

# ALAMO HEIGHTS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY



Alamo Heights ISD is committed to providing a rich, comprehensive experience for children in grades PK-12 that cultivates a love of learning, develops strong character and prioritizes leadership development. Students in AHISD are engaged in learning that focuses on their interests, talents and passions. Classroom experiences are relevant, rigorous and inspiring. What makes the AHISD experience remarkable?

**RICH CURRICULUM:** The curriculum is designed to cover major concepts with depth and complexity that prepares students for college and the 21st Century.

**STUDENT ENGAGEMENT:** While much of the nation focuses on teaching to state tests, the focus in AHISD is on designing quality learning experiences. No other school focuses more on engaging students in active learning experiences. All teachers are extensively trained in a collaborative design process that results in lessons that engage and inspire students.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** The district recently completed 49 initiatives from a strategic plan that was written collaboratively by our community. This very ambitious plan has positively transformed student learning experiences.

**DIVERSE COURSE OFFERINGS:** Our students have the opportunity to take an amazing array and variety of courses, including 24 AP courses. There have been 19 courses added at AHHS based on student interests, some of which include Rocketry, Video Game Design, Astronomy, Digital Animation, Forensic Science, Yoga, CrossFit, Classical Guitar and Piano.

**COLLEGE READINESS:** Our students are very well-prepared for college. With 93% of graduates going to college, AHISD has more students than ever participating in AP courses and earning college credit hours. ACT scores in 2014 tied the record high set in 2013, and scores have steadily increased for the past seven years.

**CHARACTER EDUCATION:** Our Character Education program shapes and molds our students into outstanding young people who demonstrate integrity, kindness, humility and leadership. The district uses the 8 Keys of Excellence in grades PK-12, and incorporates character education into the daily curriculum.

**STUDENT VOICE:** As a learning organization, we are always seeking feedback and input, recognizing that in order to constantly grow, we need to amplify student voice in a variety of contexts, including regular course surveys, focus groups and luncheon meetings.

**EXTRACURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES:** Our students are involved in school! With an extraordinary array of quality offerings, all students can pursue their talents and interests. Extracurricular activities are regularly ranked in the Top 10 in Texas (UIL Lone Star Cup).



**93%**  
**COLLEGE BOUND**

Over the past several years, Alamo Heights SAT & ACT scores have increased significantly in spite of the fact that almost twice as many students take the tests today. In 2013 & 2014, ACT scores were the highest in district history. Colleges and universities know the reputation of AHISD, which gives our graduates a competitive edge in the admission process.

## SAT SCORES

**1,645 / 1,497**  
AHISD AVG NATIONAL AVG

## ACT SCORES

**24.7 / 21.0**  
AHISD AVG NATIONAL AVG



## Our Mission

The Alamo Heights Independent School District, the heart of our community whose passion is excellence, will educate and empower every student to excel academically and as a confident, compassionate citizen with impeccable character and a global perspective through engaging, personally challenging, and relevant experiences that inspire learning for life.

## BRAGGING RIGHTS

- Top 1% of High Schools in the U.S. (*Newsweek Magazine*)
- Top 5 School District in Texas, H-E-B Excellence in Education Award
- Top 10 School District in Texas (out of 1,024) (*niche.com*)
- Top School District in the Region, (*San Antonio Express-News Reader's Choice Award*)
- AH Junior School earned an A as one of the Best Public Middle Schools, Best Academics & Most Diverse Schools in area, state, and nation (*niche.com*)
- Woodridge & Cambridge both named Top 7 Elementary Schools in Region out of several hundred schools (*niche.com*)
- Spanish Immersion, Dual Language, Gifted/Talented, and Special Education Programs considered among the best in the region



## AHISD TEACHERS

Average Years of Experience for Teachers **14.1**

**53%** Teachers Who Hold Advanced Degrees

## A STRONG COMMUNITY & PARENT SUPPORT

Parental involvement is key to student success. AHISD is fortunate to have amazing parental involvement that places a high value on education. As part of its commitment, the Alamo Heights School Foundation, Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO's), and numerous booster clubs raise approximately \$1 million dollars annually to support educational and extracurricular programs.

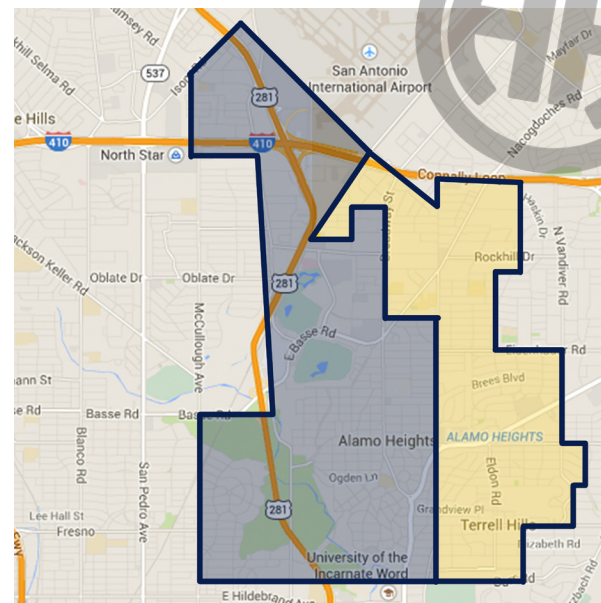


For information about registration, tuition or to schedule a school tour, scan the QR code or contact our Communications Office at 210-804-7564.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION

Percent of high school students who participated in at least one extracurricular activity or club in 2014:

# 95%



Geographically, AHISD is one of the smallest school districts in the state, covering only 9.4 square miles. The district serves students from the communities of Alamo Heights, Terrell Hills, Olmos Park, and a portion of North San Antonio.

SCAN QR CODE  
TO SEE SCHOOL ZONES



## HOW TO REACH US

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