educational programs, academic support, integrated services, credit recovery, and consultation, evaluation, and treatment services.

Texas Challenge Academy

Address: 100 School House Road, Sheffield, TX 79781

Area Served: Texas

Days/Hours: Academics: Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm. • Student Supervision: Monday-Sunday, 24 hours/day.

Contact: Michael Weir, Program Director, and Juan Sepulveda, Deputy Director

Phone: 432-836-1516

Fax: Not available

Email: michael.weir@isisd.net or juan.sepulveda@isisd.net

Website: <https://www.texaschallengeacademy.com>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Ages 16-18

Eligibility: Requires an application and a personal interview of the student and his/her parents or guardians; also requires a one-day orientation session. • Requires participation in a 12-month post-residential phase after completing a 22-week course.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No. • Texas Challenge Academy is a residential alternative school.

Languages: English

Direct Services: Affiliated with the Texas National Guard, the Academy is a voluntary 22-week residential program for teenagers who are at risk of dropping out or who have already dropped out of high school. • A highly structured quasi-military format emphasizes self-discipline, personal responsibility, and positive motivation. • Program activities include leadership, life-coping and job skills, community service, citizenship, and physical fitness.

Texas Education Agency (TEA) – Charter School Administration

Address: Charter School Administration, 1701 North Congress Avenue, Austin, TX 78701

Area Served: Texas

Days/Hours: Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm

Contact: Heather Mauze, Director

Phone: 512-463-9575

Fax: 512-463-9732

Email: CharterSchools@tea.state.tx.us

Website: <http://tea.texas.gov/interiorpage.aspx?id=25769817891>

Local Bus Routes: Not available

Ages/Grades Served: Grades PreK-12

Eligibility: No area restrictions. • TEA charter schools resources are available to the general public.

Costs: Free

Onsite at Schools: No

Languages: English

Direct Services: Regulates and provides information about open-enrollment charter schools and other types of charter schools in Texas.

FACE PRODUCT EVALUATION FORM

Product Name: _____
Date: _____

User(s): _____
School/Location: _____

Directions: Please tell us a little about you by checking (✓) the circles that apply best to you.

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| <input type="radio"/> Student | <input type="radio"/> Principal | <input type="radio"/> Parent Educator | <input type="radio"/> Board of Education |
| <input type="radio"/> Parent or Guardian | <input type="radio"/> Assistant Principal | <input type="radio"/> Parent Liaison | <input type="radio"/> District Administrator |
| <input type="radio"/> Family Member | <input type="radio"/> Other Campus Leader | <input type="radio"/> School-Based Specialist | <input type="radio"/> Central Office Staff |
| <input type="radio"/> Community Member | <input type="radio"/> Classroom Teacher | <input type="radio"/> School Bus Driver | <input type="radio"/> FACE Staff |
| | <input type="radio"/> School Librarian | <input type="radio"/> School Custodian | |
| <input type="radio"/> Black or African American | | <input type="radio"/> Hispanic or Latino | |
| <input type="radio"/> American Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian | | <input type="radio"/> White or Caucasian | |
| <input type="radio"/> Asian or Pacific Islander | | <input type="radio"/> Two or More Races or Ethnicities | |

Directions: Please tell us how you feel about this product. Your answers will help us to improve it. Thank you.

	Very Unsatisfied ☹	Unsatisfied	Neutral ☺	Satisfied	Very Satisfied ☺	Not Applicable
Overall product quality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Process for acquiring it	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guidance for users	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
First usage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Repeated usage	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Post-acquisition service	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How long have you used this FACE product?

<input type="radio"/>	Less than 1 month
<input type="radio"/>	1 to 2 months
<input type="radio"/>	2 to 3 months
<input type="radio"/>	3 to 6 months
<input type="radio"/>	6 months to 1 year
<input type="radio"/>	1 year or longer
<input type="radio"/>	Have never used it

How often do you use this FACE product?

<input type="radio"/>	Daily
<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 times a week
<input type="radio"/>	Weekly
<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 times a month
<input type="radio"/>	Monthly
<input type="radio"/>	Every 2 to 3 months
<input type="radio"/>	3 to 4 times a year
<input type="radio"/>	Once a year or less often
<input type="radio"/>	Do not use it

FACE PRODUCT EVALUATION FORM

Overall, how satisfied are you with this FACE product?

<input type="radio"/>	Very satisfied 😊
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat satisfied
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral 😐
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat unsatisfied
<input type="radio"/>	Very unsatisfied ☹️

Compared to other products of which you are aware, would you say that this FACE product is:

<input type="radio"/>	So good that it's in a class by itself 😊
<input type="radio"/>	Much better than most others
<input type="radio"/>	About the same as others 😐
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat worse than others
<input type="radio"/>	Much worse than others ☹️
<input type="radio"/>	Never have used it

Will you use this FACE product again?

<input type="radio"/>	Definitely yes 😊
<input type="radio"/>	Probably yes
<input type="radio"/>	Maybe or maybe not 😐
<input type="radio"/>	Probably no
<input type="radio"/>	Definitely no ☹️
<input type="radio"/>	Never have used it

How likely are you to recommend this FACE product to others?

<input type="radio"/>	Definitely will recommend it 😊
<input type="radio"/>	Probably will recommend it
<input type="radio"/>	Maybe or maybe not 😐
<input type="radio"/>	Probably will not recommend it
<input type="radio"/>	Definitely will not recommend it ☹️
<input type="radio"/>	Never have used it

Based upon your experience with this product, how likely are you to use other FACE products?

<input type="radio"/>	Very likely 😊
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat likely
<input type="radio"/>	Neutral 😐
<input type="radio"/>	Somewhat unlikely
<input type="radio"/>	Very unlikely ☹️

Other comments about the product: _____

Please send this completed evaluation form to:

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