



## Harwood Junior High School



### Designated in 2017

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School Web site:

HYPERLINK "<http://bit.ly/HarwoodJH>" <http://bit.ly/HarwoodJH>

## 2015-16 School Statistics

*(Sources: 2015-2016 Texas School Report Card)*  
 Community: Suburban District with 39 Campuses  
 Enrollment: 1,187  
 Grade Levels: 07, 08, 09  
 School Schedule: August - June

- Student Demographics**
- 17 % African American
  - 25 % Hispanic
  - 45 % White
  - 1 % American Indian
  - 10 % Asian
  - 2 % Two or More Races
  
  - 36.2 % Economically Disadvantaged
  - 3.8 % English Language Learners
  - 9.2 % Special Education

- Distinction Designations:**
- Reading/ELA
  - Social Studies
  - Math
  - Science
  - Top 25% Closing Perform Gaps
  - Top 25% Student Progress
  - Postsecondary Readiness

*(Visit **HYPERLINK** "<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/src/>" <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/src/> to view this school's data for prior years.)*

## School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

### Academic Excellence

- Continuous Improvement Approach to Instruction
- HEB Teaching and Learning Systems
- Vertical Goal Alignment
- Individual Grade Departmental Data Analysis Discussions
- One Quarter of Classrooms Are Demonstration Classrooms
- Seventy-Five Superintendent Scholars (the most of any junior high in our district—This distinction recognizes the top 25% of all students who took the exam nationally.)
- Anticipated School Report Card Rating of A

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## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Lunch Bunch – Social skills group counseling
- Faculty Council – Social activities to increase faculty morale
- Faculty/Staff Recognition and Appreciation – Teachers with perfect attendance get extra jeans days and all faculty and staff receive a birthday Sonic drink.
- Makerspace – STEM-based discovery learning club held before school in our library
- Organizational Club – After-school club to help students learn organizational skills and stay organized
- Monthly Student Advisory Lessons – Covers topics chosen by student survey
- Positive Referrals – Teachers can refer students who exhibit good behavior and/or good citizenship for recognition by our principal
- Monthly Parent Postcards – Teachers write and send three cards at each faculty meeting to recognize students for positive traits and hard work
- Clubs and Organizations Offered – About 17 campus offerings encourage students to get involved and participate in extra-curricular activities.

## **Social Equity**

- Volunteers in Public Schools Program (VIPS)
- TRIO Talent Search Program to benefit first generation college students
- Student Mentor Program pairing general education and special education students with intellectually disabled students in our functional academics program
- Academic Support Electives for Reading and Math
- Language Support Elective
- Mandatory Tutorials for state assessment
- Late Work Lunch Program to reduce student zeros and missing work
- H.A.W.K.S. (Harwood Achieves When Students Succeed) – Teacher/student mentor program
- Students of the Month and Blackhawks of the Week – Recognition programs for students
- Blended Classes for Special Education Students
- Counselor Talks with failing students each six weeks

## **Organizational Support**

- Leadership Team – Group comprised of teachers/principal
- New Teacher Mentor Program
- Blackhawk Bulletin – Weekly parent and student newspaper
- Digital signage inside the building to keep parents informed/Traditional signage outside
- Adopt-A-School – Business and Community Partnerships to benefit our students
- Student, Parent/Community and Teacher Surveys
- Three Cheers – Weekly newsletter for faculty/staff to express encouragement and appreciation
- 100% Teacher Involvement in PTA
- Staff-led Professional Development

- Professional Communications Committee - Meets to address campus concerns with the district