

# DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

## Granbury ISD



**Superintendent:** Dr. Jeremy Glenn

**Region:** 11

**Location:** Granbury, Hood County, Texas just southwest of Fort Worth

**Student Enrollment:** 7,349

### **School Campus Configuration:**

- **High Schools:** Granbury High School (9-12), STARS Accelerated High School (alternative high school)
- **Middle Schools:** Acton Middle School (6-8), Granbury Middle School (6-8)
- **Elementary Schools:** Acton Elementary School (PK-5), Baccus Elementary School (PK-5), Brawner Intermediate School (3-5), Oak Woods School (PK-5), Roberson Elementary School (PK-2), STEAM Academy at Mambrino (PK-5)

### **What are your district's points of pride?**

- Granbury ISD outperforms the region and state with an impressive 98% graduation rate. Granbury High School has been lauded by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top schools in state and nation for college and career readiness based on demographics, college entrance exams, and advanced courses.
- In 2018, Mambrino School became a school-wide STEAM Academy. During an application period each spring, the school accepted student transfers from other GISD campuses as well as from outside the district. The elementary academy for students in grades K-5 will focus on science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. There is daily implementation of the inquiry design process and utilization of specialized curricula, including Project Lead The Way.
- Hundreds of students in grades 7-9 are part of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program, a district initiative that provides academic and leadership support for students entering rigorous coursework that prepares them for a pathway to university studies. Students with these skills choose college and are highly successful in whatever they choose to do after they graduate. The program will expand to higher grades at Granbury High School in future years.
- The Career and Technical Education program is second-to-none in a state-of-the-art 100-square foot facility at the high school. The program is anchored by

engineering, culinary, health science, and agricultural programs. Students also engage in a number of competitive events – including the F1 in Schools program, which has taken Granbury engineering students around the world for international contests. In addition, an aviation initiative through The Eagle’s Nest program provides students with the opportunity to build working aircraft.

- Acton Middle School was recently redesignated as a Texas School to Watch. In addition, Acton Elementary School and Oak Woods School are both National Schools of Character, while STEAM Academy at Mambrino is a State School of Character.
- With the G2025 strategic plan and the motto “Innovation. Engagement. Leadership,” GISD is moving forward with a district-wide reading initiative, full-day pre-kindergarten at the Roberson campus beginning in the 2020-21 school year, a dual language program at Baccus beginning in the 2020-21 school year, and meaningful facility improvements to support academic learning and student growth.
- GISD was the first area school to execute an agreement with Tarleton State University to join the Distinguished High School Partnership Program. This provides automatic admission to the top 25% of each graduating school with no ACT or SAT score requirement. The program also provides scholarships for several Granbury students.

### **What makes your school district/community unique?**

- GISD has one of the lowest tax rates in the area at \$1.195. A 2013 bond expected to raise the tax rate by 15 cents to fund \$89.5 million in facility and technology improvements. However, that impact is now only 5 cents.
- Service is an important component for all GISD students, encouraging students to participate in volunteer activities to assist community organizations and agencies that support the public. Each school year through the GISD Day of Service, Granbury students converge to support charitable groups, work at parks and libraries, visit with nursing home residents, and perform other needed assistance. Beginning in the 2020-21 school year, every student will participate in an extracurricular activity, club, or organization and complete 20 hours of community service as a local requirement for graduation.
- Granbury High School has a full-time drug dog to help combat drug use and possession on campus. Funded by the education foundation and supported by other local organizations, “Annie” is a regular presence at GHS and other campuses.

### **What challenges does your district face?**

- The district is implementing a number of academic programs and interventions to increase student performance as well as district and campus accountability ratings.
- While moderate, student growth and facility needs will be part of an upcoming long-range facility planning initiative.