



Dickinson ISD is a fast-growing "destination" district where 11,000 students and their families have chosen to live and attend school and 1,600 individuals have chosen to teach and work. The district covers 61 square miles, including all of Dickinson, the unincorporated areas of San Leon and Bacliff, plus portions of Texas City and League City.

- Dickinson ISD was one of only 130 school districts in the nation and 22 in Texas to be recognized in 2015-2016 on the College Board Gaston Caperton Opportunity Honor Roll for creating opportunities for students from underrepresented groups.
- The Dickinson ISD STEM Academy opened in August 2016 to provide 100 students in fifth grade with innovative science, technology, engineering and math instruction. The program will expand in 2017-2018 to include 100 sixth grade students.
- Dickinson High School has seen an increase of nearly 20 percent over the past four school years in the number of students earning a passing or higher score of 3, 4 or 5 on Advanced Placement tests.
- Dickinson ISD offers the AVID Program (Advancement Via Individual Determination) at the secondary level. This program focuses on college and career readiness and provides learning opportunities for students and staff.
- Dickinson ISD offers a wide variety of Career and Technical Education courses. Students can earn licensed certification before high school graduation in Welding, Certified Nursing Assistant, Pharmacy Technician, Licensed Cosmetology Operator and Adobe. Fifteen students in the Dickinson High School Class of 2016 graduated from high school with an Associate's Degree through the Collegiate High School Program at College of the Mainland.
- Dickinson ISD has outstanding fine arts programs in band, choir, dance, drama and art. The Dickinson High School Marching Band regularly advances to the UIL 6A State Marching Contest. Four DHS musicians were recognized in 2016-2017 with All-State honors, including three in band and one in choir.
- Dickinson ISD had top honorees in several art contests, including the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Art Contest and the Texas School Bus Safety Poster Contest. Ten DHS students earned the opportunity to advance to the State Visual Arts Scholastic Event in April 2016.
- Dickinson High School athletic programs have students competing in district, region and state competitions each year. The Varsity Football Team earned a Regional Championship in December 2015 after advancing into round four of six in the playoffs. The Boys Basketball Team earned their first-ever out-right District Championship in February 2016. The DHS Powerlifting Team was named the State Champions at the state meet in March 2014.
- The Dickinson High School Class of 2016 included nearly 600 graduates who received more than \$3 million in college scholarships.
- Several secondary level students earned top honors in the Galveston County Science and Engineering Fair.
- The Dickinson Continuation Center had 45 students earn high school diplomas during the 2015-2016 school year.
- The Food and Nutrition Services Department was recognized nationally as one of Food Management magazine's Best Concept Award winners for the implementation of a new food packaging system at Dickinson High School in 2014-2015 to go along with the school's new SMART lunch program. Students are still able to purchase the same popular and nutritious menu items as in the past, as well as some additional side items, that are made fresh daily and conveniently packaged for a quick service time. Students have a wide variety of tutoring and club activities available during the lunch period.
- The district received a Superior Rating in the Texas Education Agency FIRST Financial Accountability Review and was a Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle Gold Member for high standards of online financial transparency.
- Dickinson ISD's annual "Stuff the Bus" Food Drive in November 2016 brought in nearly 10,000 food and non-perishable items plus \$4,500 to benefit families within Dickinson ISD through the M.I. Lewis Social Service Center.
- More than \$365 million has been invested in Dickinson ISD facilities in the past two decades through five voter-approved bond issues -- \$47.4 million in 1999, \$85 million in 2005, \$107.5 million in 2007, \$56 million in 2014 and \$70 million in 2016. Nine of the 13 Dickinson ISD school buildings have been constructed in the past 15 years. The others have had renovations and expansions during that same time. The May 2014 bond provided two new campuses which opened in August 2016. Louis G. Lobit Elementary and Elva C. Lobit Middle School offer an Education Village design where the campuses are two separate schools but share some facilities such as kitchen, library and mechanical systems. The May 2016 bond is providing Dickinson ISD with its second junior high school, which is under construction and tentatively scheduled to open in August 2018.