# LEADING TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

Leander Independent School District

# Making the Grade

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in 2017 of 937 Best School Districts in Texas

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in 2017 of 981 Largest School Districts in Texas

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in 2017 of 634 Best School Districts for Athletes in Texas

# Overall Niche Grade

#### How grades are calculated and the breakdown...

Academics A+ Diversity A-Teachers A College Readiness A+ Clubs & Activities B+ Health & Safety A-Administration A Sports A Food B+ Resources & Facilities B+

5: Student-Teacher Ratio 96% Graduation Rate

"State assessment scores are just one of many factors we consider when evaluating our success in meeting our families' and community's needs. As we move forward through our culture of continuous improvement, our goal is to collaborate across our classrooms to align our high-quality curriculum and to enhance the usage of data to push our students to even higher levels of success."

- Dr. Dan Troxell, superintendent, Leander ISD

## CITY OF LEANDER #1 PLACE to raise a family in Texas

Smartasset.com named the city of Leander the best place to raise a family in the state of Texas. This New York based financial technology firm utilizes modeling to give consumers advice on major decisions including where to buy a home.

#### MEET DR. DAN TROXELL, PHD, SUPERINTENDENT OF LEANDER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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- Dr. Troxell begins his second academic year at the helm of LISD
- Prior taking the top spot in Leander, Dr. Troxell was superintendent of Kerrville ISD for 14 years
- In 2008 Dr. Troxell was named Superintendent of the Year by the Texas Association of School Boards
- He earned both a bachelor of arts degree and a doctorate degree in Education from the University of Texas and his master's degree in Education from Texas State University in San Marcos.
- Dr. Troxell serves on many boards including the Texas Association of School Administrators Legislative Committee, the UIL Legislative Council, and the Texas Association of School Boards Risk Management Fund Board

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STUDENT EXCELLENCE, FOSTERING LEARNING, and Recognizing Outstanding Achievement

#### A few facts and figures

### Getting to Know Leander ISD

- Leander ISD is the 14th fastest growing school district in Texas. Between 2014-15 and 2015-16 Leander ISD added 1,100 students.
- Leander ISD students continue to shine, outpacing the rest of the state on assessment scores. On July 7, 2017 the Texas Education Agency (TEA) released STAAR scores for grades 3-8 in reading, math, writing, and social studies and End of Course exams for Algebra 1, Biology, English 1 and 2, and U.S. History. Results and additional information is available on the TEA website at www.tea.texas.gov.
- Leander ISD employees over
  3,400 teachers, instructional
  aids, education aids, support
  professionals, administrators
  and substitute teachers.
- The district serves more than 38,000 students over a 200 mile radius.
- LISD focuses on three key elements: 1. Continually improving world-class curriculum, 2. Encouraging parent and community involvement, and 3. Teaching and modeling ethical behavior.
- In partnership with the Texas Department of Agriculture LISD provided free meals to students through the Summer Food Service Program. Five locations throughout the district hosted the program.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**18** Leander High School Choirs that competed in this year's University Interscholastic League (UIL) received a First Division Rating in either concert or sight-reading.

**5** LISD robotics teams advanced to the World Championship. Congratulations to the talented students from Rouse, Vandegrift, and Vista Ridge high schools.

**11** Leander ISD Destination Imagination (DI) teams advanced to this year's Global Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn.

**33** percent of students in the district take at least one AP exam.

**73** percent of students in LISD that take an AP exam score a 3 or higher.

The girls' soccer teams at Rouse and Vandegrift High Schools advanced to the state UIL semi-finals round.

Congratulations to Rutledge Elementary for being named Favorite Public School by Austin Family Magazine.

The NJROTC CyberPatriot Digital Warriors from Vista Ridge High School took home second place in the state competition.

## Leander ISD and AVID

Advancement Via Individual Determination or AVID is a college-readiness program in which Leander ISD participates in and is designed to increase the number of students who enroll in four-year colleges. Although AVID serves all students, it focuses on those students in the academic middle. The formula is simple-raise expectations of students and, with the AVID support system in place, they will rise to the challenge.

