



Education

The education system that serves Hillsboro ranges from pre-schools for very young children, through workforce training and associate degrees for adults, with major colleges and universities within an hour's drive for advanced degrees. Quality and comprehensiveness are distinguishing characteristics that make this such an attractive environment for residents and businesses. The public school system is "Recognized" by the Texas Education Agency.



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For assistance with business expansion or relocation, contact:

City of Hillsboro
Economic Development Director
254-582-5776 (direct)
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Early Childhood Education Options

Pre-Schools include:

- First Baptist Church School (4yr Pre-K)
- Hillsboro Head Start (for 3 year olds, staffed by Hillsboro ISD teachers)
- Tammy's Learning Center

Day care centers include:

- Little Angels Day Care (at Grace City Church)
- Mills Daycare
- Rebecca's Country Day Care, Inc.

Parents Day Out:

- First Baptist Church
- Wesley Academy (at First United Methodist Church)

Public School System (Pre K-12)

Hillsboro Independent School District (HISD)

HISD offers parents and students all the benefits of small town life plus an innovative educational environment that provides each child with the opportunity to succeed. Its groundbreaking programs are making waves across the state with improving test scores, increasing graduation rates and an overall sense of community pride in the district's accomplishments over the past several years. The district is Recognized by the state of Texas for educational excellence.

Subject	Percent Passing Without Projection Measures	Percent Passing With Projection Measures
Reading/English Language Arts	89%	94%
Writing	88%	99%
Social Studies	98%	99%
Mathematics	86%	92%

ENROLLMENT

HISD has grown to 3-A status and provides a first-rate education for nearly 2,000 students on five regular campuses. Its diverse population allows children to experience and appreciate the heritages of many cultures. In addition to receiving quality instruction, students can participate in a wide range of extracurricular activities including athletics, the performing arts, service organizations and academic competition.

Campus	Student Enrollment By Campus 2009-2010: Programs	No. of Students
Franklin Elementary	School readiness instruction for pre-school aged children	214
Hillsboro Elementary	Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd	447
Hillsboro Intermediate	3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade	592

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Hillsboro Junior High	7th and 8th grade	235
Hillsboro High	9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade (includes Eagle Academy which assists students who are struggling with academic and personal challenges)	457

District Programs

- Computer literacy training
- Computer resource labs in each school library
- Gifted/talented program
- Honors classes
- Pre-advanced placement and advanced placement courses
- Payment of PSAT or SAT test fee for high school students
- Junior High vocational training linked to High School program
- High School vocational training emphasizing wood and metal shop and small engine repair
- Agricultural education program
- Cooperative half-day education/half-day work experience program
- Accelerated College Entry (ACE) program at Hill College allowing high school students to receive college credits
- Alternative education program
- Community parenting program

Teachers

The district’s average class size is better than state and national averages with 19 students in the average class at the elementary level and 16 students in the average class at the secondary level. HISD’s 145 teachers possess an average of nine plus years of experience as professional educators, and all possess Bachelor’s degrees and the required state certification. Several hold Master’s degrees and have earned specialized certifications to equip them for specific fields of instruction. More than 40 educational aides support teachers in the classrooms.

Hillsboro High School Class of 2010

- 98 graduates
- 10 Distinguished Achievement Plan Graduates
- 4 Distinguished Candidates
- 60 Recommended Plan Graduates
- 36 Honor Graduates---final GPA was a 3.0 or higher
- 28 National Honor Society members

SCHOOL BUDGET 2010-2011

	Revenue	
Total		\$ 17,551,888
Local and Intermediate Sources		\$ 7,773,218
State Program Revenues		\$ 9,084,670

	Expenditures	
Instruction		63 %

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Administration	4 %
Maintenance	22 %
All other	11 %

Per Pupil Expenditures: \$ 9,237

The newly created Education Foundation raises much needed additional funding to support innovative educational strategies and other important district needs. In its first year, the Foundation distributed several grants to teachers to implement special classroom projects, and it supported the top 10 percent graduating seniors of 2010 with a recognition event and netbook computers for college.

For more information about Hillsboro ISD, call the administration office at (254) 582-8585 or visit www.hillsboroisd.org.

Adult Education

Hill College

Based in Hillsboro, Hill College is a comprehensive residential community college serving Hill County and the surrounding region. Established in Hillsboro in 1921 and enrolling its first students in 1923, it has grown to include a large Cleburne campus and centers in Burleson, Glen Rose, and Meridian. Fall 2010 enrollment for all campuses and centers was 4,442, with 980 at the Hillsboro campus.

Through its dual-enrollment program, qualified high school students can enroll in Hill College while still in high school, allowing those students to complete college credits before they graduate.

Through Hill College's alliance with the University Center, students desiring to seek 4-year degrees can transition seamlessly to enrollment at 10 Texas universities. Hill College also partners with Bellevue University, which offers bachelor's degrees in a completely on-line format.

Through their Corporate Training Program, Hill College can customize classes to meet a particular business or industry need. Classes can be held on campus or off-site.

For information on Hill College, visit www.hillcollege.edu or call (254) 659-7500.
For information on the Continuing Education and Corporate Training program, call (817) 641-9887, ext. 284.

Texas State Technical College in Waco

TSTCs' nationally recognized Waco campus is about a 30 minute drive from Hillsboro. The system specializes in vocational and technical education as well as several areas of academic programs structured to transfer into four-year colleges and universities. For Information on Texas State Technical College, call 1-800-792-8784 or their website www.waco.tstc.edu/

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TSTC has a 40 year history of partnerships providing the training and “hands on” experience to help industry keep up with high tech challenges. For additional information on Workforce Development contact TSTC 254-867-4844.

Students with various scheduling conflicts can achieve their goals for accredited course work through TSTC’s Distance Learning Program. Continuing Education courses offered through TSTC www.wacocontinuingeducation@tsts.edu provide professionals with required CEU for their specific occupation and others the leisure pursuit of interest and hobbies.

The Heart of Texas Workforce Center, also located in Hillsboro, offers certain types of training for teenage and adult workers, along with the services it provides to employers needing assistance with workforce recruiting, screening, and pre-employment testing. Visit their web site at www.hotworkforce.com.

Area Colleges and Universities

Colleges and universities within an hour’s drive of Hillsboro include:

Baylor University – Waco	Dallas County Community College
Dallas Baptist University Hill College – Hillsboro	McLennan County Community College – Waco
North Central Texas College	Southern Methodist University – Dallas
Tarleton State University – Stephenville	Tarrant County Community College
Texas Christian University – Fort Worth	Texas A&M Health Center/Baylor College of Dentistry – Dallas
Texas Wesleyan College – Fort Worth and Burleson	University of Dallas
University of North Texas at Dallas	University of Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth
University of Texas at Arlington	University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
University of Texas at Dallas	

Trade/Vocational Schools

Schools within an hour’s drive of Hillsboro include:

Art Institute – Dallas	New Horizon CPC – Dallas/Fort Worth
DeVry University – Dallas	Remington College - Dallas
ITT Technical Institute – Arlington	Westwood College – Fort Worth

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