



Needs to go to current and those who do not currently attend but selected or placed as a part of school choice.

Send to all sixth graders neighborhood area of Lyles whether they chose or not and to incoming kinder at Handley.

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Date

Dear \_\_\_\_Families:

The mission of the Garland Independent School District is to provide an exceptional education to all of its students. We want to ensure your children have every opportunity to be successful now and in the future that awaits them. Believing that excellence begins with us, we are excited to announce a new program coming to Handley Elementary School and Lyles Middle School next school year.

Accelerating Campus Excellence (ACE) is an innovative approach to education that focuses on strategic staffing and student support. It has been implemented with compelling success in both Dallas and Fort Worth ISDs, increasing academic performance in core content areas, improving attendance and building stronger parent-school connections.

What does this mean for your children? New features for ACE campuses include an extended school day, which allows for an increased hour of instructional time to focus on critical subjects like English and math, tutoring, homework help and more. ACE campuses also stay open until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, offering a variety of enrichment activities. Because a priority of the program is to provide for social and emotional care, many other basic needs are also provided as well. Some of these include discounted uniforms, free breakfast, lunch and dinner and free evening transportation on Monday through Thursday for students who stay until 6 p.m.

Your children will also benefit from a strategic staffing initiative, which identifies specific staff members who best fit the individual needs of students at ACE campuses. Our team of highly effective educators has been recruited and handpicked from across GISD. They are all eager to help make a positive impact in the lives of your children.

For more information about ACE and to see some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), please visit [www.garlandisd.net/ace](http://www.garlandisd.net/ace). You are also invited to attend an upcoming informational meeting to ask any questions you may have and to meet your child's new principal. Lyles' ACE celebration will be held April 26, and Handley's celebration will be held May 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting at one campus, feel free to attend the meeting at the other.

Information about Choice of School options will also be shared during these meetings. Families who wish to select a different campus after learning more about ACE will have an opportunity to change