

College & Career Readiness Initiatives

- Texas Literacy Initiative Grant The program is designed to improve school readiness and success in the areas of language and literacy for disadvantaged students birth through grade 12. The AISD was the largest district in north Texas to receive the grant. The TLI grant is used to target students in the Bowie, Lamar and Sam Houston networks.
- World Languages After-School Clubs This program provides the opportunity for elementary students to acquire additional languages, increasing their awareness of other cultures, growing in the knowledge of the global society, and attaining a higher level of proficiency for college and career success.
- AVID Elementary The focus of AVID Elementary is to empower students by helping them build academic skills, individual determination and social adaptability. It is embedded in the daily instruction of all elementary classrooms across all grade levels to impact schoolwide structures. This program is being piloted in the Lamar High School network.
- Elementary UIL A⁺ As an after-school enrichment opportunity, grades 2 6 may participate in UIL A⁺ in 15 academic contests varying for each grade level.
- Career, Technical and Higher Education Investigations[©] course Provides eighth-grade students with the opportunities to actively investigate their options for the upcoming years in high school and beyond. The overall goal of the course is to prepare our students to excel in higher education or the career of their choice. Students will complete six-year plans while in the course and will hear from community speakers and work with community advisers.
- Early College High School This partnership with Tarrant County College established an early college high school on the TCC Southeast campus, which opened in August 2014. Early college high school is a designation through the Texas Education Agency. These schools are innovative high schools located on or near a college campus that allow students who likely would not otherwise consider attending college an opportunity to earn a high school diploma and up to 60 college credit hours simultaneously.
- STEM Academy The Arlington ISD partnered with The University of Texas at Arlington for a new STEM Academy science, technology, engineering and math that opened in August 2015 at Martin High School with a cohort of 118 ninth graders from across the district. Students have the opportunity to earn high school and college credits along four pathways engineering, biology/biomedical science, computer science and math/science.
- Expansion of technical dual credit The career and technical education department partnered with Tarrant County College to create new certificate of completion dual-credit programs, including accounting assistant, automotive engine analysis, automotive metal repair, business, computer-aided drafting, computer maintenance, culinary arts, gaming and simulation programming, HVAC and refrigeration, and welding.
- AISD Fire Academy The AISD Fire Academy is designed to prepare students for an entry-level position in
 firefighting. During the two-year, dual-credit program, students gain the academic knowledge and develop the
 specialized skills required to work in the field of fire service. It is a partnership between the AISD, Arlington
 Fire Department and Tarrant County College.
- AISD Police Academy High school students considering a law enforcement career can earn credit toward a criminal justice degree and participate in early police training through a new program backed by the Arlington Police Department, the Arlington Independent School District and UT Arlington.
- Bound for Success This early admissions initiative is aimed at increasing the number of high achieving high school scholars who ultimately earn a college degree. The collaborative program with the University of Texas at Arlington identifies high school students ranked in the top 20 percent of their class at the end of their sophomore year based on the student's academic achievements for pre-admittance to UT Arlington, contingent on completing the requirements for high school graduation.
- Eagle Advantage This partnership is a guaranteed early-admission program for high-achieving high school juniors that will help these students earn a college degree. High school juniors who rank in the top 20 percent of their class will earn guaranteed admission to UNT. Each high school involved in the Eagle Advantage program will receive a \$1,000 renewable scholarship to award to one junior who is a part of Eagle Advantage.