

At Home. In Business.

## fact sheet

## **Local Higher Education**

HEB is centrally located to the following Accredited Universities:

- Brown Mackie College www.brownmackie.edu/dallas
- Dallas Baptist University www.dbu.edu/tarrant
- LeTourneau University www.letourneau.edu
- Southern Methodist University www.smu.edu
- Tarrant County College, Northeast www.tccd.net
- Texas Christian University www.tcu.edu
- Texas Wesleyan University www.txwesleyan.edu
- University of Dallas www.udallas.edu
- University of North Texas www.unt.edu
- University of Texas at Arlington www.uta.edu
- University of Texas Fort Worth Center www.uta.edu/fortworth
- University of Texas at Dallas www.utdallas.edu

## **Education**

## **HEB Independent School District**

The HEB Independent School District is consistently awarded the National School Match "What Parent's Want" Award which places the district in the top 15% of school systems nationwide. Here's why:

- L.D. Bell and Trinity High schools offer the prestigious International Bacclaureate diploma program, a rigorous pre-university course of study to prepare students for competition in a global economy. Students entering a Texas state university with an IB diploma will receive a minimum of 24 hours of course credit. Most IB diploma recipients enter college as sophomores, but some have earned more than 50 hours of course credit before they begin their first semester.
- HEB ISD offers Spanish Immersion, where students in first through sixth grade take their core subjects in Spanish, so they are fluent in a second language when they begin junior high school.
- The district has over 300 elementary students in its Suzuki Strings program, offered at six elementary schools. Many of those students later join the award-winning secondary orchestra, offered at Central Junior High School and L.D. Bell High School.
- HEB ISD offers the Core Knowledge humanities curriculum in all 19 elementary schools and two junior high schools. Created by Dr. E.D. Hirsch, Jr. Core Knowledge teaches "a body of lasting knowledge that should form the core of a Preschool-Grade 8 curriculum." Two elementary schools Hurst Hills and Willshire, are official Core Knowledge visitation sites and models for other schools interested in offering the curriculum.
- In order to prepare for college entrance and for careers in a global marketplace, HEB ISD offers Arabic, Hindi and Mandarin Chinese languages beginning in junior high as part of the district's International Business Initiative.
- For 2011-2012, HEB ISD is rated Recognized by the Texas Education Agency. The district has 15 campuses that are "Recognized" and nine campuses that are "Exemplary."
- The HEB ISD has a strong parent and community support base with nearly 10,000 parents holding membership in the Parent Teacher Association and more than 5,500 volunteers.