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## A first-of-its kind for Texas

A dynamic network of ISDs and a public university partnering to build a brighter future for South Bexar County, enhancing the school-to-college pipeline and providing accessible programs and services for teachers, students and families.



East Central  
ISD



Edgewood  
ISD



Harlandale  
ISD



Somerset  
ISD



Southwest  
ISD



South  
San Antonio  
ISD

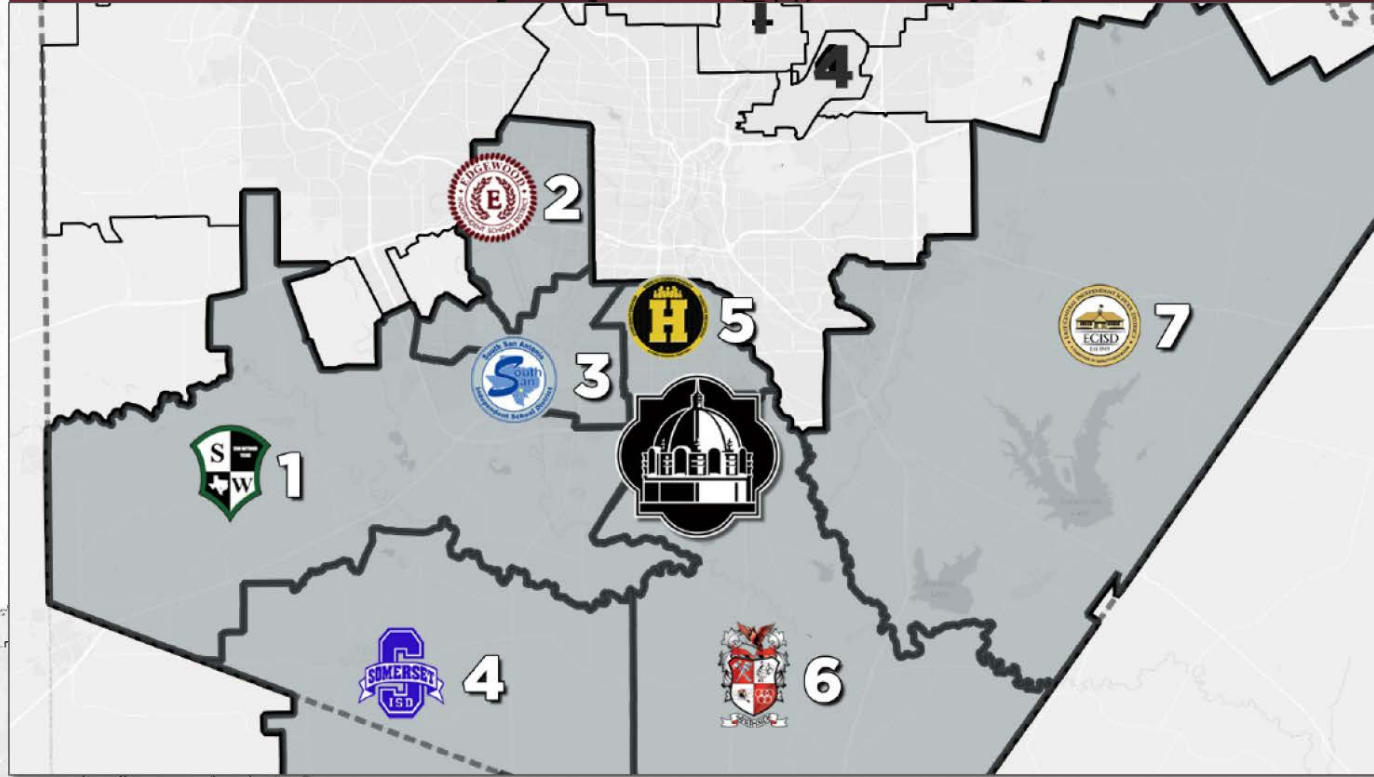


Southside  
ISD



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#1 Southwest ISD, #2 Edgewood ISD, #3 South San ISD, #4 Somerset ISD, #5 Harlandale ISD, #6 Southside ISD, #7 East Central ISD



**BEXAR COUNTY**



**65,186**



**66,880**

Source: National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), District Information for 2019-2020 AY





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## Why ASPIRE Matters

- Texas is failing to graduate **one out of every five students**, which translates to losing 11 students per hour. The statewide attrition rate is 22 percent.
- Texas high schools **lost 94,767 students** in 2017-18.
- At this rate, Texas will not reach universal high school education until **2038**.
- Black and Hispanic students are about **twice as likely** to leave school without graduating with a diploma than White students.
- In the last 33 years, Texas schools have lost a **cumulative total of more than 3.8 million students** from public high school enrollment prior to graduation.

*\*Source: IDRA Texas Public School Attrition Study 2017-18*

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## Priorities



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Advancing the school-to-college pipeline – four-year degree at A&M-San Antonio.



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Expanding accessible programs for specialized services for children with special needs across south Bexar County and south San Antonio.



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Educating students and families on the benefits of a four-year degree.



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Creating opportunities for a collective impact.



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Filling teacher shortages in STEM areas.



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- Targeted academic programs for high priority areas
- “In district” SB1882 Strategy
- ISD2A&M-SA Direct Pathway
- SAEP Engagement Strategy
- Financial Literacy Services & Education
- Parent Engagement
- K-12 College Bound Programs
- College Advisor
- Targeted Scholarships
- Summer Programs
- Early College High School Programs