

DEKALB ISD



Facility Updates

DeKalb Middle School renamed to
James L. Germany Middle School

Adding a secure front entrance
and a new band hall
to the middle school

Renamed football stadium to
Gerald Pinkham Stadium

LED Lighting installed
district-wide

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Our district has been able to
maintain operations, increase
teacher salaries, while the ISD's
portion of property taxes have
gone down.

The district is utilizing general
operating funds saved from
Federal ESSER disbursements
sent to schools during the COVID
pandemic.

This strategic use of funds is
making the secure middle school
entrance, new middle school
band hall, and dressing room
addition at the gym possible.

The turf on the football field was
paid for with a 10-year loan.





Blended Learning Initiative

DeKalb ISD received a \$300,000 grant from the Charles Butt Foundation to help fund the blended learning initiative beginning last school year. Blended Learning incorporates technology and small group instruction to personalize learning and meet specific student needs. Middle and high school math and science classrooms have been the focus. This year, two elementary math classrooms are joining the initiative.



Scan this QR code to watch a student talking about her blended classroom.



FLEX Academy

The FLEX Academy offers the following additional options for students:

- offers counseling and alternative accreditation for juniors and seniors who are seeking early college enrollment, trade school, or workforce admission
- opportunity for students to obtain additional certifications and licensures prior to graduation
- can assist students, who due to challenging circumstances, would struggle to achieve graduate status

In 2021-2022 the FLEX Academy had 14 graduates, 1 military enlistment, and 2 students with accredited certifications.



DeKalb Elementary National Blue Ribbon Nomination

Last Spring, DeKalb Elementary was nominated for a National Blue Ribbon of Excellence award for performance in the "Closing the Gaps" domain. This means that students in all sub-populations met or exceeded their federal targets, closing the achievement gaps. The elementary will find out in September about the final award decision. The teachers and students at DES have worked very hard to close gaps and assure all students have a strong foundation.



Dual Credit & Certification Opportunities

During the 21-22 school year 79 students took over 1,000 college credit hours through our dual credit partnership with Texarkana College, costing \$33,900 and saving parents \$813,596 based on current university tuition costs.

One student earned his Welder's Helper Certification. High school students are offered opportunities to obtain various certifications such as Certified Nurse's Assistant, OSHA 10-hour certification, or an Educational Aide Certification.



Mighty Bear Band

In 2021 the Mighty Bear Marching Band received a 1st division rating at the UIL Region 4 marching competition and 7th place in the UIL state military marching contest.

The majorette line advanced to state. Three majorettes received 1st division ratings on their solo performances. Three students made the all-region band. Two students qualified for the ATSSB all-state band, both ranking 1st chair.

Overall, band enrollment has increased in the last few years, and the band is adding to its list of achievements and awards each year.



Afterschool Centers on Education (ACE) Program

ACE is a nationally funded program through the 21st Century Learning Centers. Texas ACE aims to improve academic performance/grades, school attendance, positive behavior, and student engagement by providing students with a safe place to go during non-school hours for extended learning, meals, and enrichment activities. Students can get help with homework or learn something new like archery or Drum Fit.

DeKalb currently offers ACE to students in PK3–8th grade before school, after school, and on Friday afternoons when school is out. Already this year, there are approximately 90 students enrolled in ACE.



Athletics

Cross Country: Girls team advanced to Regionals, and two boys advanced to Regionals

Volleyball: 3rd in the district, Bi-district champs

Football: 3rd in the district, Bi-district champs, beat New Boston for the 5th year in a row

Lady Bear Basketball: Bi-District Champions

Golf: 1st and 5th place individuals at the District Tournament

Boys Powerlifting: 2nd and 5th place at Regionals

Girls Powerlifting: 4th place in State 3A

Track: Four individuals and two teams placed at the area meet and advanced to Regionals



Agricultural Science & FFA Awards 2021-2022

Leadership Development:

2 teams advanced to State

Skills teams:

Greenhand – 1st place State Champions

Senior Skills – 7th place at State

Career Development: 5 teams advanced to State

Tractor Tech: 7th place at State

Land judging: State Qualifier

Wildlife: 7th place at State

Forestry: 1st place State Champion

Forage: 1st place State Champion

Agri-Science Fair: 1st place in State, National Qualified

FFA Band: Placed 2nd at Area



Safety & Security

Added a full-time District Police Chief in Nov. 2020

Expanded the existing guardian program to increase the guardian-to-student ratio

DeKalb has one of the highest guardian-to-student ratios in the state

Perimeters of campuses have been secured

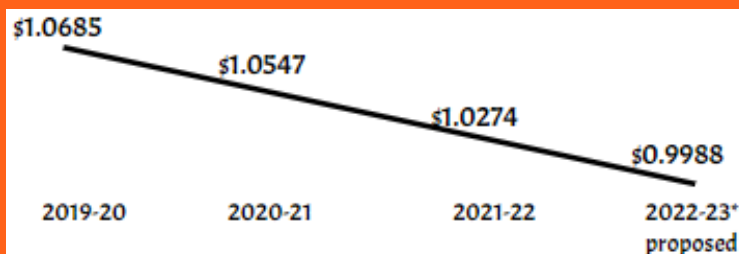
Increased teacher lock-down response training

Weekly auditing of doors to assure they are locking and functioning properly

ABOUT DISD



DISD TAX RATES BY YEAR



STATE ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS

	DES	DMS	DHS
2017-2018	Met	Met	Met
2018-2019	F	D	B

2019-2020 NO RATINGS ISSUED

	Accept-able	Accept-able	Not Rated
2020-2021	Accept-able	Accept-able	Not Rated
2021-2022	A	B	B

DeKalb ISD District Rating 2022 - B

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