Greetings Lion Country!

Welcome to the 2017-2018 edition of the Annual Performance Report. Livingston ISD continues to follow our commitment to excellence. From Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade, our students are exposed to experiences that will enhance the rest of their lives. Our faculty and staff work together in planning as well as celebrating the many successes of the student population. As a combined effort, our district continues to improve the instructional delivery in making sure our students are future ready. As we prepare for the coming year, our planning and collaboration will continue to focus on the systemic design of the dreams of our students for both academic and technical endeavors. Our students continue to face more challenges of the global economy, and we must adapt to meet their needs.

The most important thing we do is build and enhance relationships with all of the lion family. I’m so honored to work beside so many with such a love for our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brent E. Hawkins

Class of 2018
3,987

Student Enrollment

Cedar Grove Elementary ........................................ 455
Pine Ridge Elementary ........................................... 446
Timber Creek Elementary ...................................... 452
Livingston Intermediate ....................................... 632
Livingston Junior High ......................................... 917
Livingston High School ......................................... 1000
LHS Academy ..................................................... 85

552

Employees
full and part-time

Professional .............................................................. 341
Support Staff ............................................................. 211

Economically Disadvantaged 76.23%
Special Ed 411
GT 160
English Language Learners 325

Strategic Goals
- LISD will focus and promote student and staff expectations.
- LISD will provide a rigorous and purposeful curriculum.
- LISD will enhance and enrich parental and community relationships.
- LISD will engage and retain highly qualified staff.
- LISD will incorporate emerging technologies.
Services have been provided to 85 students during the 2017-2018 school year.  Sixty students received diplomas during the 2017-2018 school year and 39 students attended the district graduation in June.  Thirteen students are currently still enrolled and completing courses in summer school.  One student was the recipient of a Green & White Scholarship.

Based on the Graduating Senior Information Form provided by students
- 6 students are attending a 4-year University
- 9 students are attending a 2 year College
- 7 students are attending a technical or vocational school
- 1 student is joining the military
- 17 students are entering the work force

Financial

This is the fifteenth year that Texas school districts are reporting the results of the state’s financial accountability system, Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST), which includes the evaluation of seven criteria. Livingston ISD has received the superior achievement rating for the current reporting period which is for the 2016-2017 school year. Livingston ISD also received a clean, unmodified financial audit for the 2016-2017 school year. Maintaining the financial health of the district and modeling accountability is imperative. The rating is issued from the Texas Education Agency regarding financial operations and was approved by the Board of Trustees.

The primary objective of the rating system is to assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools.

Transparency Stars

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts recognizes local governments for going above and beyond in their transparency efforts. Livingston ISD is proud to be an award recipient. The district strives to maintain open and honest communication with the public. To keep the public informed, information is provided on the district website under the accountability tab regarding expenditures and revenues on a per-student basis from the most recently completed fiscal year, the number of full-time personnel and property tax collections. Also included are budgets for the last five years and searchable check registers from the last three fiscal years.

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Lead4ward is used in curriculum training on every campus across the district. The program focuses on Learning, Energizing, Acting and Developing the tools, strategies and plans to coordinate instruction, curriculum, assessment, and accountability. The program helps to build capacity in the district and campus leadership teams while creating a sustainable leadership structure to support ongoing teacher training.

**TEXAS EDUCATION AGENCY**

**2017 ACCOUNTABILITY RATINGS**

Livingston ISD ......................................................... Met Standard
Livingston High School ............................... Met Standard
LHS Academy .......................................................... Met Standard
Livingston Junior High ................................. Met Standard
Livingston Intermediate School ....... Improvement Required
Timber Creek Elementary ................................. Met Standard
Pine Ridge Elementary ................................. Met Standard
Cedar Grove Elementary ................................ Met Standard

District Instructional Coordinators Christine Jackson and Lisa Polk lead the training of Professional Leadership Communities (PLCs). These training sessions implementing Lead4ward strategies help teachers focus their work where the strategies are used to maintain the focus of professional learning. Teachers spend time planning for engaging instruction and meaningful assessment.

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#1: Adopt new and/or revise existing board policies and administrative regulations to communicate, clarify, and expand governance expectations; improve system and curriculum management by increased control over human resources.

#2: Develop and implement a comprehensive curriculum management system to establish direction, and communicate expectations for an aligned written and taught curriculum that promotes higher levels of learning by all students.

#3: Develop a comprehensive system for administering, collecting, analyzing, and disaggregating student assessment and program evaluation data to provide feedback for improvement of the curriculum design and delivery process as well as student mastery of the curriculum.

#4: Refine the Livingston ISD planning processes to focus human and financial resources toward achieving the institutional mission and goals.

#5: Develop and implement a budgeting process that aligns district and building level resources to curricular goals and strategic priorities and utilizes systematic cost-benefit analyses to ensure that expenditures are producing desired results in key programs.

*Teachers attend Lead4ward trainings to help with instructional planning.*
On April 23, during the April meeting of the Livingston ISD School Board, LISD Superintendent Dr. Brent Hawkins presented Corky Cochran the LISD 2018 Ambassador award. A motion was made and unanimously approved naming the future complex in honor of Cochran. During the meeting, Dr. Hawkins shared the following bio. Carey L. “Corky” Cochran is a 1964 graduate of Livingston High School, a member of the Livingston High School alumni association and a lifelong resident of Livingston. He was an all-around high school athlete lettering in football, track, and baseball. After college graduation, Corky returned to Livingston to coach and taught physical science at Livingston High School. As head freshman coach his team won district in football, basketball, and track. He later became head track coach. He is still very much interested in lion athletics and has videoed freshman, J.V. and Varsity football games for the football coaches since 1971 without pay – just because he loves the game. He is a former certified instructor for EMS training and has a 30 year EMT Intermediate certification. Since 1981 he has owned and operated Cochran Funeral Home in Livingston and Onalaska following in the footsteps of his grandfather. Corky is a recipient of the Rotary Club Paul Harris Award, Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award and was named Polk-Countian of the Year in 1975.
Former First Lady Laura Bush, founder of *Texan by Nature*, spoke to students and volunteers at a September 2017 celebration to honor Lake Livingston Friends of Reservoirs’ community-based efforts to improve aquatic habitats around Lake Livingston. LISD has been a part of the “Bringing Lake Livingston Back to Life” project for several years. Livingston High School joined the project in 2014. LHS Horticulture students care for the plants on campus where they are propagated in growth tanks and assist in the annual plantings. The growth tanks were constructed by LHS students with funds donated by Livingston Rotary Club and Trinity River Authority. The project will improve the Lake Livingston habitation of fish, birds, and reptiles which will restore native aquatic vegetation for improved water quality. The American Water Willow plants were recommended by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Inland Fisheries for the ability to grow in shallow water, provide shelter and not be invasive. The plants also assist in filtering the water and slowing erosion.

**Kayaking**

4th and 5th-grade PE students at Livingston Intermediate School were able to spend some of their class time learning kayak safety procedures in anticipation of launching the kayaks. Livingston Intermediate School received a grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife that was used to purchase kayaks, PFDs, and paddles.
Livingston Lion athletes traveling to out of town Freshman and JV football games in September 2017 were given the first opportunity to use the wifi installed on the activity school buses.

The District wanted students to be able to complete schoolwork while traveling to out of town events. Every Livingston High School student in 9th-12th grade is issued a Chromebook during the first week of school meeting one of the strategic goals of maximizing learning for all students.

Livingston ISD Technology Director Kip Robins said, “Students will get to use their Chromebooks because the activity buses are outfitted with a cell service that ties back into our system. This wifi will only work on the Chromebooks and is not open to any other devices. This is one more opportunity for our students to be successful and for Livingston ISD to continue to be a leader in technology.”

**Wifi available on LISD activity buses**

LISD Technology Director Kip Robins works to install wifi on four activity buses in September allowing students to use their Chromebooks while traveling to school events and contests.
Bully Prevention app introduced to the district

Campus Eye is an app that can be used from any smartphone that will enhance communication between students and school administrators using mobile app technology. The smartphone app is available for download for free from Google Play or the Apple Store to be used in Bully Prevention. The cost of the app was donated by First State Bank of Livingston, eliminating any expenses to the district. After logging into the free app, students, parents, faculty, and staff will be able to report directly to campus safety and security. The app is used for bully prevention and reporting, including the ability to create a note describing the incident. The user may also take or attach a picture of the incident. Studies have found that when students observe unsafe situations, they do one of two things: use their mobile devices to take pictures or video, or they walk away feeling apathetic or helpless. Campus Eye fights the bystander mindset by enabling students, faculty and staff to report safety issues or maintenance tips with a quick snap, description, and send—with or without their name. The app automatically detects the location of the user and creates a map with a pin drop of the user’s exact location. There is also an option to report crimestoppers tips.

LISD Technology Director Kip Robins introduces the bully prevention app Campus Eye during the September LISD School Board meeting. Students, parents and community members, may also use the app for Livingston ISD by first downloading the app to their device and entering the sign-up code: LISD.
Student Achievements

**77** Academic All-District Athletes

**16** Academic All-State Athletes

**10** Cross Country Regional Qualifiers

**13th** Place in the State of Texas UIL Cheer Championship

**65** LHS UIL Choir Solo & Ensemble Medals

**44** LJH UIL Choir Solo & Ensemble Medals

**UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM**
7th Grade District Champions

**Reserve Grand Champion**
Broiler - State Fair of Texas

**State Champion**
FCCLA - Cupcake Battle

**112** LJH Band UIL Solo & Ensemble Medals

**39** Band UIL Solo & Ensemble State Competitors

**Player of the Year**
Girls Basketball All-District Offensive

**13th Place in the State of Texas UIL Cheer Championship**

**24 Competitors advance to State History Day**

**3 Competitors advance to National History Day**

**Robotics Team advances to State UIL competition**

**FFA 1st Place Area - Landscape Advanced to State**

**FFCLA State Vice President of Peer Involvement**

**1st Place Tournament Win for Fishing Team against 562 teams**

**FFA Area IX Association President**

**LHS Student Council National Recognition**

**UIL Track Meet 6th Place Pole Vaulting**

**2nd Team All-State Linebacker**

**3 Athletes signed on National Signing Day**

**2 Golf Regional Qualifiers**

**2 Tennis District Champions**
Free College

The district picks up the cost of tuition, fees, and books for students participating in the dual credit program resulting in no cost to the student or their parents. Livingston High School had 151 students enrolled for the Spring 2018 semester through Angelina College. 2017-2018 is the third year that the courses are offered to students at no charge. Last year, the LISD School Board approved an expanded program allowing the opportunity to all LHS students. After passing a TSI exam required by Angelina College, students in grades 9-12 may enroll in pre-approved core courses. Through this program, students in grades 10-12 can potentially earn thirty-six hours of college credit while attending LHS. This year, the board approved a plan that will allow incoming freshmen the opportunity to take sixty college hours at no expense to the student. By the end of the 2017-2018 school year, there were 59 students in the Class of 2022 who had committed to taking 60 college hours before graduating from Livingston High School. The completion of sixty hours would equate to a $40,000 scholarship if attending a state school.
We are Lion Country

Cedar Grove Elementary
819 West Church Street

Pine Ridge Elementary
1200 Mill Ridge

Timber Creek Elementary
701 N. Willis

Livingston Intermediate
#1 Lions Avenue

Livingston Junior High
1801 US 59 Loop North

Livingston High School
400 FM 350 South

LHS Academy
400 FM 350 South

DAEP
#1 Lions Avenue

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The Mission of Livingston ISD, in partnership with our families and community, is to provide an exemplary education that prepares students to become successful citizens.

The Vision of LISD
Livingston ISD… Empowering and Inspiring Excellence.

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