

# DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

## Gruver ISD

**Superintendent:** Wade Callaway

**Region:** UIL Region 1; ESC 16

**Location:** North-Central Texas panhandle, sharing a border with Oklahoma. 90 miles north of Amarillo and 75 miles south of Liberal, Kansas.



**Student Enrollment:** Total enrollment is 449.

**School Campus Configuration:** Gruver ISD has three separate campuses: Elementary with Pre-K - 4, Junior High has 5-8, and High School serves 9-12.

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

- Our **Farm Scholarship Foundation!** ([https://www.gruverisd.net/38008\\_1](https://www.gruverisd.net/38008_1))
- Academic Success: District UIL Champions last year for ALL 3 campuses
- Athletic Success: Last year...Cross Country advanced to State (back again this year); Football was State Runner-up; Boys Basketball was State Runner-Up; Students advanced to State in both track and tennis as well.
- Drone Pilot Program; Several Internships offered to HS Students, including: Ag Tech; Physical Therapy; Accounting/Finance
- We are also beginning a Service Honor Cord for graduating seniors who accrue at least 25 hours of documented community service for each year they are in high school (i.e. 100 hours for those who are here all four years).

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

- Again, our **Farm Scholarship Program!** It's all VOLUNTEER and pays for our students' college, technical training, Master's Degree (up to 8 semesters) [https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2056/jon\\_mark\\_beilue\\_ag\\_n\\_article.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/scschoolfiles/2056/jon_mark_beilue_ag_n_article.pdf)

### What challenges does your district face?

- We have a fantastic district and community. Financial issues are our biggest challenge. We passed a DEFICIT budget LAST year of around -\$270,000 as a result of declining property values and the death of ASATR. This year we passed a balanced budget, but it is still tight.
- Fortunately, our community overwhelmingly passed a \$7.2 million bond on Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> that will allow us to address some serious needs (e.g. fix our flat roofs, remodel of cafeteria, etc...)