



# Arlington

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*More Than a Remarkable Education*

## About the Arlington ISD

- Nearly 64,000 students are enrolled in the Arlington ISD.
- The AISD is the ninth-largest school district in Texas.
- The AISD is the largest employer in Arlington and the third largest in Tarrant County, with a staff of more than 8,000.
- Fifty-two percent of secondary students are enrolled in the career and technical education program.
- Elementary and secondary students identified for gifted and talented services are assured an array of learning opportunities during the school day and through co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Grade appropriate research skills are incorporated in the curriculum through open-ended assignments, providing a continuum of learning experiences that lead to the development of advanced-level products and/or performances.
- The AISD currently offers the **International Baccalaureate World School Programme** at Arlington, Bowie, Lamar and Sam Houston high schools. The AISD plans to offer the program in all high schools in the future.
- Students have the opportunity to graduate with 30 or more college credits through the district's **Advanced Placement** program; that's the equivalent of one full year of college study. The Advanced Placement curricula include courses in English, math, science, social studies, music theory, art and foreign languages.
- The AISD and Tarrant County College offer **dual-credit** choices at each high school. The district covers tuition costs and books for students who take advantage of this on-site opportunity. Students pay a \$50 fee per course. This program was the first of its kind in this area.
- The AISD and Texas Christian University teamed up to strengthen the area's future **nursing** professionals. Qualifying AISD students are now guaranteed admission status to TCU and the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences.
- The AISD is home to an award-winning and acclaimed special education program that focuses on academic success as well as the development of life skills.
- The AISD is home to **22** National Merit, National Achievement and National Hispanic Scholars.

### Fine arts

- In 2011 our fine arts program was named one of the *Best Communities for Music Education* for the eighth consecutive year.
- Thirty students were selected for the All-State Band, Choir and Orchestra.
- There are 42,000 students enrolled in fine arts classes throughout the district.
- The Martin High School Symphony Orchestra has advanced to the finals in the Texas Music Educators Association Honor Orchestra competition.

### Athletics

- During the 2010-2011 school year the AISD achieved the following:
  - Four high schools advanced to football playoffs; one high school advanced to regionals.
  - Five high schools advanced to the volleyball playoffs; two teams advanced to the regional semifinals.
  - Six soccer teams advanced to the playoffs; two teams advanced to the regional semifinals.
  - Six high schools had students who competed in the state wrestling tournament; two students won state championships.
  - In track, athletes from all six schools advanced to regionals; six students won state championships.
  - Four high schools advanced to regionals in swimming.
  - Two high schools advanced to state in gymnastics; one gymnast advanced to the national high school meet.
  - One high school team won the American Cheerleaders Association and National Cheerleaders Association National Championship in the large coed novice division.
  - Seven basketball teams advanced to the playoffs; one team advanced to the regional semifinals.
  - Two teams advanced in baseball playoffs; one team advanced to area.

### Our teachers

- Average teacher salary: \$52,425
- Beginning teacher salary: \$45,876

### Financial facts\*

- Budget: \$426,825,153
- Tax rate: **\$1.3055** per \$100 of assessed value
- About **46 percent** of our revenue comes from property taxes
- Operating expenditures per student (general fund): **\$6,591**
- Percent of budget spent on instruction: **68.6 percent**
- Percent of budget spent on payroll: **88.4 percent**
- Percent of budget spent on central administration: **1.4 percent**, compared to the state average of 3.6 percent

\* This year the AISD is transitioning to a new fiscal year and will only have a 10-month budget. These figures are based on a 12-month budget for comparison purposes. The 10-month figures are available online.