

Dallas ISD

The Dallas Independent School District sits in the heart of a large, diverse and dynamic region with a metropolitan population of 6.5 million people in the 12 counties in North Central Texas. Dallas ISD comprises 384 square miles and encompasses the cities of Dallas, Cockrell Hill, Seagoville, Addison, Wilmer and parts of Carrollton, Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Garland, Grand Prairie, Highland Park, Hutchins, Lancaster and Mesquite. The district is the second-largest public school district in the state, and the 14th-largest district in the nation.

The school district serves approximately 159,000 students in pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade, in 228 schools, employing nearly 20,000 dedicated professionals. Dallas ISD has seen continual gains in student achievement, and strives to help ensure the success of every student. Upon graduation, more district graduates are college and career ready, primed to be productive, contributing members to the community.

Voters approved a \$1.4 billion construction program in 2015 to upgrade, renovate and expand many existing facilities as well as build new schools. The goal is to provide more effective learning environments that are safe, welcoming and energy-efficient.

Dr. Michael Hinojosa returned to Dallas Independent School District for his second term as superintendent in 2015. He has served six public education systems during his more than 22 years as a superintendent/CEO, including two of the 25 largest school systems in America – Dallas ISD in Texas, and the Cobb County School District in suburban Atlanta, Georgia. His career in public education, from teacher and coach to superintendent/CEO, spans more than three decades. Based on his firm belief that education, and not environment, is the key to a student's success, Dr. Hinojosa has led several school districts to improved student achievement.

His track record of improving student achievement in urban school districts has garnered awards and recognition. In 2002, he was named Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards, and in 2005, he was selected Superintendent of the Year by the University of Texas at Austin. The College of Education at Texas Tech University honored him as Distinguished Alumnus. A past president of the Texas Association of School Administrators, Dr. Hinojosa has also been named Outstanding Latino Educator by the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

A proud graduate of the Dallas Independent School District, Dr. Hinojosa holds a doctorate in education from the University of Texas at Austin. He and wife Kitty have two sons, graduates of Princeton University and Harvard University. His son from a previous marriage graduated from Texas Tech University. All three attended Dallas ISD for a significant portion of their K-12 education.

A statement from Dr. Hinojosa regarding the Texas Urban Council:

“There has never been a more critical time for the leadership of the large, urban school districts in Texas to work together. The strength of the Council lies in creating one voice around shared interests. In addition, the benefits include being able to share best practices, and to provide support to one another within the same context.”