

# GRADUATE

**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.

## HISD AT-A-GLANCE

**LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
IN TEXAS AND SEVENTH IN THE NATION

 **283 SCHOOLS** EDUCATING  
**215,000 STUDENTS**

**TWO-TIME WINNER**  
OF THE **BROAD PRIZE**  
TOP PRIZE FOR URBAN DISTRICTS

**32 HIGH SCHOOLS** RATED AS MOST  
CHALLENGING IN THE U.S. BY THE  
**WASHINGTON POST**

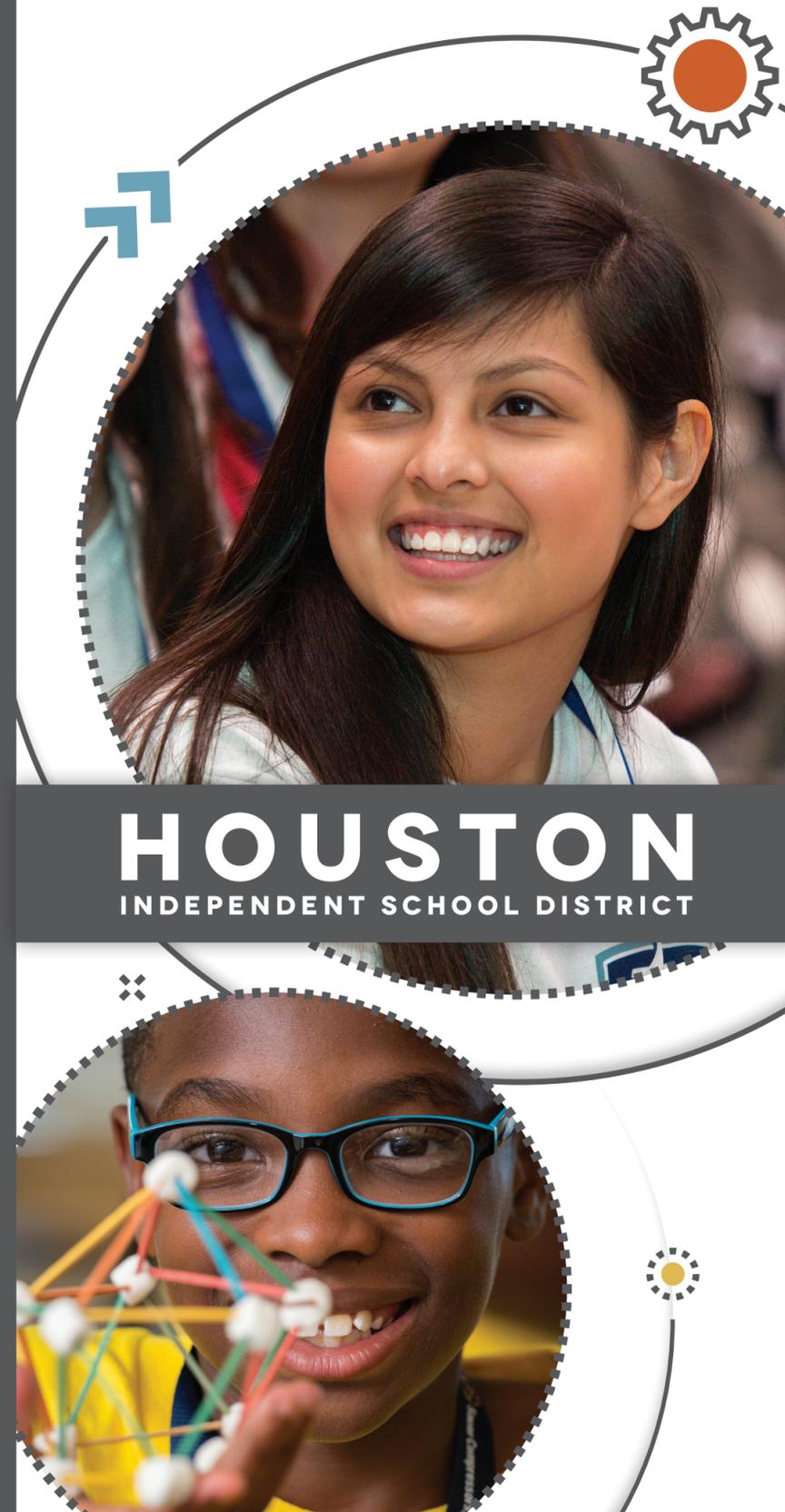
**ONE OF THE LARGEST**  
EMPLOYERS IN HOUSTON WITH  
**29,000 EMPLOYEES** 

**LOWEST PROPERTY TAX RATE**  
AMONG HARRIS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT**  
[HOUSTONISD.ORG/ANNUALREPORT](http://HOUSTONISD.ORG/ANNUALREPORT)

MAKE AN IMPACT WITH HISD  
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SKILLED COMMUNICATOR



ADAPTABLE & PRODUCTIVE



COLLEGE-READY LEARNER



RESPONSIBLE DECISION MAKER



CRITICAL THINKER



LEADER

# GLOBAL

# A FOUNDATION » FOR THE FUTURE

## A NEW WAY OF LEARNING

**SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING** The whole student is supported through mindfulness practices to promote health and reduce stress. More than 50,000 students are taking part in yoga classes at 74 schools, with plans to expand to nearly all campuses by 2019. Because hungry children can't learn, every HISD student can enjoy free breakfast.



**65,000 LAPTOPS**  
IN THE HANDS OF EVERY  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT

**PERSONALIZED LEARNING** HISD is transforming teaching and learning through PowerUp, which uses laptops to enhance educational collaboration. The district also launched the HUB, its K-12 online platform that will become the center of curriculum and instruction.



Elementary Teacher of the Year  
Robert Uzick | Cunningham ES



**\$1.89 BILLION**  
BOND PROGRAM

**MODERN SCHOOLS** By 2020, HISD will have the most modern portfolio of urban high schools in the nation.

**GRADUATING WITH MORE TOOLS IN HAND** Some HISD programs allow students to earn college credits—and even an associate's degree or industry certification—alongside their high school diplomas. Students graduate fully prepared for the world, whether they enter a four-year university or dive directly into a high-demand job.

**190 CAREER PATHWAYS**  
OFFERED IN HISD HIGH SCHOOLS

### NUMEROUS FIELDS OF STUDY

Innovative career pathways are offered at 37 high schools and include:

- Aviation Technology
- Financial Planning
- Robotics
- Hotel & Restaurant Management
- Petroleum Engineering
- Nursing
- Veterinary Sciences

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT

AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE AT HISD  
CAN SAVE STUDENTS

**\$12,000**



Pharmacy Technology Program  
Kinza Rizwan | Jane Long Futures Academy

### REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

Through the HISD Chamber of Commerce, the district has partnered with business leaders, corporations, and the medical community to provide internships for students in the workplace and externships for teachers to enhance instruction.

## LITERACY FOR LIFE



**600 VOLUNTEERS**  
WITH READ HOUSTON READ ARE HELPING  
CHILDREN DEVELOP A LOVE OF READING  
[HOUSTONISD.ORG/READHOUSTONREAD](http://HOUSTONISD.ORG/READHOUSTONREAD)

Volunteer of the Year | Jim Wilson



**LITERACY AT THE CORE** Our mission is to have every child reading and writing with fluency by the third grade, and then to build on that success. Guided-reading instruction and 5,000 classroom libraries are in place at the elementary level to support independent and at-home reading.

### PARENTS AS A CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER

HISD offers coaching that helps parents build the literacy and numeracy skills of their preschool students with a weekly home visit. Research shows participating children go on to outperform their kindergarten peers in reading and math. Last year, 730 families in 40 school communities across HISD benefited from this effort.



**FLUENCY IN TWO LANGUAGES** HISD offers dual language and language immersion programs, in which students spend a portion of their day learning in English and the rest of the day learning in another language, such as Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, and Arabic.

**58 DUAL LANGUAGE SCHOOLS**  
INCREASING TO 73 IN 2016

### SAT TESTING AT SCHOOL

The SAT test is offered to juniors for free, and all students have access to test prep courses at no charge. The number of students taking the SAT has doubled since 2007 – as has the number of college-ready scores.



\$180,000 in ROTC-based scholarships  
Daniel Phillips | Booker T. Washington HS

## COLLEGE READINESS

**JUMP START ON COLLEGE CREDIT** An increasing number of students are earning college credit through Advanced Placement courses at HISD. The number of AP exams passed in 2015 topped 8,200 – up 92% since 2007.



**\$265 MILLION**  
IN SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED  
TO THE CLASS OF 2015

**OPENING DOORS TO ELITE INSTITUTIONS** Through the EMERGE program, students from traditionally underserved populations are gaining full scholarships and acceptance to Ivy League and other Tier One universities.

