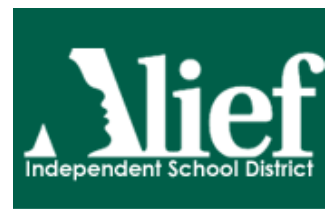


2016-17 High School Profile



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: Elsiek, Hastings, Kerr, Taylor, and Alief Early College High School. Assignment to Elsiek, Hastings, and Taylor is determined by a random computerized process. Admission to Kerr and Early College High School is through an application process. Elsiek and Hastings both have a Ninth Grade Center with an enrollment of approximately 1,000 students each. Elsiek 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/Elsiek 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

Elsiek, 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

- * Recommended High School Program (RHSP)
- * Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP)
- * Minimum High School Program (MHSP)
- * Foundation High School Program

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM

<u>Courses</u>	<u>Credit Requirements</u> entered 9 th grade in 2007-08 thru 2013-14	<u>Credit Requirements</u> entered 9 th grade prior to 2007-08
English	4.0	4.0
Mathematics	4.0	3.0
Science	4.0	3.0
Social Studies	3.5	3.5
Economics	.5	.5
Physical Education	1.0	1.0
Language other than English	2.0	2.0
Fine Arts	1.0	1.0
Health	.5	.5
Technology	1.0	1.0
Speech	.5	.5
Additional Electives	4.0	4.0
Total Required	26.0	24.0

Physical Education Substitutions

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

Distinguished Achievement Program – Along with RHSP requirements, additional requirements for the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) include:

- 4th Math Credit must consist of a course for which Algebra II is a prerequisite.
- Science Credits must come from biology, chemistry, physics, and lab-based course.
- Language other than English: 3 Credits from the same coursework
- Electives: 3 Credits

Minimum Program – The Waiver Request Form to move to the Minimum Program may be completed only after the end of the first semester of the student's junior year. Obtaining a waiver of the Recommended High School Program (RHSP) means that the student will graduate under the Minimum High School Program (MHSP). By graduating under the MHSP, the student will not be eligible for the Texas Grant college financial aid program. Additionally, many four-year colleges and universities require the RHSP for admission.

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.

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		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
*2016	394	411	384	461	473	443	487	494	472

* Scores include the new SAT administration

Class of:	Alief			Texas			National		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2015	430	451	418	470	486	454	495	511	484
2014	423	454	415	476	495	461	497	513	487

SAT # of Test Takers/Mean Score

Class of:	Kerr			Hastings			Elsik			Taylor			Alief Early College		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
*2016	193/525	193/543	193/514	788/373	788/391	788/368	785/381	785/394	785/368	610/378	610/399	610/369	110/483	110/502	110/458

* Data include the new SAT administration

Class of:	Kerr			Hastings			Elsik			Taylor			Alief Early College		
	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing	Critical Reading	Math	Writing
2015	180/521	180/532	180/518	464/412	464/435	464/401	514/411	514/439	514/399	391/422	391/439	391/408	95/476	95/493	95/460
2014	197/526	197/556	197/527	467/408	467/443	467/398	534/400	534/436	534/393	398/414	398/439	398/403	79/445	79/468	79/449

ACT Mean Composite Scores

Class of:	Alief		State		National	
	# tested	Composite	# tested	Composite	# tested	Composite
2016	383	18.4	142,877	20.6	2,090,342	20.8
2015	503	18.8	124,764	20.9	1,924,436	21.0
2014	660	18.2	116,547	20.9	1,845,787	21.0

Advanced Placement Exams

ALIEF	2015/2016	2014/2015	2013/2014
# of students taking exam	1,781	1,661	1577
# of exams taken	3,081	2,700	2670
Alief – scores of “3” or higher	977	715	725

AISD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILES

SCHOOL	YEAR	ASIAN	AFRICAN AMERICAN	HISPANIC	WHITE
Alief Early College	2015-2016	82	88	238	16
	2014-2015	73	100	241	16
	2013-2014	49	93	241	14
Elsik	2015-2016	412	1,351	2,222	124
	2014-2015	413	1,299	2,119	122
	2013-2014	448	1,351	2,009	135
Hastings	2015-2016	437	1,201	2,132	115
	2014-2015	413	1,233	2,074	118
	2013-2014	459	1,247	2,049	122
Kerr	2015-2016	516	93	158	34
	2014-2015	491	86	171	34
	2013-2014	476	74	204	45
Taylor	2015-2016	349	1,037	1,440	75
	2014-2015	371	1,063	1,419	85
	2013-2014	330	1,035	1,369	93

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