

DFW AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SAT SCORES 2026 RATINGS

For 2026, top-rated DFW school districts include Carroll, Coppell, Lovejoy, Frisco, and Argyle ISDs, largely recognized for high academic performance, top-tier faculty, and strong extracurriculars. Highland Park ISD is also recognized for top-tier ratings (10/10). Major 2026 rankings, such as from [Niche](#) and [U.S. News](#), show high performance in North Texas suburbs.

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Top DFW School Districts 2026 (Niche/General Rankings)

- [Carroll ISD \(Southlake\)](#): Consistently rated A+ for academics and sports.
- [Coppell ISD](#): Recognized for excellent, competitive academic programs.
- [Lovejoy ISD](#): High-performing district with strong community engagement.
- [Frisco ISD](#): Known for rapid growth and diverse, modern academic opportunities.
- [Argyle ISD](#): Recognized for high achievement and rapid growth.
- [Grapevine-Colleyville ISD](#): Ranked highly in the Metroplex.
- [Allen ISD](#): Strong academic and athletic reputation.
- [Prosper ISD](#): High-growth district with new, top-tier facilities.
- [Highland Park ISD](#): Often cited with a 10/10 rating.

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Top 2026 DFW Elementary & Middle Schools (U.S. News)

- [Sudie L. Williams Talented and Gifted Academy \(Dallas ISD\)](#): Top-ranked K-8 schools, including elite middle school rankings.
- [William B. Travis Academy \(Dallas ISD\)](#): Among top-performing elementary/middle schools in Texas.
- [Walnut Grove Elementary \(Carroll ISD\)](#): Notable for high math/reading proficiency.
- [School for the Talented and Gifted in Pleasant Grove \(Dallas ISD\)](#): Top 25 TX elementary.

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Key 2026 Trends

- **Suburban Dominance:** North Texas suburban districts continue to dominate top rankings.
- **Dallas ISD Improvement:** Despite a broader B rating, specialized Dallas ISD magnet and Talented and Gifted (TAG) campuses are among the best in the state.
- **School Performance Metrics:** Rankings heavily rely on math/reading proficiency, student-teacher ratios, and college readiness, particularly for specialized academies.
- **Focus on STEM & Arts:** Many top-ranked districts are noted for robust STEM programs and highly rated music/arts programs.

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Note: School ratings are based on preliminary 2026 rankings and can change based on final state accountability data.

Top Elementary & Middle Schools (2026)

DFW schools claimed several of the top spots in the statewide [2026 U.S. News](#) rankings.

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Rank (TX)	School Name	District	Level
#1	William B. Travis Academy/Vanguard	Dallas ISD	Middle School
#3	Sudie L. Williams Talented & Gifted	Dallas ISD	Middle School
#4	Lawler Middle School	Frisco ISD	Middle School
#4	William B. Travis Academy/Vanguard	Dallas ISD	Elementary
#5	George Dawson Middle School	Carroll ISD	Middle School
#11	Overton Park Elementary	Fort Worth ISD	Elementary

Best Public High Schools

Recent [national and state reports](#) highlight several DFW high schools for their rigorous STEM and college-prep curriculums.

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- **School for the Talented & Gifted (Dallas ISD):** Ranked #9 nationally and a top school in Texas.
- **School of Science & Engineering (Dallas ISD):** Nationally recognized for its accelerated STEM focus.
- **Irma Lerma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School (Dallas ISD):** A leading all-girls STEM-focused preparatory school.
- **Highland Park High School:** Renowned for high graduation rates and college placement.
- **Liberty High School (Frisco ISD):** Among the top-performing traditional high schools in the area.

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For official state-issued accountability ratings and "Report Cards," you can visit the [Texas Education Agency \(TEA\)](#) website.

Texas School Report Cards (.gov) +3

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