

EXCELLENCE BEGINS WITH US

Garland ISD announces new program



Launching in 2018-19, Garland ISD's Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) program is a new approach to education, which focuses on strategic staffing and student support.

ACE first identifies specific staff members who will best fit the individual needs of students at participating campuses. It then ensures every student is supported academically, socially and emotionally in order to reach his or her greatest potential.

Our ACE campuses are:

- Handley Elementary School
- Lyles Middle School

ACE not only inspires innovation, academic excellence, citizenship and college and career readiness. It also helps eliminate previous opportunity gaps.

Features

Each ACE school offers:

- Extended school hours
- Enrichment activities after school
- Social and emotional learning and development
- Discounted uniforms
- Free breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Transportation home, Monday-Thursday, for students who stay until 6 p.m.
- A culture of high expectations
- Financial incentives to attract and retain highly effective staff
- Specialized training and extra professional development

Benefits

Students and staff at an ACE school will benefit from:

- Extra academic support - teachers will provide additional instruction, with a focus on subjects such as English and mathematics
- Resources for character and leadership development
- Opportunity to co-build a dynamic and transformative learning environment alongside talented peers

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can attend ACE campuses?

Garland ISD's true Choice of School program gives any student the opportunity to attend an ACE campus. Selections should be made during the district's annual Choice of School periods.

For questions about the Choice of School process, contact Student Services at 972-494-8455.

How are ACE schools chosen?

Committed to ensuring that every student receives a high-quality education, Garland ISD recognizes that each individual campus has a unique set of needs. The ACE program is proven to benefit a variety of campuses, including those that:

- Earn multiple Improvement Required ratings from the Texas Education Agency;
- Show academic achievement gaps when compared to other campuses with different family income levels and ethnicities;
- Report a higher number of discipline incidents; or
- Experience regular enrollment changes due to students moving residences

What does strategic staffing mean?

ACE principals hand-pick every position on their campuses to guarantee the best fit. In preparation for Garland ISD's launch at Handley and Lyles in 2018-19, all professional and paraprofessional positions will be reopened.

What inspired the ACE program?

Garland ISD's ACE program is an adaptation from Dallas ISD. Since the program's implementation there in 2015, ACE schools have experienced increased academic performance in core content areas, improved attendance, and a stronger parent-school connection.

Fort Worth ISD and Richardson ISD have also implemented the ACE program.

Who can work at an ACE campus, and what are the incentives?

All current staff members at Handley and Lyles have the opportunity to apply for a position if they wish to remain as part of the ACE program in 2018-19. Employees from across the district are also invited to apply. If current Handley and Lyles staff do not wish to remain at their campuses, or are not selected for an ACE position, they will be welcomed at another GUSD school.

Educational Aide	\$2,500
Instructional Coach	\$8,000
Social Worker	\$10,000
Nurse	\$10,000
Counselor	\$10,000
Librarian	\$10,000
Teacher	\$10,000
Assistant Principal	\$13,500
Principal	\$15,000

For More Information

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School Hours

**Handley
Elementary School**
8:10 a.m.-4:20 p.m.
Enrichment: 4:20-6 p.m.

Lyles Middle School
8:50 a.m.-5 p.m.
Enrichment: 5-6 p.m.