

School District: Carthage ISD

Superintendent: Mr. John Wink

Region: VII

Location:

Carthage in Panola County, is located in deep East Texas. We are 38 miles west of Shreveport, Louisiana; 30 miles south of Longview, Texas; and 65 miles east of Tyler, Texas. Carthage ISD covers 630 square miles with bus routes covering 2,450 miles each day.



Student Enrollment: 2,700 students Pre-Kindergarten – High School

School Campus Configuration: Carthage Primary-PK – 1st Grade; Libby Elementary-Grades 2,3; Baker Koonce Intermediate – 4th – 6th Grades; Carthage Junior High – 7th and 8th Grades; and Carthage High School – 9th – 12 Grades

What are your district's points of pride?

What do you say when you are bragging about your district? This can be a cool new program, something with a track record of success, something amazing about your students and/or staff. Feel free to brag!

- New Performing Arts Center with 2,038 seating capacity to host regional events
- Outdoor Classroom at Libby Elementary
- Outdoor Garden at Baker Koonce Intermediate with support from OT Students
- Six times State Football Champions
- Technology Students Association – 2nd in State and 8th in National Awards in 2019 with 13 State Championships overall
- CHS-TV is one of the top high school broadcast programs in Texas.
- Education Foundation funded over \$180,000 in grants in 2019
- Champions Closet created in 2019 to provide clothing and toiletries to students in need

What makes your school district/community unique?

- Home to the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame,
- Home to the late Jim Reeves and Tex Ritter, Hall of Fame Country Stars,
- Home of the national renowned artisan, Bob Harness,
- Majority of teaching staff and all 7 board members are CHS Alumni,
- Strong community support for the school district's initiatives

What challenges does your district face?

This can be financial, academic, social, or anything that poses the greatest challenge for you.

- Stagnant enrollment growth,
- Finding certified teachers in critical shortage areas,
- Uncertainty of values associated with oil and gas industry

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