



Deer Park Independent School District

Deer Park ISD is known throughout the State of Texas for its quality instructional program, outstanding facilities and exemplary teaching and support staff. Team Deer Park---comprised of all employees, students, parents, taxpayers, community members and elected officials--- received a “Recognized” rating from the State of Texas this year, the seventh time the district received the rating in the last eight years.

LOCATION AND FACILITIES

In 1930, the district’s first school opened in the small community of Deer Park, which was located in east Harris County. Today, the district is comprised of 15 schools and several support buildings, and enrollment has grown to over 12,300 students. Located about 20 miles southeast of downtown Houston, the district’s boundaries include most of the City of Deer Park as well as portions of Pasadena, Lynchburg and Highlands.

LEADERSHIP

As a Texas public school district, Deer Park ISD is governed by a seven-member Board of Trustees. Trustees are elected at large to three-year terms of office. The Board of Trustees sets governing policies for the district and hires the superintendent of schools, who is the head administrator for the district. Each campus is lead by a principal and one or more assistant principals.

STAFF

Deer Park ISD has 842 teachers and 926 other employees [including instructional specialists, office workers, maintenance, custodial employees, classroom aides, technicians, bus drivers, cafeteria employees, and administrators]. Of the district’s teaching staff, 33 percent have advanced degrees. The average number of years of experience for Deer Park ISD’s teachers is 13 years, and the district’s teacher turn-over rate is a low 8.8 percent compared to the state average of 15.2 percent. This proves that when outstanding teachers find their way to Deer Park, they want to remain a part of our instructional team.

PARENTS/COMMUNITY

The district also has a successful volunteer program through which parents and community members spend thousands of hours each year helping the district’s schools during the last school year. Of course, more volunteers are always needed, and anyone interested in volunteering should contact any school in the district for more information.

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

Due to its proximity to the Houston Ship Channel, Deer Park ISD has a large industrial and business tax base that accounts for more than 80 percent of the district’s tax revenue. However, Deer Park’s business neighbors contribute much more than tax dollars to the district. Several businesses have teams of employees who work as school volunteers, while other business owners and representatives serve on district committees or provide support in other ways.

Colleges and Universities

There are over forty (40) colleges, universities and institutes in the Houston region. Below is a listing of the institutions found closest to Deer Park.



San Jacinto College Now in its 46th session, San Jacinto College is, a public community college in Harris County, Texas, serving a district defined by the combined areas of these independent school districts: Channelview, Deer Park, Galena Park, La Porte, Pasadena, Sheldon and Clear Creek. The district also operates extension centers in Clear Lake, Channelview, Galena Park and Sheldon. In addition, the college's Clear Lake Training Center provides contract courses for area business and industry and continuing education courses. The district serves some 19,000 credit-seeking students each fall and spring semester. These students choose from some 100 fields of study, about 60 of which are technical in nature. The college also provides its community with hundreds of non-credit continuing education courses each year and continues to foster workforce development through training programs with area business and industry. www.sjcd.edu



The University of Houston - Clear Lake is one of the nation's most successful upper-level and graduate institutions. Its academic programs, at the junior, senior and master's level respond to the local needs of the aerospace, computer, petrochemical, medical, financial and foreign trade industries. Research efforts at the campus are increasing. A joint research and development agreement with the NASA Johnson Space Center focuses on advanced technology. www.uhcl.edu



Texas Chiropractic College. TCC offers the Doctor of Chiropractic as well as the Bachelor of Science in Human Biology degrees. The school is recognized as a national Center of Excellence in health care education. www.txchiro.edu



University of Space Research Association. USRA initially concentrated on the management of LSI (later renamed the Lunar and Planetary Institute) but, armed with its broad charter, the consortium began to explore other ways to serve the university space research community as early as 1970. Today, USRA researchers are involved with university, government and industry scientists and engineers in a broad array of space- and aeronautics-related fields, including astronomy and astrophysics, Earth sciences, microgravity, life sciences, space technology, computer science, and advanced concepts. www.usra.edu