

## HURST JUNIOR HIGH



### 2018-2019 SCHOOL STATISTICS

Designated in 2018-2019

Re-Designated in

Community Size - Suburban

School Enrollment - 1125

Grade Levels - 7,8,9

School Calendar - traditional

Free & Reduced Lunch - 63%

English Learners - 22%

Students with Disabilities - 9%

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### School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

#### Academic Excellence

- At Hurst Junior High, we believe students deserve world-class instruction each day.

- Teachers utilize continuous improvement such as plan, do, study, act cycle to evaluate their system for the best results.

- Students take responsibility for their own learning as they create data folders in each classroom that house personal goals and individual PDSAs.

- Every class throughout the building addresses writing expectations through the expectation to write a minimum of once a week in all content areas.

### 2018-2019 School Demographics

- African American - 17%
- Asian - 6%
- Caucasian - 34%
- Filipino - 0%
- Hispanic - 38%
- Native American - 0%
- Pacific Islander - 2%
- Other - 0%
- Two or More - 2%

- Through "pineappling", our faculty get the opportunity to visit colleagues' classrooms twice a month. Observing other teachers in action provides meaningful professional development and non-evaluative feedback to colleagues.

## **Developmental Responsiveness**

- Student clubs and organizations are available to all students. These clubs are based on student interest and teacher led. Any student can create a club, by simply obtaining a school sponsor and meeting with the principal for approval.
- Students have access to a well-rounded breakfast and lunch, as well as snacks to utilize for after school tutoring, interventions and/or clubs.
- The nurse identifies families in need and provides information regarding free glasses, medications, doctor's visits and access to the district clothes closet.
- A social worker, housed on campus, provides daily group activities that focus on appropriate interaction between peers and conflict resolution as well as academic and emotional counseling.
- The counseling department meets with every student and parent to plan for their future.
- Academic success meetings are held for any student who is failing a class.
- A principal committee, comprised of students from all three grade levels and various cultural backgrounds, is tasked with representing the entire student body and sharing with administration student concerns and needs.

## **Social Equity**

- Hurst Junior High provides top-notch teaching as evident by 15% of our classrooms deemed "demonstration classrooms". Demonstration classrooms are, at the district level, to be among the elite.
- Staff recognizes the responsibility to challenge students academically at every opportunity. As students begin to excel in a class and need more rigorous curriculum they are moved to higher-level courses.
- Students also have an opportunity to celebrate teachers through a monthly teacher recognition form.
- Hurst Junior High provides mentors to our most at risk students. These adults meet with students weekly to check-in and provide support when needed.
- 27 different languages are spoken at Hurst Junior High. This diversity is celebrated through our Family Night.
- Discipline is viewed not as punitive, but with a restorative approach.

## **Organizational Support**

- Continuous Improvement techniques and strategies are the backbone of all structures and processes at Hurst Junior High.
- The 3 Core Values: Commit to Learning, Do What's Right and Respect Others, provide common vocabulary for all stakeholders.
- Students begin the year with a student-led conference night. This supersedes a traditional open house and provides students the opportunities to share with their parents personal goals for the year and a plan for achieving these goals.

- Students are expected to take responsibility for their learning by utilizing "ICU" time each Wednesday to check their grades and make an academic plan moving forward for the following week.