

# Education

## 2017 Fact Sheet

**The HEB community is located near several accredited colleges and universities:**

**Dallas Baptist University**  
dbu.edu/tarrant

**Southern Methodist University**  
smu.edu

**Tarrant County College, Northeast Campus**  
tccd.net

**Texas Christian University**  
tcu.edu

**Texas Wesleyan University**  
txwesleyan.edu

**University of Dallas**  
udallas.edu

**University of North Texas**  
unt.edu

**University of Texas at Arlington**  
uta.edu

**University of Texas Fort Worth Center**  
uta.edu/fortworth

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The Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD is consistently awarded the National School Match “What Parents Want” Award, which places the district in the top **15 percent** of school systems nationwide. Here’s why:

- The Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD was rated the **No. 1 school district** in Texas by the Education Resource Group eight of the last nine years. The mission of HEB ISD is to continue its proud tradition of excellence as a diverse, high-performing organization committed to ensuring each student is empowered today to excel tomorrow.
- HEB ISD offers several **Schools of Choice** options, such as Spanish Immersion, Suzuki Strings, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), and the World Languages program in which HEB ISD offers students the unique academic challenge to learn Arabic, Hindi, or Mandarin Chinese beginning as early as the first grade.
- Through the **Spanish Immersion program**, students in first through sixth grade take their core subjects in Spanish, so they can continue to pursue Spanish in secondary school. Many students who learn a second language will also enroll to learn a third language.
- HEB ISD also has partner schools in China, India, and Morocco, so students can travel abroad and use their language skills.
- L.D. Bell and Trinity high schools offer the prestigious **International Baccalaureate diploma program**, a rigorous pre-university course of study to prepare students for competition in a global economy. Some students have earned more than 70 hours of course credit before they begin their first semester, and many IB diploma recipients **enter college as sophomores**.
- **Core Knowledge Pre-K** is offered at several elementary schools. The program provides a detailed outline of knowledge and competencies children need to build a solid, coherent foundation for later learning. The instruction integrates music, art and varied genres of literature.
- The district has more than 400 elementary students in its **Suzuki Strings** program, offered at eight 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.
- For the 10th consecutive year, the HEB ISD has been named to the NAMM Foundation “**Best Communities for Music Education**.” The Foundation seeks to celebrate and recognize innovative and resourceful music education programs in the United States, and those schools and communities that support them.
- HEB ISD strives to involve and engage the community through programs such as Adopt-A-School, VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools), and the ENCORE pass for senior citizens.