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FastFacts

Largest school district in Texas

Highest school district bond rating in Texas

211,552 students

282 schools

Graduation rate is at an all-time high of 78.8 percent.

Dropout rate is at an all-time low of 11.8 percent.

Scholarship dollars offered to HISD seniors have more than tripled, from \$51.4 million in 2009 to \$186 million in 2013.

The number of students scoring 3 or higher on Advanced Placement exams has increased by 53 percent since 2009, from 4,915 to 7,524 in 2013.

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2013-2014

FACTS AND FIGURES

2013 - 2014 DEMOGRAPHICS

The Houston Independent School District, with more than 211,000 students and encompassing 301 square miles within greater Houston, is the seventh-largest public-school system in the nation and the largest in Texas. Five chief schools officers oversee HISD elementary, middle, high and alternative/charter schools (respectively). A total of 25 school-support officers and one alternative/charter school compliance officers report to the five chiefs. These individuals provide leadership to principals, align resources and support for teachers, and insure that the district is providing equitable and quality educational opportunities to students. Parent liaisons are available to answer questions and address matters regarding district schools.

HISD's organization is designed to emphasize teaching and learning, align school goals and programs for sustained improvement, eliminate duplicated services, and provide greater oversight of data and compliance with state laws and regulations.

Campuses and Enrollment

Academic Level	Number of Schools	Enrollment	% of All Students
Early Childhood Centers	7	5,067	2.4
Elementary	147	100,091	47.3
Middle	40	33,994	16.1
High	44	46,831	22.1
Combined/Other	42	25,569	12.1
Total	282	211,552	100.0

Students by Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number of Students	% of All Students
American Indian/Alaskan Native	435	0.2
African American	53,297	25.2
Asian	7,401	3.5
Hispanic	131,062	61.9
Native Hawaiian/Other Islander	194	0.1
Two or more	1,850	0.9
White	17,313	8.2
Total Enrollment	211,552	100.0

Students by Grade Level

Grade Level	Number of Students	% of All Students
Kindergarten & Earlier	34,528	16.3
Elementary 1-5	86,394	40.8
Middle School 6-8	40,767	19.3
High School 9-12	49,863	23.6
Total	211,552	100.0

Students by Program

Program	Number of Students	% of All Students
LEP	74,156	35.1
ESL	15,386	7.3
Bilingual	41,522	19.6
At Risk	145,254	68.7
Title I	197,299	93.3
Special Education	16,354	7.7
Gifted/Talented	32,914	15.6
Economically Disadvantaged*	170,096	80.4
Career and Tech.		
Education	33,005	15.6

*Meets federal criteria for free and reduced-price lunches.

HISD operates under the auspices of the Texas Education Agency, using a core curriculum based on state guidelines for prekindergarten through twelfth grade. Instructional offerings include Magnet and Vanguard programs, charter schools, and alternative programs that use innovative instruction to help students who are at risk of dropping out of school. Also offered are programs in early-childhood education, special education, multilingual education, career and technical/ vocational education, and dual-credit/advanced academics.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Beginning in spring 2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR™) replaced the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The STAAR program at grades 3-8 assesses the same subjects and grades previously assessed on TAKS. At high school; however, grade-specific assessments are being replaced with 12 end-of-course (EOC) assessments: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, biology, chemistry, physics, English I, English II, English III, world geography, world history, and U.S. history. Students entering 9th grade during the 2011-2012 school year participated in STAAR EOC assessments. Students in 10th and 11th grades during the 2011-2012 school year continue to be assessed under TAKS until they graduate.

Percent Passing STAAR, Grades 3-8 (2013)*

	HISD	State
Reading/ELA	70	76
Math	67	72
Writing	66	70
Science	67	74
Social Studies	57	63

*Percent scoring at or above Level II (Satisfactory), English & Spanish versions combined.

Percent Passing STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) (2013)*

	HISD	State
Algebra I	75	78
Geometry	82	86
Biology	82	85
World Geography	71	75
English I - Reading	59	65
English I - Writing	42	48
English II - Reading	71	78
English II - Writing	45	52

*Percent scoring at or above Level II (Satisfactory). Note: Results for shaded subjects not available now but will be phased in over the next three years.

Algebra II
Chemistry
Physics
World History
U.S. History
English III - Reading
English III - Writing

Percent of Students Grades 1-8 Performing at Grade Level, Stanford and Appenda Norm-Referenced Test (2012 and 2013)

	Reading	Math
2012	50	61
2013	48	60

Note: This percentage reflects those scoring at or above the 50th National Percentile Rank.

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ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT *(continued)*

SAT/ACT Results by Ethnicity (Class of 2012)

Ethnicity	% At or Above Criterion*	% Tested	SAT Mean	ACT Mean
African American	7.1	98.4	1171	17.8
Asian	55.5	—	1623	26.1
Hispanic	7.3	98.6	1194	19.0
White	55.6	—	1628	25.7

* The criterion is 1110 on the SAT critical reading and mathematics combined and 24 on the ACT composite.

Four-Year School Completion Rate (Class of 2012)*

Student Status	District	AA	A	H	W
% Graduated	81.7	79.9	92.3	80.4	90.2
% Received GED	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.5	1.9
% Continued HS	6.3	5.2	2.9	7.8	2.8
% Dropped Out	11.3	14.1	4.8	11.3	5.1

*State calculations with exclusions. Abbreviation Key: AA = African American, A = Asian, H = Hispanic, W = White

HISD 2012-2013 Accountability Snapshot 2012-2013 (New Model)**

Total Campuses Rated	268*
# Schools Meeting Standard	210*
% Schools Meeting Standard	78*
# Schools Requiring Improvement	58*
% Schools Requiring Improvement	22*

*Includes Paired Campuses

**AYP is now based on the state ratings and does not have a separate rating any more

PERSONNEL

HISD is among the largest employers in Houston, with 28,481 full- and part-time employees. Most HISD personnel are assigned to schools and deliver services directly to students on a day-to-day basis.

Employment as of January 21, 2014

Position	Number Employed
Total HISD Employee Count	28,481
Teachers	11,452
Principals	258
Assistant Principals/Deans	371
Counselors	139
Librarians	98
Nurses & Psychologists	264
Teaching Assistants/Clerks/Aides	2,979
Police Officers/Security Personnel	232

Teachers' Salaries (10 months) SY 13 - 14

Degree	Salary Range
Bachelor's Degree	\$46,805 - \$68,856
Master's Degree	\$47,876 - \$72,360
Doctorate	\$48,948 - \$75,866

BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL PLANNING

General Fund Budgeted Sources of Revenue in 2013–2014

Source	Amount	%
Local	\$1,213,643,243	77.7
State	\$305,113,776	19.5
Other	\$38,260,550	2.4
Federal	\$5,752,233	0.4
Total General Fund Revenue	\$1,562,769,802	100.0

General Fund Budgeted Expenditures in 2013–2014

Item	Amount	%
Salaries	\$1,216,948,996	74.0
Contracted Services	\$200,253,438	12.2
Supplies and Materials	\$55,006,288	3.3
Other Operating Expenses	\$74,234,519	4.5
Debt Service	\$70,600	0.0
Capital Outlay	\$13,518,124	0.8
Other Uses	\$85,676,786	5.2
Total General Fund Expenditures*	\$1,645,708,751	100.0

*Excludes Medicaid and Food Services

General Fund Summary

Tax Rate Per \$100 of Value	\$1.1767*
Total Revenue	\$1,562,769,802
Total Revenue Per Pupil	\$7,416
Total Expenditures	\$1,645,708,751
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,810
Total Operating Expenditures Per Pupil	\$7,057

*Tax Rate as of the June 2013 Adopted Budget. The new tax rate of \$1.1867 was adopted in October 2013.

Per-pupil figures are based on an enrollment of 210,716 from the 2013–2014 PEIMS Fall Collection, Resubmission.

- Total taxable property value: \$119,778,272,772 (Adopted Budget 2013–2014)
- Homestead tax exemption: \$15,000 + 20% of assessed value; additional exemption of \$15,000 for homeowners age 65 or older

Thanks to exceptional fiscal management, HISD has the lowest property tax rate of the Harris County school districts and the 2nd lowest property tax rate of the 13 largest Texas school districts.

For detailed information about the district's finances, visit the Budgeting and Financial Planning Web site.

SOURCES

Demographic Data: TEA Public Education Information Management System

Academic Achievement Data: TEA 2012-2013 AEIS Report and HISD Department of Research and Accountability

Personnel Data: HISD Office of Human Resources

Finance Data: HISD Department of Budgeting and Financial Planning, 2013–2014 Adopted Budget

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



2013–2014 FACTS AND FIGURES

FastFacts *(continued)*

Voters in 2012 approved a \$1.89 billion school construction bond—the largest in the history of Texas—by an amazing 69 percent margin.

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