

Fort Worth ISD

With over 86,000 students in 83 elementary schools, 29 middle schools and 6th grade centers, 18 high schools and 16 other campuses, Fort Worth ISD enjoys a diverse student population and strong community partnerships. Under the leadership of the superintendent and the Board of Education, the District is undergoing a series of initiatives that will redesign, transform, and revitalize Fort Worth ISD Schools.

Dr. Kent Paredes Scribner is superintendent of the Fort Worth Independent School District, where he serves more than 87,000 students and 11,000 employees.

The Fort Worth ISD Board of Education brought Dr. Scribner to the District in October 2015, and he immediately began laying the groundwork for system-wide improvement and for fulfilling their mission. “Preparing all students for success in college, career, and community leadership.”

Dr. Scribner reduced executive administration and other central office positions to better support teachers and students by redirecting those resources to schools. Also, in the last year:

- The District placed a renewed emphasis on universal pre-kindergarten, which impacts elementary literacy and success in all subjects for years to come.
- Fort Worth ISD broke ground on the I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and Visual and Performing Arts, a learning center for students interested in engineering and computer science careers and for students wanting to advance in dance, music, theater, or visual arts.
- In his first year, college scholarships grew by 40 percent to more than \$50 million. This amount is projected to grow even more significantly as the District increases efforts to make sure students and their families know about scholarship opportunities.
- Scribner, together with Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price and BNSF Chairman Matt Rose, 100X25-FWTX, an early literacy goal for the District to have 100 percent of third-grade students reading at grade level by the year 2025. This unprecedented effort includes the mayor, the city’s business sector, higher education, non-profit organizations, philanthropic and faith leaders.

The son of college professors, Dr. Scribner began his career in education as a high school Spanish teacher and guidance counselor in Philadelphia, then became a principal and district administrator prior to serving as a superintendent in Phoenix for 13 years.

Dr. Scribner was born in Los Angeles. His mother is from Veracruz, Mexico, and is retired professor emeritus in special education at Texas State University in San Marcos. His father is from Seal Harbor, Maine, and a retired professor from UT-Austin in Policy and Planning.

Dr. Scribner earned his Bachelor of Arts in Latin American Studies from Carleton College in Minnesota and his Master of Education in Counseling Psychology from Temple University in Pennsylvania. He earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies from Arizona State University.

Together, he and his wife Suleyka, have four children.