

Primary and Secondary Education in Dallas

In 2008-09 there were 219 state-designated exemplary and recognized public school campuses in the city. Of the five districts that serve the City of Dallas, Dallas Independent School District (DISD) had 137, Richardson 57, Plano 10, Duncanville 9, and Carrollton-Farmers Branch six exemplary or recognized schools that Dallas students attend.

Dallas ISD student performance on the 2009 state TAKS test was improved with gains over 2008 on almost all tests. Across all grades and subjects, scores improved between 1.4% and 4.0%.

DISD has the two top public high schools in the nation in 2009, according to *Newsweek*. The School for the Talented & Gifted was named #1 and the School of Science and Engineering was ranked #2. Five DISD high schools rank in the top 700 nationally.

The Richardson ISD is the second largest urban school district in the state to have a “Recognized” rating by the Texas Education Agency.

Higher Education in Dallas

There are 25 colleges and universities in North Texas, including nine in the Dallas city limits or literally across the street.

The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas boasts three Nobel laureates on its faculty, more than any other Texas university.

Area universities granted nearly 1,200 doctoral degrees in the 2006-07 school year.

Colleges and Universities	2008 Enrollment
Public Universities	99,729
Private Universities	36,835
Community Colleges	138,786
Total	275,350

Source: Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

2008 DFW Educational Attainment:

- 20.1% have a bachelor’s degree
- 9.5% also have a graduate or professional degree

Source: Texas Education Agency.

