



COMMUNITY SCORECARD 2020

MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

We are proud to share our 3rd annual Royle City ISD Community Scorecard. This journey began in the Fall of 2017 with the Community Advisory Committee and a mission to discover what matters most to our community when it comes to education.

In the end, 19 areas of interest rose to the top. Each year we publish this scorecard to report on those specific indicators showing you both performance and progress over time. As our district grows, so will the reporting areas as we continually seek community input.

I am proud to be a resident of the Royle City ISD community and for the opportunity to lead a district that I love. This report is designed to share who we are as a district and the ways that we are working to be the very best we can be for Royle City ISD students, staff and taxpayers.

Kevin Worthy
Superintendent of Schools
@kworthy11



Royle City ISD School Board



WHAT IS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT?

The Royle City ISD Strategic Plan includes a goal to find better ways to seek accountability from our local community rather than by state test scores. The district partnered with a company called K12 Insights to launch a formal plan to gather what really matters to the Royle City ISD Community.

What do students, parents, staff and community members think is important for the district to measure?

The Community Advisory Committee was tasked with identifying those important indicators. Through a nomination and application process, a diverse committee of 50 Royle City ISD stakeholders formed the district's first ever Community Advisory Committee. They used SWOT analysis, community forums and wide-spread surveying to pinpoint the priorities of our community which you will find on the next page of this report.

YOUR ELECTED SCHOOL BOARD

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PROFILE OF A ROYSE CITY ISD LEARNER

LEARN STUDENTS WILL LEARN SKILLS & GROW INTELLECTUALLY BY...

- EMBRACING CHALLENGES AND ACCEPTING LEARNING RISKS
- THINKING CRITICALLY AND CREATIVELY
- SETTING GOALS AND SOLVING PROBLEMS
- ADAPTING AND EMPATHIZING

EXCEL STUDENTS WILL EXCEL IN PREPARING FOR LIFE & ITS CHALLENGES BY...

- BECOMING COLLEGE, CAREER AND FUTURE-READY
- DEVELOPING FINANCIAL LITERACY
- BEING EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE
- CONNECTING AS A GLOBAL CITIZEN

ADVOCATE STUDENTS WILL ADVOCATE FOR THEMSELVES & OTHERS FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMUNITY BY...

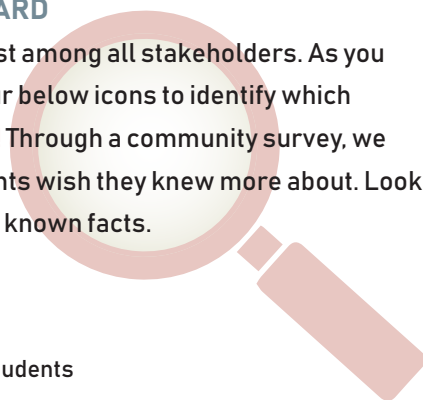
- BUILDING POSITIVE AND PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIPS
- POSSESSING A HEALTHY SENSE OF SELF
- EMBRACING DIVERSITY AND ACTING WITH INTEGRITY
- EXHIBITING PERSEVERANCE AND RESILIENCE

DISCOVER STUDENTS WILL DISCOVER INTERESTS THROUGH EXPLORATION, PROBLEM-SOLVING & REFLECTION BY...

- BEING INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS
- PRACTICING SELF-REFLECTION AND SELF-DISCIPLINE
- INNOVATING AND CREATING
- COLLABORATING AND COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY

HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OUR SCORECARD

The below items represent the top areas of interest among all stakeholders. As you browse this scorecard, look for the each of the four below icons to identify which indicator is found on each page. **Find the spyglass!** Through a community survey, we have identified several items of interest that parents wish they knew more about. Look for the spyglass symbol to brush up on these little known facts.



- TEACHING & LEARNING**
- › Retaining high-quality teachers
 - › Maintaining high learning standards for all students
 - › Making sure students who fall behind know how/when to get help
 - › School leaders who make decisions that are in the best interest of students
 - › Preparing students for success in a career
 - › Preparing students for success in post-secondary education
 - › Providing teachers with appropriate access to technology
 - › Maintaining graduation rates that are higher than the state average

- OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS**
- › Scholarship opportunities
 - › Guidance for college and career readiness

- CULTURE & CLIMATE**
- › Ensuring students treat other students with respect
 - › Ensuring staff members and students treat one another with respect
 - › Ensuring staff members are available to help students with academic problems
 - › Providing parents adequate information about their child's academic progress
 - › Ensuring schools communicate well with parents
 - › Ensuring staff encourage students and acknowledge their accomplishments

- FACILITIES & SUPPORT OPERATIONS**
- › Ensuring that all students feel safe at school
 - › Ensuring that all school buildings are clean and well-maintained
 - › Being financially responsible

PreK-5

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1401 Erby Campbell Blvd.
Royse City, Texas 75189
Principal: Teresa Atkins
972-636-3300

DAVIS ELEM.
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6-8

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9-12

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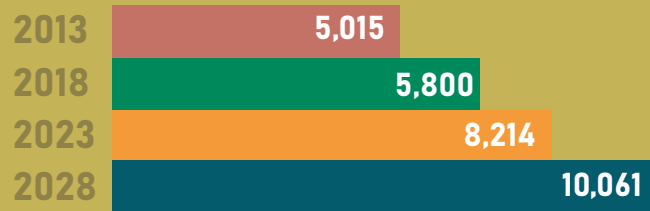
BOND 2018 - COMPLETE!

Thank you Royse City ISD Community for supporting this plan to address rapid student enrollment growth. The below scheduled projects in the Bond 2018 package are now complete!

Each was carefully planned and executed. If you have any questions about the projects, please email communityrelations@rcisd.org.

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

By 2028, Royse City ISD will surpass 10,000 students which is almost double our current enrollment. In May of 2018, the community approved a \$60 million bond proposal to meet the enrollment increases.



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2018 2019 2020

DAVIS ELEM RENO

- Paint
- Technology
- Ceilings
- Flooring
- Cabinetry

Gym & cafeteria upgrades will be completed using fund balance.

Complete!

RCHS BAND HALL EXPANSION

Expanded band hall at Royse City High School to address program growth. Does not require workers to enter RCHS campus.

Complete!

DECEMBER 2019 - AUGUST 2020 RUTH CHERRY INTERMEDIATE RENOVATION

- Classroom Renovations
- Restroom Renovations
- Technology Infrastructure
- Flooring
- Paint
- Ceiling

Complete!

JUNE 2019 - MARCH 2020

Complete! BAILEY MS RENOVATION

- New secure entry
- Cafeteria expansion
- Library Renovation
- Restroom Renovations
- Locker Removal
- Wear & Tear Repairs

Complete!

SUMMER 2020

SCOTT ELEM RENOVATION

- Paint
- Flooring
- Wear & Tear Repairs

JANUARY 2019 - AUGUST 2020

BOBBY SUMMERS MIDDLE SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOCATED IN FATE ON HIGHWAY 66

Complete!

Middle School #2 will break ground in January of 2019. The campus will be built for 1,000 students in grades 6-8 with potential for future expansions if needed. The campus is slated for completion by August of 2020 when the school will open for students.



BOND 2018 - COMPLETE

QUICK FACTS

- 956 Total Staff
- 474 Teachers
- 22.6 teachers hold masters degrees
- Avg. teaching experience is 10.5 years

All teachers, nurses, counselors and librarians received a **\$1,700 to \$2,900 raise** for 2020-2021. All other employees received a 3% raise from their salary midpoint.

YEAR	TEACHER RAISES
2015-16	\$1,000
2015-17	\$1,100
2017-18	\$1,100
2018-19	\$1,250
2019-20	\$4,000+
2020-21	\$1,700+

Additionally, the district has taken strides in increasing starting teacher salary to better compete with area districts.

YEAR	STARTING TEACHER SALARY
2015-16	\$42,750
2015-17	\$43,750
2017-18	\$44,450
2018-19	\$46,000
2019-20	\$50,000
2020-21	\$51,400

STIPEND INFORMATION

In an effort to recruit and retain high quality staff in high need area positions, Royse City ISD has also approved stipends for certain subject areas and difficult to fill positions. These are in addition to an employee's salary.

When compared to area districts, Royse City ISD is at or above the stipend amount in each of these areas particularly in math, science and bilingual categories.

STIPEND INFO	AMOUNT
Teachers who have a master's degree in their assigned subject area	\$1,500
Special Education Teachers assigned to a self-contained class	\$2,000
Bilingual Teachers	\$6,000
Foreign Language Teachers	\$1,500
Secondary Math Teachers	\$2,500
Secondary Science Teachers	\$2,500

OUR HIRING PROCESS

Royse City ISD employs a stringent hiring process for all teachers and administrators. When hiring a principal, all considered candidates must:

- Align with campus priorities
- Complete online screenings
- Complete phone interviews
- In person interview with cabinet
- Interview with campus committee
- Gain recommendation & board approval

LEADERSHIP BLUEPRINT

All upper-level and campus administrators are trained in Leadership Blueprint where they learn leadership skills based on the principles of Capturing Kids' Hearts Relationships. The goal is to develop high-performing self managing teams.



EMPLOYEE DAYCARE

Royse City ISD is proud to offer employee-only childcare called Bulldog Learning Center. Housed in the district's administration building, this fully-licensed daycare facility will serve the children of current employees from 6 weeks to Pre-K.

Tuition is competitive with area providers and is offered as a payroll deduct program for staff. The Bulldog Learning Center follows the teacher calendar and uses Frog Street Curriculum.

EMPLOYEE CHILDREN ENROLLED	
2018-19	33
2019-20	61
2020-21	48



EMPLOYEE WELLNESS

In partnership with the American Heart Association, Royse City ISD is a proud "Go Red" district. The Human Resources Department distributes regular newsletters and communications promoting heart health among staff. Nationally, there are more than 10,000 participants in the AHA "Go Red" Campaign and over 3,820 schools

SCHOOL SAFETY TRAINING

As of August 2020, **322 employees** have taken some form of online safety training and/or CPR and Stop the Bleed (STB).

- 187 staff trained in STB
- 126 staff trained in CPR
- 109 staff earned CPR Badge
- 95 staff earned a Safety Badge
- 128 staff earned Security Badge
- 55 staff earned the Medical badge
- 380 total badges have been awarded
- 28 staff have earned all 4 badges

TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT

Every Royse City ISD teacher is assigned a laptop for school use. As a Google for Education Reference District, Royse City ISD is known for its advance use of Google Classroom and the Google Education applications for collaboration. In addition, the Technology Department has equipped every campus with ample wifi access points and infrastructure.



LIFE LONG LEARNERS

The approach used by the district towards staff training is quite unique. Teachers are offered a wide-variety of development opportunities in person and online giving them the power to choose the content and method that best suits their learning style. Badges represent hours of professional development and a commitment to continued professional excellence. 2020-21 badges earned exceeded the previous year despite the early closure of schools due to COVID-19.

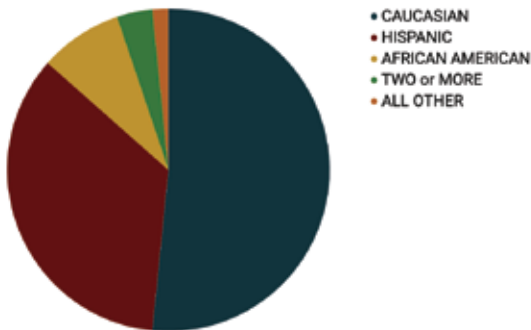
PD BADGES EARNED BY STAFF	
2018-19	1,200
2019-20	1,347
2020-21	1,366



OUR STUDENT BODY

6,870 (October 2020)

Caucasian	51.61%
Hispanic	34.91%
African American	8.3%
Two or More Races	3.58%
Asian	1.06%
American Indian	0.41%
Pacific Islander	0.13%
Economically Disadvantaged	39.2%



GRADUATION RATES

The most recent report from TEA shows that **96.8%** of 2019 Royse City High School seniors graduated on time. The percentage jumps higher when calculating continued efforts.

A large percentage our graduates are considered college and career ready by state standards according to the most recent state report by the Texas Education Agency.



STAAR DATA FROM TEA

The Texas Education Agency did not require schools to administer the STAAR exams due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Royse City ISD students regularly outperform the state across grade levels and subjects.

TSI ASSESSMENT TESTING

Royse City High School is a TSIA center. The TSIA is designed to determine if a student is ready for college-level coursework. All RCISD students have the convenient opportunity to take the exam and enroll in on-site dual credit college courses.

SCHOOL DAY FOR SAT TESTING

Royse City High School has been approved to offer School Day SAT. All juniors and any seniors who have not tested will be given the SAT beginning the 2020-2021 school year. This helps students to consider college when the test may have been cost prohibitive for them.

COLLEGE PREP FOR ENG & MATH

Royse City High School offers College Preparatory Math and College Preparatory English to any student who is unsuccessful on the TSIA test. Through a partnership agreement with TAMU-Commerce, successful completion of this course allows those students to be enrolled in college courses



2019 ACCOUNTABILITY RATING

The Texas Education Agency uses a complex matrix to assign a letter grade to public and charter schools across the state. Royse City ISD earned a **B grade** for 2019 academic performance. No letter grade was assigned in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and lack of testing.

ACT SCORES	Ⓡ	TX
2015	20.7	20.6
2016	21.3	20.3
2017	22.4	20.3
2018	22.1	20.6

SAT SCORES	Ⓡ	TX
2015	1399	1394
2016	1430	1375
2017	1066	1019
2018	1082	1036

SAT PERFORMANCE

SAT scores saw a slight dip in 2017 both among Royse City ISD students and students across the state due to a push for more students to attempt the exam.

ADVANCE COURSEWORK

Pre-Advanced Placement and Advanced Placement courses are offered at the middle school and high school levels. The coursework and professional development is developed by the CollegeBoard. These classes and subsequent AP exams are accepted by universities around the world.



# of AP COURSES	ENROLLED	
2017-18	14	469
2018-19	12	502

19% of students who took the optional AP exams earned a score of 3,4 or 5 giving them college credit where acceptable.

DUAL CREDIT COURSEWORK

Students in Royse City ISD can simultaneously earn college hours and high school credit. Courses offered for dual credit stem from agreements with Paris Junior College and Texas A&M University - Commerce. The courses are either taught by college professors on a college campus or by district teachers who have earned the credentials from the university partner to serve as a certified instructor. Students must meet certain qualifications to enroll in a dual credit course. **Over 95%** of dual credit student passed their dual credit course.



# of DC COURSES	ENROLLED	
2017-18	19	557
2018-19	32	678
2019-20	37	1,681



ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

RCHS offers an associate degree pathway in partnership with Texas A&M Commerce and Paris Junior College. Students in this program can graduate with their high school diploma and earn their associate degree simultaneously.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE GRADUATES	
Class of 2020	22
Class of 2021	45

CAREER TRAINING

Students at RCHS are offered a wide-range of Career & Technical Education courses to help them gain skills and experience in specialized fields of work. Offerings often change to suit the workforce needs and level of student interest.

- Architecture
- Basic Health Principles
- Clinical Nurse Assisting
- Computer Hardware & Networking
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Engineering
- EMT Training & Clinicals
- Hydraulics & Pneumatics
- HVAC
- Law Enforcement
- Nurse Aide
- Teacher Prep

P-TECH DESIGNATION

Royse City High School earned a grant from the Texas Education Agency and is in their planning year to establish a P-TECH High School (Pathways in Technology Early College High School). Students can earn an associates degree in Allied Health and post secondary certification in CNA and EMT.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY

In 2020-2021, Baley and Summers Middle School offered courses through Project Lead the Way. The PLTW Gateway courses are specifically designed for middle school learners to give them an opportunity to explore content more deeply in a rich PBL environment. We are offering PLTW sections in; Flight and Space, Automation and Robotics, and Medical Detectives.

GIFTED & TALENTED PROGRAM

The Elementary Gifted Program is a pullout program which provides the GT student the opportunity to work with a GT Specialist in a skills-based curriculum. Students participate in project-based learning and develop Independent study products and/or performances.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Full day pre-k is offered at every elementary for students who meet state mandated requirements.



COLLEGE EXPLORATION

RCCHS students are allowed two days to visit colleges of interest without incurring an absence. The campus also hosts annual College Fairs attracting representatives from around the state and nation. Students are also prepped for the transition to college using Texas Career Check.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Connecting students with scholarship opportunities can open the horizons for students and their families. The class of 2020 hauled in nearly **\$4 Million** in scholarships. Our Counseling Team gathers and promotes local and national scholarships with students via social media, websites, announcements, phone blasts and emails. These include local, military and outside scholarships.

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED	
Class of 2018	\$1.9 Million
Class of 2019	\$3.9 Million
Class of 2020	\$3.8 Million

TUTORING & SUPPORT PROGRAMS

When students fall behind, it's important for them to know exactly how and when to get help. Royse City ISD offers both traditional tutoring and specific time during each school day for students to get extra help.

Elementary Schools: before or after school beginning in 3rd grade.

Middle Schools: currently offers tutoring Monday to Friday in the morning in all subjects. Afternoon sessions available by appointment.

RCCHS: In 2020-2021, student tutorials will take place on enrichment Fridays and as scheduled by teaching staff.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Our Extended Day Program allows working parents that additional time to pick up their students. Kids enjoy academic support and enrichment time. Offered at each of our six elementary campuses.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

We serve approximately **814 students** in the Special Education program in:

- General Ed Classroom Support
- Resource Classroom
- Speech Therapy
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Parent Training
- Psychological & Behavioral Support
- Functional Life Skills
- Community Based Instruction Work
- Pre-School for Children w/Disabilities
- Visual Impairment Services
- Auditory Impairment Services
- Homebound Instruction

BILINGUAL PROGRAM

Royse City ISD offers an early exit 2nd-4th grade Bilingual program. Starting the 20-21 School year, we serve our PK-1 in a Dual Language Program with goals of bilingualism, bi-literacy, and biculturalism. We will add 2nd grade to the Dual Language Model 2021-2022 and 3rd Grade 2022-2023 4th Grade 2023-2024. RCISD's Bilingual and ESL program serves over **770** English Learner students either by direct instruction or monitoring.

Among our student body, we have **24 languages** spoken other than English. Our goal is for these students to be come competent in listening, speaking, reading and writing English while respecting their native language.



CLASS SIZES

As a fast growth district, class sizes are an ongoing focus and challenge as we welcome hundreds of new students each year. Royse City ISD works to maintain a **22:1** student to teacher ratio in grades kindergarten to fourth grade and **28:1** in grades five to twelve in core areas.

GRADE	AVG. CLASS SIZE
Kindergarten _____	17.9
1st _____	19.3
2nd _____	18.1
3rd _____	18.1
4th _____	17.7
5th _____	23.0
6th _____	22.4
7-12 English _____	19.2
7-12 Math _____	19.7
7-12 Science _____	22.5
7-12 Social Studies _____	22.8
7-12 Foreign Language _____	24.8

ATTENDANCE RATE

Regular attendance is closely tied to student success.

RCISD Average Daily Attendance	
2015-16 _____	96.0%
2016-17 _____	95.7%
2017-18 _____	95.4%

ATHLETICS

Here are some current offerings.

High School

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Golf
- Powerlifting
- Softball
- Soccer
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Track
- Volleyball

Middle School

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Football
- Soccer
- Track
- Volleyball

CLUBS & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

There are dozens of clubs and organizations starting in elementary through high school. At the high school level, students are required to find a sponsor and establish at least one community service project to begin a new club. Students earn many hours of service through these opportunities.

FINE ARTS

Royse City ISD boasts a K-12 Fine Arts Program which has seen a 100% participation increase in five years.

Elementary: Music & Art

Intermediate: Music, Art & 6th Grade Band

Baley MS: Art, Theatre, Choir & Band

RCHS: Art, Theatre, Choir, Band & Dance

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Providing meaningful student recognition is part of the fabric of our district. High school students participate in the Bowers Beacon Awards where a staff member chooses one student for recognition. The honor is for those students who are shining lights on campus.

The Royse City ISD Education Foundation also honors the Top Dogs of each graduating class with a special banquet and awards ceremony.

Schools host Gifted & Talented Expos, Athletic Banquets, Fine Arts Nights, Family Nights, Band Banquets and many opportunities for student affirmation.

BEST COMMUNITY FOR MUSIC EDUCATION - 2 YEARS RUNNING

Named by the National Association of Music Merchants for quality music education and program support.





NATIONAL SHOWCASE DISTRICT

Royse City ISD was one of only 6 school districts in the United States to be named a National Showcase District by the Flippen Group for its work with the Capturing Kids' Hearts program. In addition, all of the district's campuses were named National Showcase Schools in 2020.

To date, more than **80%** of all RCISD campus staff has been trained in the program and dozens of fellow schools have visited Royse City ISD to learn best practices.



FACILITY MAINTENANCE

Royse City ISD has dedicated teams for custodial, grounds and well maintenance who work to ensure our schools and buildings are clean and maintained. With **77 sq. miles** of property, these teams work year round serving the district.



SAFETY INVESTMENTS

Campus safety is of paramount importance in our district and officials work to regularly audit and invest in safety measures as needed. In the Spring of 2017, the School Board approved a **\$70,000 investment** in security upgrades. Royse City ISD has Security Resource Officers through agreements with the cities of Fate and Royse City Police Departments. In addition, Royse City High School has full-time security guards. For more information on safety email Lloyd Blaine at blainel@rcisd.org.

TRANSPORTATION

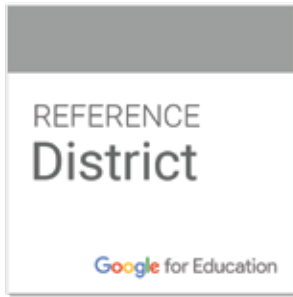
The Transportation Team boasts 57 buses, 2 cars and 5 suburbans. Currently, 54 dedicated bus drivers and monitors safely transport our kids to and from school. In the 2019-2020 school year, our school buses drove over 550,000 miles which is more than 23 trips around the earth's equator.



CHILD NUTRITION

The Child Nutrition Team served thousands of grab and go meals during the pandemic at remote locations during the school closure. We've also added new menu options including made from scratch pizza at our secondary campuses. Meal prices have not risen for RCISD students in over two years.





ROYSE CITY ISD: REFERENCE DISTRICT

Google for Education Reference Districts demonstrate excellence and thought leadership through the innovative use of technology, including G Suite for Education and Chromebooks, to drive impact and positive learning outcomes. We are among only 150 schools and districts nationwide to earn this esteemed title.

CHROMEBOOKS & DEVICE CARTS

Chromebooks are the laptop of choice in Royse City ISD. Through the district's 1:1 initiative called Connected4Learning, we have thousands of laptops and devices in use every day enhancing education.

- 19 Laptop Carts at Elem Levels
- 4,000 Chromebooks for MS
- 2,000 Chromebooks at RCHS

For \$30 a year, students have a Chromebook issued to them each year for take home and school use.

CLASSROOM SETUP

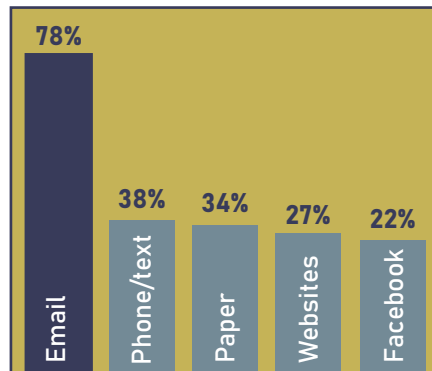
All classrooms in Royse City ISD have either a projector or a TV for display. All classrooms have WiFi access points capable of handling student and teacher devices. Many teachers in middle and high school utilize Google Classroom and other applications to collaborate with students.

QMLATIV FAMILY ACCESS

All parents have access to an online portal to stay in tune with their child's academic success. The system is updated daily with grades and progress reports for students. Parents can opt into grade alerts and receive other communication from their child's campus through this portal.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS

In a recent survey of parents, Royse City ISD gathered the top ways that they prefer to receive communication. Here are the top 5 preferred tools by parents:



WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

Sharing the activities of the school day and the successes of students is the number one job for the Communications Office and is greatly supported on each campus. Additionally, the district has plans and protocols to communicate with parents in emergency situations.



The district and campuses use a wide variety of communication methods to reach families. Here are some of those tools:

- **New!** Mobile App
- Facebook & Twitter
- @RoyseCityISD
- Peachjar Digital Flyers
- Constant Contact Newsletters
- Campus & District Websites
- School Messenger Voicemails
- Email
- Paper Letters



2019-2020 ACTUAL OPERATING REVENUE

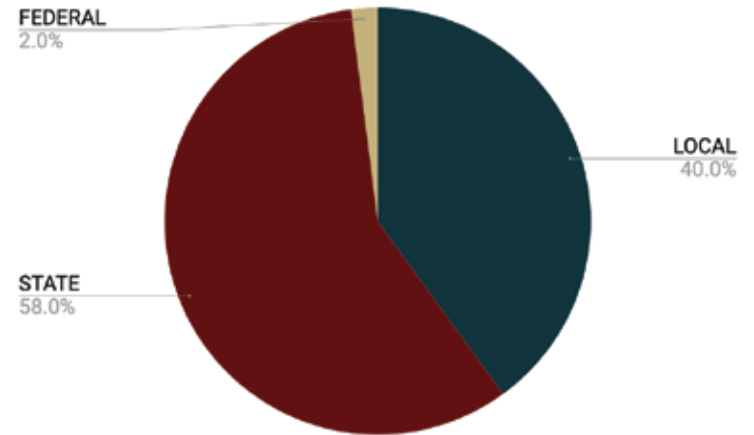
\$77,415,981

Local	\$38,633,322
State	\$36,614,359
Federal	\$2,168,300

2019-2020 ACTUAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

\$72,658,392

Instruction	\$33,274,523
Instruction Res. & Media Serv.	\$635,578
Curriculum & Staff Dev.	\$1,353,715
Instructional Leadership	\$730,034
School Leadership	\$3,827,175
Guidance/Counseling	\$2,208,514
Health Services	\$670,906
Student Transportation	\$2,597,339
Food Services	\$2,129,304
Extracurricular	\$1,848,747
General Administration	\$2,103,183
Plant Maint. & Operations	\$5,976,301
Security & Monitoring Serv.	\$690,432
Data Processing Services	\$1,173,507
Community Services	\$867,054
Principal Long-Term Debt	\$10,854,231
Interest Long-Term Debt	\$1,164,225
Debt Issuance Fees	\$62,060
Shared Serv. Arrangements	\$509,563



SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT

In 2020, RCISD earned a rating of “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system for financial integrity. The Superior Achievement rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of Royse City ISD’s financial management and reporting system.

RCISD Chief Financial Officer Byron Bryant said, “It is our goal to be as transparent and diligent as possible with taxpayer dollars. Providing a quality education, safe environment and adequate resources drives our finance office every day. As our communities continue to grow, we will be focused on providing for our current students and anticipating future families who choose RCISD.”



FINANCIAL RECOGNITION

Royse City ISD is recognized by the Texas Association of School Business Officials with the Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations. This honor means that the district has sound purchasing procedures. Our Finance Team is one of only a handful of districts in Texas to have received this honor in 2020. Additionally, the Texas Financial Integrity Rating System has ranked Royse City ISD Superior each year since 2013. Royse City ISD also received the ASBO Meritorious Budget Award for the 2019-2020 budget year which recognizes our commitment to sound financial management and budgetary policies.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

By retrofitting lighting, we are saving \$100,000+ annually in electrical costs. Many campuses are Energy Star Certified and the district works within board approved Energy Management Guidelines. Digital controls allow staff to control and schedule energy use 365 days per year.

DEBT MANAGEMENT & SAVINGS

Due to our financial soundness and transparency, the S&P Global Ratings has given Royse City ISD a A+ Bond Rating making our school bonds appealing to investors. Royse City ISD has saved the local taxpayers millions of dollars in recent bond sales and refundings due to our good bond rating and the timing of those bond sales.



TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENTS

The Technology Replacement Plan for Royse City ISD has resulted in sweeping changes to all campuses K-12. The \$1.5 million four year plan began in 2018-19 with overhauled classroom technology impacting every single student. The plan included:

New projectors & speakers for all 375 classrooms.

All 240 K-6 classrooms received 5 Chromebooks and a charging locker.

All 16 computer labs received new desktop computers and monitors.

Sustained the high school one-to-one program with 500 added Chromebooks for incoming freshmen.

Extended one-to-one program to middle schools with Chromebooks for all students 6-8th grade.

BUS LEASE PROGRAM

Royse City ISD has entered into a bus lease program in order to freshen up our aging bus fleet. The district will be allowed to purchase those buses at the option of the district at a price predetermined when the lease was signed. This will allow the district to increase the size of the bus fleet as well as prolong the life of some of our older buses in order to keep up with our rapidly growing student population.

INNOVATIVE FURNITURE PROGRAM

Royse City ISD is entering its 4th year of a 5 year program to replace the classroom furniture of each of our elementary schools. Each school has its choice of desks and tables that can be configured into different shapes and designs depending on the lesson that has been taught. This gives teacher more flexibility and enhances our students' ability to collaborate with each other within the classroom setting.



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