

# Basic Facts 2007-2008



*A Passion  
for Success*





### ***Vision Statement***

“The Irving ISD shall be recognized as the premier provider of educational services that meets the needs of every student.”

### ***Mission Statement***

“The Irving ISD, in partnership with families and the community, resolves to meet the needs of students and to cultivate the skills of learning, thinking and communicating.”



The Irving Independent School District offers students a challenging education with many opportunities to succeed. Dedicated teachers are infusing today's learners with the passion and ability to become tomorrow's leaders. A well-planned instructional program gives students from all cultural, economic and educational backgrounds opportunities to experience the thrill of achievement ... and develop a passion for success.

## **Students**

### **Attendance**

Age requirements to attend IISD elementary schools:  
*Prekindergarten:* Four years old on or before Sept. 1 (Pre-kindergarten students must also be limited English proficient or below the economic subsistence level or military dependents.)

*Kindergarten:* Five years old on or before Sept. 1

*First Grade:* Six years old on or before Sept. 1, or enrolled in the first grade, or completed kindergarten, in the public schools of another state prior to transferring to the District.

Students attend schools in the attendance area where their parents reside. For information regarding which school a student should attend, contact the closest school principal's office or the Public Information Department at 972-215-5200.

### **Peak Enrollment**

2007-2008 ..... 33,189

### **Ethnic Distribution**

African American.....	12.27%
American Indian.....	3%
Asian.....	4.15%
Hispanic.....	67.28%
White.....	16.00%

### **Entrance Requirements**

Students enrolling in the IISD must provide a certified copy of birth certificate or passport, proof of residency, immunization records, report card from previous school, and Social Security card, if available.

Students entering IISD schools from other accredited schools are admitted at the level authorized by individual transcripts.

## ***Immunization Requirements***

Texas law requires immunizations for all students enrolled in schools.

### **PreKindergarten**

5 Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (4 if 1 received after age 4)

4 Polio\* (3 if 1 received after age 4)

1 Measles/Mumps/Rubella\*\*\* (1 after 1st Birthday)

1 HIB after 15 months (or 3 before 15 months)

3 Hepatitis B\*\*\*\*

1 Varicella\*\*\*\*\* (dose or history of Chicken Pox)

2 Hepatitis A

Pneumococcal Conjugate (4 if given before 15 months,  
2 if given between 12-24 months, 1 if given after 24  
months)

### **Kindergarten, First Grade**

4 Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus (1 after age 4)

3 Polio\* (1 after age 4)

2 Measles/Mumps/Rubella\*\*\* (2 after 1st Birthday)

3 Hepatitis B\*\*\*\*

1 Varicella\*\*\*\*\* (dose or history of Chicken Pox)

Second-Twelfth Grades

3 Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus\*\* (1 after age 4)

3 Polio\* (1 after age 4)

2 Measles/Mumps/Rubella\*\*\* (2 after 1st Birthday)

3 Hepatitis B\*\*\*\*

1 Varicella\*\*\*\*\* (dose or history of Chicken Pox)

\*Polio vaccine not required for persons age 18 or older

\*\*Tetanus/Diphtheria booster required 10 years after last DPT or DTaP

\*\*\*Serologic proof of immunity is acceptable in lieu of Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Chicken Pox vaccine

\*\*\*\*Serologic proof of immunity or serologic evidence of infection for Hepatitis B is acceptable in lieu of Hepatitis B vaccine

\*\*\*\*\*Varicella vaccine must be given after the first birthday

\*\*\*\*\*Two doses of Varicella vaccine if first dose is given on or after age 13

Exclusions from compliance are allowable on an individual basis as specified in Texas Education Code 2.09, Chapter 97. For further information, contact a school nurse.

## ***School Hours***

### **Early Childhood Schools**

Prekindergarten	7:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
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### **Elementary Schools**

Kindergarten-Grade 5	7:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
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### **Middle Schools**

Grades 6-8	8:15 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
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### **High Schools**

Grades 9-12	8:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
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### **The Academy of Irving ISD**

Grades 9-12	7:35 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.
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## ***Lunch Prices***

Elementary (Grades K-5) .....	\$.155
Secondary (Grades 6-8).....	\$.175
(Grades 9-12) .....	\$.185
Visitors .....	\$.250

## ***Transportation***

The State of Texas, through the Dallas County Schools, provides free bus transportation for students who reside two or more miles from their assigned schools. Please call your neighborhood school or the Dallas County Schools transportation supervisor at 972-313-4628 for bus route information.

## ***Uniforms***

Parents and staff at 31 IISD schools have chosen to require school uniforms. All early childhood, elementary and middle school students plus students attending selected learning centers wear uniforms. For more information, contact the schools.



# Accountability Ratings

## Texas Education Agency

The Texas Education Agency annually rates Texas public school districts and individual schools and then awards the following ratings: Exemplary, Recognized, Academically Acceptable or Academically Unacceptable.

The ratings are based upon student performance in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills tests during the 2006-2007 school year, school completion data for the class that graduated in 2006 (high school level) and dropout data (middle school level) from the 2005-2006 school year. Within each subject, test scores are evaluated in the following categories: all students, African-American, Hispanic, white, and economically disadvantaged.

<b>Irving Independent School District</b>	<b>Academically Acceptable</b>
Barton Elementary School .....	AA
Brandenburg Elementary School .....	AA
Britain Elementary School.....	AA
Brown Elementary School .....	AA
Davis Elementary School .....	AA
Elliott Elementary School.....	AA
Farine Elementary School .....	AA
Gilbert Elementary School.....	R
Good Elementary School.....	R
John Haley Elementary School .....	AA
Thomas Haley Elementary School.....	AA
Hanes Elementary School .....	R
Johnston Elementary School.....	AA
Keyes Elementary School .....	AA
Lee Elementary School.....	AA
Lively Elementary School .....	AA
Schulze Elementary School.....	AA
Townley Elementary School.....	AA
Townsell Elementary School .....	AA
Austin Middle School.....	R
Bowie Middle School .....	AA
Crockett Middle School .....	AA
de Zavala Middle School .....	AA
Houston Middle School .....	AA
Lamar Middle School.....	R
Travis Middle School .....	AA
Irving High School.....	AA
MacArthur High School.....	AA
Nimitz High School.....	AA
The Academy of IISD.....	AA

AA = Academically Acceptable R = Recognized

# Test Scores

## Texas Assessment of Knowledge & Skills (TAKS) 2006-2007

Percent Mastery

Grade	Reading /ELA	Math	Writing	Science	Social Studies	All Tests
3	88	71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
4	78	77	89	N/A	N/A	67
5	84	87	N/A	66	N/A	N/A
6	89	73	N/A	N/A	N/A	70
7	82	71	91	N/A	N/A	66
8	88	63	N/A	67	88	54
9	83	50	N/A	N/A	N/A	50
10	86	59	N/A	54	86	45
11	90	75	N/A	71	93	64

ELA = English Language Arts

N/A = Not Administered

## Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT)

Year	Math	Verbal	Total	Nation	Texas	IISD Tested
2006-2007	493	480	973	1017	999	48%
2005-2006	500	482	982	1021	997	42%
2004-2005	486	481	967	1028	995	44%



## National Merit Scholarship Competition

In order to participate in the National Merit Program, students take the Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test during their junior year.

### Scholars

2007-2008	To be announced in April/May 2008
2006-2007	1
2005-2006	3

### Finalists

2007-2008	To be announced in February 2008
2006-2007	1
2005-2006	4

### Semifinalists

2007-2008	8
2006-2007	1
2005-2006	4

### Commended

2007-2008	10
2006-2007	10
2005-2006	11

### Scholarships

Seniors in the Class of 2007 earned scholarships in the amount of \$31,850,240.

### College Attendance

Approximately 80% of the high school graduates attend technical school, two-year college, or four-year college or university.

### High School (9-12) Dropout Rate

2006-2007	IISD	Texas
	2.1%	4.3%



# ***Teaching & Learning***

The Irving ISD is committed to providing the best educational experience possible for every student. By offering a diverse curriculum, more than 33,000 students will have the opportunity to excel not only in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies, but also in a variety of other challenging and innovative courses designed to improve and extend learning. The following is a list of special features in the District.

## **Special Features**

- Advanced Placement Classes (8-12)
- After School Programs (selected campuses)
- Alternative High School of Choice
- Army, Marine & Navy JROTC (9-12)
- Athletics (7-12) including baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, gymnastics, ice hockey, soccer, softball, swimming/diving, tennis, track, volleyball and wrestling
- Bilingual Education in Spanish and Vietnamese (PK-5)
- Career & Technical Education (7-12)
- Career-Oriented Magnet School of Choice
- Character Education (6-12)
- Communities in Schools (6-12)
- Computer Instruction (PK-12)
- Credit by Examination (K-12)
- Distance Learning (K-12)
- Drug-Free Curriculum & Programs
- Dual Enrollment at North Lake College (11-12)
- Dyslexia Services
- Early College Program (11-12)
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (PK-12)
- Extended Day & Year Programs
- Extracurricular Activities such as cheerleading, drill team, high school newspapers and yearbooks, literary magazines, Student Council as well as subject and special interest clubs (secondary)
- Fifth Year Senior Options (non-graduates)
- Fine Arts such as art, band, choir, dance, debate, drama, music and orchestra (K-12)
- French, German, Latin & Spanish (secondary)
- Full-Day Kindergarten (all elementary schools)
- Gifted & Talented (1-12)
- Guidance & Counseling (PK-12)
- Hands-on and Lab-Based Science (PK-12)
- Hands-on Mathematics (6-12)
- Health Services (all schools)
- Honors Classes (6-12)

Intensive Literacy Lab (9-12)  
Internet connections (all schools)  
Kickstart Karate (6-8 selected schools)  
Language Development (UBCL)  
Laptop computers for all high school students  
Learning Resources Services  
Library with Certified Librarian (all schools)  
Natatorium for Swim Teams (9-12)  
Night School (9-12)  
Online Curriculum & Assessment  
Peer Assistance & Leadership (11-12)  
Planetarium Instruction  
Physical Education (K-12)  
Pre-AP Classes (6-12)  
Prekindergarten (four-year-olds who are limited English proficient and/or economically disadvantaged) offered at 3 schools  
PSAT and SAT preparation program and classes  
Reading Intervention – Reading Recovery, Descrubiendo la Lectura, Read Right and Read 180 (1-12)  
Regional School for the Deaf  
Secondary Reassignment Center (6-12)  
Special Education for Students with Disabilities (Ages 3-22)  
Speech, Language & Hearing Services  
Student Assistance Services  
Student Leadership  
Summer School Programs (K-12)  
Uniforms required at all schools except high schools  
Wheeler Development Center (K-5)



## ***Graduation Requirements***

**Grades 10, 11 & 12** – Effective for students entering 9th grade Fall 2006 or earlier

	<b>Recommended Diploma</b>	<b>Distinguished Achievement Diploma*</b>
English	4	4
Mathematics	3	4
Science	3	3
Social Studies	4	4
Physical Education	1.5	1.5
Health	.5	.5
Other Languages	2	3
Technology Applications	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Communication Applications	.5	.5
Electives	4.5	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>

\*Additional requirements of the Distinguished Achievement Diploma are (1) five of the credits must be earned in Honors/ Gifted & Talented/ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses, and (2) the completion of 4 advanced measures.

## ***Graduation Requirements***

**Grade 9** – Effective for students entering 9th grade Fall 2007 or later

	<b>Recommended Diploma</b>	<b>Distinguished Achievement Diploma*</b>
English	4	4
Mathematics	4	4
Science	4	4
Social Studies	4	4
Physical Education	1.5	1.5
Health	.5	.5
Other Languages	2	3
Technology Applications	1	1
Fine Arts	1	1
Communication Applications	.5	.5
Electives	3.5	2.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>

\*Additional requirements of the Distinguished Achievement Diploma are (1) five of the credits must be earned in Honors/ Gifted & Talented/ Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate courses, and (2) the completion of 4 advanced measures.

## **Grade Reports**

Grade reports are issued every six weeks during the school year. Progress reports are issued in the middle of each six weeks period.

## Staff

### Employees

Teachers .....	2,283
Other Professionals .....	472
Paraprofessional/Classified .....	1,439
<b>Total Employees .....</b>	<b>4,194</b>

### Teacher Salaries

Degree	Beginning	Maximum
Bachelor	\$44,000	\$63,033
Master	\$45,900	\$65,468
Doctorate	\$47,900	\$67,468

### Staff Development

IISD staff members participate in a year-round staff development program with extensive course offerings.

#### Percent of Professional Staff

with Advanced Degrees: ..... 33%

#### Average number of years

of teaching experience: ..... 8.9

### Student/Teacher Ratios

Early Childhood School Average .....	15.75/1
Elementary School Average .....	13.91/1
Middle School Average .....	14.63/1
High School Average .....	14.36/1

## Finance

IISD Tax Rate ..... \$1,3485 per \$100  
assessed valuation

Assessed Valuation ..... \$9,694,537,924

Operating Budget ..... \$217,525,492

#### Percentage of Operating Budget

for Instruction ..... 67%

Per Student Cost ..... \$ 6,557

(Operating Budget, Based on  
Projected Peak Enrollment)

Operating Fund Balance ..... \$ 56,456,057\*

#### Operating Fund Sources

Local ..... 46.6%

State ..... 53.2%

Federal ..... 2%

Bonded Indebtedness ..... \$ 406,068,582\*\*

Bond Ratings ..... Standard & Poor's "AA"  
Moody's Investors Service "Aa3"

\*Unaudited Balance as of 8/31/2007

\*\*Principal Balance Only

# **Schools**

## **Early Childhood Schools**

Clifton	3950 Pleasant Run	972-261-2800
Kinkeade	2333 Cameron Place	972-273-6500
Pierce	901 Britain	972-554-3700

## **Elementary Schools**

Barton	2931 Conflans	972-313-4100
Brandenburg	2800 Hillcrest	972-258-7100
Britain	631 Edmondson	972-554-3800
Brown	2501 W. Tenth	972-513-4000
Davis	310 Davis	972-313-4900
Elliott	1900 S. Story	972-313-4300
Farine	615 Metker	972-261-2700
Gilbert	1501 E. Pioneer	972-721-8400
Good	1200 E. Union Bower	972-721-3300
John Haley	1100 Schulze	972-273-6600
Thomas Haley	3601 Cheyenne	972-261-2500
Hanes	2730 Cheyenne	972-261-2900
Johnston	2801 Rutgers	972-659-7700
Keyes	1501 N. Britain	972-721-3400
Lee	1600 Carlisle	972-261-2600
Lively	1800 Plymouth	972-273-6700
Schulze	1200 S. Irving Heights	972-785-3500
Stipes	3100 Cross Timbers	972-986-4500
Townley	1030 Vilbig	972-273-6800
Townsell	3700 Pleasant Run	972-215-5500

## **Middle Schools**

Austin	825 E. Union Bower	972-721-3100
Bowie	600 E. Sixth	972-721-3000
Crockett	2431 Hancock	972-313-4700
de Zavala	707 W. Pioneer	972-273-8900
Houston	3033 W. Country Club	972-261-2300
Lamar	219 Crandall	972-313-4400
Travis	1600 Finley	972-261-2400

## **High Schools**

Irving	900 O'Connor	972-273-8300
MacArthur	3700 N. MacArthur	972-261-2100
Nimitz	100 W. Oakdale	972-273-8600
The Academy of IISD	4601 N. MacArthur	972-258-5300

## **Special Schools**

Elementary Development Center	1600 E. Shady Grove	972-721-3280
Wheeler Transitional Center	1600 E. Shady Grove	972-554-3750
Rattreee Career Development Center	2121 S. MacArthur	972-313-4800
Regional School for the Deaf	631 Edmondson	972-554-3880
Secondary Reassignment Center	3207 W. Pioneer	972-313-4600
Union Bower Center for Learning	101 E. Union Bower	972-273-6180

## ***Facilities***

Students attend classes in air-conditioned schools complete with cafeterias, libraries and gymnasiums. Several buildings have received national attention for their design.

IISD voters approved a \$249.5 million bond program in October 2001. These funds are being used to provide for new construction to accommodate enrollment growth, to renovate existing schools/other facilities, to provide additional technology for instruction and support services, to improve disabled access, and to update heating, ventilation and air conditioning.

## ***Accreditation***

IISD schools are accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the high schools are also accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools.

## ***Board of Trustees***

Michael Hill, President  
Nita Patrick, Vice President  
Valerie Jones, Secretary  
Barbara Cardwell  
Jerry Christian  
Ronda Huffstetler  
Randy Stipes

School Board meetings are scheduled on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 2621 W. Airport Freeway. Work sessions are also held at noon on the first and third Mondays at the same location. The meetings are open to the public.

## ***Additional Information***

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The Irving Independent School District is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of age, national origin, race, sex, color, religion, disability or against any other legally protected group.

## *Central Administrative Staff*

Jack Singley, Superintendent of Schools

Neil Dugger, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent for Personnel & Administration

Marie Morris, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent for Teaching & Learning

Debbie Cabrera, CPA, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance

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