

Have You Heard? Excellence in Academics

- GCISD Graduation Rate = 96.4% (Class of 2014)
- Record number 18 National Merit Scholarship Finalists, 2014-2015
- 38 National Merit Commended Scholars, 2014-2015
- Three National Hispanic Recognition Scholars
- Two National Achievement Scholarship Program recipients
- Students Earn Perfect Scores: 4 ACT, 1 SAT and 1 PSAT
- Average AP exam score = 2.96 compared to state average of 2.48, national average of 2.82 and global average of 2.84
- Increased in participation in middle school advanced academics
- GCISD schools consistently named by the National Center for Educational Achievement to the list of Higher Performing Schools
- First Place Project Award for Robotics Competition (Cannon)
- Academic UIL state champions
- 2014 Area Spelling Bee champion (CTMS)
- Teams place 2nd & 3rd at International Future Problem Solving Competition
- 2015 Destination Imagination Global Qualifier (Glenhope)
- Nationally Ranked (70th out of 7,000) Speech & Debate Team (GHS)
- TECC student earns Floral Design Certification
- UIL State Champion in Math and Journalism events (GHS)
- GCISD Transition Students create a memo pad business
- #GCISD25
- Three middle school students advance to State Geography Bee



Have You Heard? Excellence in Teaching

- Two teachers named Outstanding Educator Finalists in 2014 Texas PTA Awards Program (Leigh Ballard and Gerald Brown)
- Region IV Administrator of the Year for Career & Technology Education (2015 Rick Bracy)
- 100% Highly Qualified teaching staff according to federal standards
- Average Years' Experience of Teachers = 13
- Teachers with Advanced Degrees = 34.3%
- 200+ classrooms transformed into digital classrooms
- GCISD Director of Science & Instructional Technology earned the K-12 Excellence in Digital Leadership Award
- TRC-Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation Teaching Excellence Award (Elizabeth Pauley, 2015, Math)
- Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) (CTMS Counselors, 2015)
- Region 11 Elementary Teacher of the Year (2014, Cindy Pearson)
- Teacher selected to be State AP Advocate (Dianna Trang, GHS)
- Teacher named to the National Speech and Debate Association Hall of Fame (Jane Boyd, GHS, 2015)



Have You Heard? Excellence in Activities



- 2014-2015 State Champions: Wrestling, Cross Country, Pole Vaulting and Tennis
- All State Athlete (Basketball, GHS)
- 2014 National Young Entrepreneurs Academy Competition runner-up
- 17 students (18 art pieces) compete at state in Visual Arts Scholastic Event (CHHS, GHS)
- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education Award (3 consecutive years)
- Eight students competing at state in PTA Reflections Art Contest
- District championships, GCISD Swim & Dive Team
- Five students selected for All-State Band or Choir
- Student athletes signed to colleges/universities across nation
- CHHS senior awarded Volleyball Player of the Year Title by Dallas Morning News
- GHS Finished 3rd in State Lone Star Cup
- GCISD Orchestra earned Grand Champion Trophy
- CHHS Cheer earns American School Spirit Award

Have You Heard?

Excellence in Community

- Celebrate Texas Public Schools Week
- Education Foundation
- CONNECT - Back to School Fair, Mentoring through Big Brothers, Big Sisters
- Partnerships with Chambers of Commerce, Cities, Parks and Recreation groups
- Fund-raisers and charity drives for various groups including Pennies for Patients, Habitat for Humanity, Santa Cops, other special causes
- Grapevine Parade of Lights
- Veterans Day programs
- Citizenship projects to benefit soldiers
- Student initiatives including "Homecoming" and "Walk for Water"
- Many volunteer opportunities
- Support local relief agencies
- Held first-ever GCISD Kindness Day

