

Spc. Rafael Hernando, III Middle School



Designated in 2016

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[HYPERLINK "http://www.sisd.net/rafaelhernandoms"](http://www.sisd.net/rafaelhernandoms)
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2015-16 School Statistics

Community: Urban District with 48 Campuses
Enrollment: 955
Grade Levels: 06, 07, 08
School Schedule: July - June

Student Demographics

- 4 % African American
- 88 % Hispanic
- 5 % White
- 0.5% American Indian
- 1 % Asian
- 0.5 % Pacific Islander
- 1% Two or More Races
- 675 Students, 70% Economically Disadvantaged
- 118 Students, 12% English Language Learners
- 83 Students, 9% Special Education
- 54 Students, 6% Gifted and Talented

Distinction Designations:

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

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

School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Fundamental 5 structured lesson plans
- TEKS deconstruction by department
- Essential Questions posted in every classroom
- UIL Academic/Extra-curricular competition with area middle schools
- Instructional Rounds gather data on a campus identified problem of practice and determine next steps
- iReady universal diagnostic for Math and Reading conducted
- Campus book study: The End of Molasses Classes
- Cav Tech Cadre
- Structured RTI process
- Full Spectrum of SPED class to include Functional Living Skills (FLS); Specialized Support Reading/Math; Co-Teach Reading/Math, Social Studies, and Science; and Support Facilitation all contents if necessary
- Common Formative and Summative assessments
- High School Credit Course offerings

- Pre-AP in all core classes 7th-8th

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Developmental Responsiveness

- CHAMPS
- Anti-Bullying Program OLWEUS
- After school Youth in your Neighborhood for military connected students
- Robotics Club
- Fine Arts Program
- Athletic Program
- College and Career Day
- Advancement Via Individual Determination
- Response to interventions
- National Junior Honor Society
- Student Council
- Counseling Guided Lessons
- Red Ribbon Week
- Literacy Campaign

Social Equity

- Cavalier of the Month
- Inclusion Classes for SPED students
- AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) program
- Tutoring Monday-Thursday
- Super Saturday
- Intersession Power Camps
- Pride
- Intervention Labs for Reading and Math
- All Girls Gateway Class

Organizational Support

- School Improvement Team
- Instructional Leadership Team
- Leadership Team with department chairs
- Teacher Mentoring Program
- Monday Memos
- Parent Comment Cards in front office
- Online surveys about campus climate and experiences
- Staff-led Professional Development
- Business Partnerships with surrounding community
- Heat-mapping / data digs
- Data Binders
- Twitter/Facebook/School Messenger
- School website

- On-line registration
- Parent 360
- Parent Liaison
- Family Nights
- Make it Count Post-Cards
- Creative Scheduling for Professional Learning Communities & Small Learning Communities
- Creating Scheduling for content aligned conferences and house teams