

# 2018-19 High School Profile



P.O. Box 68 Alief, TX 77411

## THE COMMUNITY

The Alief Independent School District, established in 1917, encompasses 36.6 square miles in southwest Harris County. Serving an approximate population of 243,628 residents, the district strives to provide a variety of educational opportunities and involvement for the entire community. The district's goal is for students to experience intellectual, societal, physical, economic, and occupational opportunities. Emphasis on academic and career technology activities provides students with opportunities for total development. An extensive co-curricular program is offered.

## ALIEF HIGH SCHOOLS

The Alief Independent School District has five high schools: Elsik, Hastings, Kerr, Taylor, and Alief Early College High School. Assignment to Elsik, Hastings, and Taylor is determined by a random computerized process. Admission to Kerr and Early College High School is through an application process. Elsik and Hastings both have a Ninth Grade Center with an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students each. Elsik and Hastings each have an enrollment of approximately 3,000 students in grades 9-12. Kerr's program features instructional seminars, independent study, and prepared instructional packets with a yearly enrollment of approximately 800 students. Taylor, with grades 9-12, has an enrollment of approximately 3,100 students. In partnership with the Houston Community College, our Early College High School has an enrollment of approximately 400 students. The Early College Program provides a rigorous curriculum that combines college and high school courses and provides students the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and college hours leading to an Associate's Degree. All five high school met standard on the State Accountability System. AISD schools are accredited by the Texas Education Agency and the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Additional Programs: The SOAR program (housed at the Hastings/Elsik Annex) is a one-year basic academic program for high school students who are at least 16 years old and who meet the qualification for the program. Beginning in 2007-08, Evening High School (also housed at the Annex) opened for students to return to Alief and earn credits as well as receive assistance preparing for state tests needed for graduation. Current students will also be considered for classes at Evening High School to be able to graduate with their class.

## AP, PRE-AP, AND ADVANCED

Advanced Placement courses are offered in art, English, foreign language, math, music, science, computer science, and social studies. Pre-AP classes can be taken in English, foreign language, math, science, and social studies. Advanced course are available in art, journalism, music, speech, theatre arts, and debate.

## SCHOOL HOURS

The school day begins at 7:20 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. except for early release days at 1:30 p.m.

## GRADING

NUMERICAL	LETTER	GRADE POINTS (Regular Class)	GRADE POINTS (Pre-AP/AP Class)
90-100	A	4	5
80-89	B	3	4
75-79	C	2	3
70-74	D	1	2
69 & below	F	0	0

Elsik, Hastings, and Taylor are on the seven period day schedule, Kerr is on an accelerated block schedule, and Alief Early College High School is on an alternating block schedule. Grading periods are each nine weeks and progress reports are given every three weeks. Final exams are given at the end of each semester.

## GRADUATION AND CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

- \* Foundation High School Program plus Endorsement
- \* Distinguished Level of Achievement (DLA)
- \* Foundation High School Program

## FOUNDATION HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u> entered 9 <sup>th</sup> grade in 2014-2015 and after
English	4.0
Mathematics	4.0
Science	4.0
Social Studies	3.0
Physical Education	1.0
Language other than English	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0
Health	.5
Technology	1.0
Additional Electives	5.5
<b>Total Required</b>	<b>26.0</b>

## Physical Education Substitutions

Drill team, JROTC, athletics, marching band, and cheerleading may be substituted for physical education.

Foundation High School Program-Students entering ninth grade in 2014-2015 and beyond will need to satisfy the coursework requirements for the new Foundation High School Program established by House Bill 5 (HB 5). The required coursework consists of 22 credits in English (4 credits), Science (3 credits), Math (3 credits), Social Studies (3 credits), Language Other Than English (2 credits), Fine Arts (1 credit), Physical Education (1 credit), and Electives (5 credits). By completing 26 credits to include an additional credit of math and science and the required course work in a chosen area of study, students can earn an endorsement in one of the following areas: Arts & Humanities, Business & Industry, Public Services, STEM, and Multi-Disciplinary Studies. To graduate with a distinguished level of achievement, students must complete 1 credit in algebra II as well as their required endorsement coursework. Students completing the fourth year of high school starting in 2013-2014 also have the option to graduate under the Foundation High School Program.

Distinguished Level of Achievement – Along with Foundation plus Endorsements requirements, additional requirements for the Distinguished Level of Achievement include:

- Algebra II is required
- Student must earn Distinguished Level of Achievement to be eligible for top 10% automatic admission.

## Performance Acknowledgements

### Outstanding performance:

- in Dual Credit (12 hours with 3.0 or higher) or Associate degree while in high school
- in Bilingualism / Bi-literacy
- on AP Exam (Score of 3 or higher)
- on PSAT, ACT-PLAN, SAT, or ACT

### Certification:

- earning a nationally or internationally recognized business or industry certification or license

**Other Requirements for Graduation:**

- Passing score on STAAR EOC assessments in Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U.S. History
- 90% Attendance in School

**Credit Requirements**

- Sophomore = 6
- Junior = 12 (including completion of Algebra I)
- Senior = 19

**STATE-MANDATED TESTS**

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR):

The STAAR program includes annual assessments for

- Reading and mathematics, grades 3–8
- Writing at grades 4 and 7
- Science at grades 5 and 8
- Social studies at grade 8
- End-of-course assessments for English I, English II, Algebra I, Biology and U.S History

**STANDARDIZED TESTS RECOMMENDED**

The SAT and/or ACT are required for entrance into most colleges and universities. Recent Alief ISD scores appear below:

**SAT SCORES**

Class of:	Alief			Texas			National		
	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total
2018	462	461	923	520	512	1032	536	531	1067
2017	544	500	1044	512	507	1019	487	494	981

Class of:	Alief			Texas			National		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2016	394	411	384	461	473	443	487	494	472

**SAT # of Test Takers/Mean Score**

Class of:	Alief Early College			Elsik			Hastings			Kerr			Taylor		
	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total	ERW	Math	Total
2018															
2017	110/544	110/539	110/1083	818/447	818/446	818/893	781/443	781/448	781/891	185/578	185/577	185/1155	635/444	635/450	635/894

Class of:	Alief Early College			Elsik			Hastings			Kerr			Taylor		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2016	109/482	109/503	109/457	776/382	776/395	776/370	787/374	787/391	787/368	186/528	186/545	186/515	607/378	607/398	607/368

**ACT Mean Composite Scores**

Class of:	Alief		State		National	
	# tested	Composite	# tested	Composite	# tested	Composite
2018	397	18.8	141,253	20.6	1,914,817	20.8
2017	348	19.0	146,608	20.7	2,030,038	21.0
2016	383	18.4	142,877	20.6	2,090,342	20.8

**Advanced Placement Exams**

ALIEF	2017/2018	2016/2017	2015/2016
# of students taking exam	1,821	1,607	1,777
# of exams taken	3,406	2,920	3,072
Alief – scores of “3” or higher	1,002	918	977

**AISD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILES**

SCHOOL	YEAR	ASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC	WHITE
Alief Early College	2017-2018	81	92	215	7
	2016-2017	84	93	233	13
	2015-2016	82	88	238	16
Elsik	2017-2018	434	1,230	2,453	115
	2016-2017	433	1,233	2,376	124
	2015-2016	412	1,351	2,222	124
Hastings	2017-2018	447	1,138	2,318	117
	2016-2017	439	1,148	2,201	122
	2015-2016	437	1,201	2,132	115
Kerr	2017-2018	522	98	140	38
	2016-2017	519	97	145	37
	2015-2016	516	93	158	34
Taylor	2017-2018	363	1,062	1,610	76
	2016-2017	362	1,077	1,591	68
	2015-2016	349	1,037	1,440	75

<b>ELSIK HIGH SCHOOL</b> 12601 High Star (281) 498-8110, ext. 3150 Coordinating Principal: Ms. Tina Elzy <b>MASCOT</b> Mighty Ram <b>SCHOOL COLORS</b> Columbian Blue and White	<b>HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL</b> 4410 Cook Rd. (281) 498-8110, ext. 2900 Coordinating Principal: Ms. Lynette Miller <b>MASCOT</b> Fighting Bears <b>SCHOOL COLORS</b> Black and Gold	<b>KERR HIGH SCHOOL</b> 8150 Howell-Sugar Land Rd. (281) 983-8484 Principal: Mr. Vinson Lewis <b>MASCOT</b> Tigers <b>SCHOOL COLORS</b> Purple and White	<b>TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL</b> 7555 Howell-Sugar Land Rd. (281) 988-3500 Coordinating Principal: Ms. Mary Williams <b>MASCOT</b> Roarin' Lions <b>SCHOOL COLORS</b> Red and White	<b>ALIEF EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL</b> 2811 Hayes Rd (281) 988-3010 Principal: Mrs. Brandi Brotherton <b>MASCOT</b> Knights <b>SCHOOL COLORS</b> Teal and Black
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