



Education

Everything Within Reach

The education system that serves Hillsboro ranges from pre-schools for very young children, through workforce training and associate degrees for adults, with major colleges and universities within an hour’s drive. Its quality and comprehensiveness is one of the distinguishing characteristics of the area that makes this such an attractive environment for residents and businesses.

Early Childhood Education Options

Education options for very young children include:

- First Baptist Church School (4yr Pre-K)
- Hillsboro Headstart (for 3 year olds, staffed by Hillsboro ISD teachers)
- Philotechnos Pre School
- Tammy’s Learning Center

Day care centers include:

- Little Angels Day Care (at Walnut Street Baptist Church)
- Mills Daycare
- Rebecca’s Country Day Care, Inc.

Parents Day Out

- First Baptist Church
- Wesley Academy (at First United Methodist Church)

Public School System (pre-K-12)

The Hillsboro Independent School District operates the pre-K-12 public school system that serves the City of Hillsboro. The 3A system which- is comprised of five campuses is rated “Academically Acceptable” by the state for school year 2008-2009. The AEIS rating system is based upon student scores from the TAKS test.

Source: Texas Education Agency School Report Card, AEIS District Performance Report

www.tea.state.tx.us/

The strength of the system, in addition to academics, is the variety of activities and experiences from which Hillsboro students are able to choose. A combination of size, community support, and proximity to major urban resources helps make this possible. The system currently has excess student capacity, which helps keep classes smaller. Parents are encouraged to be involved.

System Facts:

- 2008-09 enrollment – 1,872 (Fall 2009)
- 2009-10 total budget of \$14,908,602
- 5 campuses
 - pre-kindergarten for 4 olds - 203
 - kindergarten and elementary for grades K-2 - 437
 - intermediate for grades 3-6 – 572
 - junior high for grades 7-8 – 237

- high school for grades 9-12 - 443
- Average teacher/student ratio 1:18.6 for K-6; 1:17.8 for 7-12, including core secondary courses.
- Special Education “Eagle Academy” for students needing one-on-one attention
- High school graduates average 95 per year
- 76.9% graduation rate (2007-2008)

Additional Programs:

- All students receive computer literacy training
- School system pays for every high school student to take the PSAT or SAT test
- Concurrent enrollment in high school and college courses via distance learning technology
- Computer resource labs in every school library
- Junior High School vocational training linked to high school program
- High School vocational training center emphasis on wood and metal shop, and small engine repair
- Cooperative half-day education/half-day work experience program
- Community parenting program
- Alternative Education program based in Hillsboro

Class of 2008-2009 College Entrance Examinations: TEA

AVERAGE SCORE	SAT	ACT
Hillsboro High School	927	19.1
Texas	987	20.5

Source: Texas Education Agency School Report Card, AEIS District Performance Report www.tea.state.tx.us/

For more information, call the Hillsboro Independent School District administration office (254-582-8585) or visit the web site at www.hillsboroisd.org

Adult Education

Hill College

Based in Hillsboro, is the community college serving Hill County and the surrounding region. Established in 1921 and enrolling its first students in 1923, it also has campuses in Burleson, Cleburne, Clifton, Glen Rose, and soon to be in Meridian. The 2009 Fall Semester total enrollment was 4,307. Hill College has experience a 16% increase in enrollment in comparison to Fall 2008.

Hill College offers a variety of off-campus classes via satellite through the area high schools, and internet accessible classes and coursework. Within the total enrollment, 524 students are enrolled in internet courses only.

It offers 25 academic associate degrees, 25 vocational/technical degrees, and 84 certifications. Academic classes are structured to transfer into four-year colleges and universities, with the college having seamless transfer agreements with 8 State Universities.

The Hill College Office of Continuing Education and Corporate Training offers non-credit continuing-and-community education classes to meet personal and professional needs, as well as customized classes to meet a particular business or industry need. Classes can be held on campus or off-site.

For information on Hill College, visit www.hillcollege.edu or call (254) 659-7500. For information on the Continuing Education and Corporate Training program, call (817) 641-9887, ext. 284.

Texas State Technical College in Waco

TSTCs' nationally recognized Waco campus is about a 30 minute drive from Hillsboro. The system specializes in vocational and technical education, offering over 100 Associate Degrees and Certificates in 34 programs of study. There are 6 areas of Academic Associate Degree programs structured to transfer into four-year colleges and universities.

Career programs areas include:

- Agriculture
- Information Technology and Telecommunications
- Engineering and Manufacturing
- Health and Sciences
- Business, Commerce, and Service
- Transportation and Aviation

The Heart of Texas Workforce Center, also located in Hillsboro, offers certain types of training for teenage and adult workers, along with the services it provides to employers needing assistance with workforce recruiting, screening, and pre-employment testing. Visit their web site at www.hotworkforce.com.

Area Colleges and Universities

Colleges and universities within an hour's drive of Hillsboro include:

Baylor University – Waco
Dallas County Community College
Dallas Baptist University
Hill College - Hillsboro
McLennan County Community College – Waco
North Central Texas College
Southern Methodist University – Dallas
Tarleton State University - Stephenville
Tarrant County Community College
Texas A&M Health Center/Baylor College of Dentistry - Dallas

Texas Christian University – Fort Worth
Texas Wesleyan College – Fort Worth and Burleson
University of Dallas
University of North Texas at Dallas
University of Texas Health Science Center – Fort Worth
University of Texas at Arlington
University of Texas at Dallas
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas

Trade/Vocational Schools

Schools within an hour's drive of Hillsboro include:

Art Institute – Dallas
DeVry University – Dallas
ITT Technical Institute – Arlington
Westwood College – Ft. Worth

New Horizon CPC – Dallas, Ft. Worth
Remington College – Dallas
Texas State Technical College – Waco