

Board of Trustees



The Columbus ISD Board of Trustees is made up of elected representatives who serve with no salary and whose purpose is to govern the operation of the school district. While composed of individuals, the board can only act as a group. All board meetings are public and citizens are welcome to attend. Meetings are regularly scheduled on the second Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Columbus ISD Board Room located at Columbus High School campus.

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| Donna Tesch | President |
| Scott Kilpatrick | Vice President |
| Rick Restivo | Secretary |
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| Scott Orange | Member |
| Dorothy Wostarek | Member |
| Dr. David Neisner | Member |

CISD Core Beliefs

As a district, we believe the following:

- Our top priority will be to meet the needs of ALL students.
- Our integrity must not be compromised.
- We will develop and maintain educational partnerships between the school, parents and students.
- We will provide a positive, caring, respectful and safe environment.
- We will promote Cardinal Pride throughout the district and community.
- All Columbus I.S.D. Graduates will be college and/or career ready.

Columbus ISD is an equal opportunity employer.
Columbus ISD provides a drug and tobacco-free workplace

CISD Directory

Central Administration

105 Cardinal Lane
Columbus, Texas 78934
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(979) 732-5960 - fax
Dr. Brian Morris - Superintendent
Scott Leopold - Executive Director of Finance and Operations
Dr. Kathy Adair - Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Accountability
Amber Berger - Director of Federal Programs

Special Education Department

702 Rampart
Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-5276 or 5428
(979) 732-6954 - fax
Deborah Hayward - Special Education Director

Columbus High School

105 Cardinal Lane
Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-5746 or 3647
(979) 732-8862 - fax
Robert Russell - Principal
Jorge Ramirez - Assistant Principal
Rob Sherrard - Counselor
Kathe Youens - Counselor

Columbus Junior High - Riverside Campus

702 Rampart
Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-2891 or 3947
(979) 732-9081 - fax
Gary Leopold - Principal
Reginald Crawford - Assistant Principal
Kay Divin - Counselor

Columbus Elementary School

1324 Bowie
Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-2078 or 3014
(979) 732-8627 - fax
Shana Neisner - Interim Assistant Principal
Shawn Hagel - Assistant Principal
Kristen Heffley - Counselor

Columbus Alternative School

1421 Austin Street
Columbus, Texas 78934
(979) 732-2963
Michael Koehl - Principal

Columbus Alternative School—New Ulm

PO Box 1249
New Ulm, Texas 78950
(979) 992-3791
Sheila Prause - Principal
Terri Tomlinson - Assistant Principal

Columbus Independent School District

www.columbusisd.org

Columbus, Colorado County, Texas



The Mission and Vision of the
Columbus Independent School District

Preparing today's students to succeed in
tomorrow's world.

CISD strives to empower student(s) to
discover their interests and develop the
talents necessary to pursue their goals and
dreams.

Columbus ISD is fully accredited by the Texas
Education Agency.

About Our District and Community



The Columbus Independent School District is located in Colorado County with a small portion of the district in Austin County. CISD covers approximately 356 square miles and has an estimated population of 8,300 in the areas including Columbus, Rock Island, Frelsburg and part of the New Ulm area.

CISD is housed in the city of Columbus, which is located at the crossroads of Interstate 10 and State Highway 71. Columbus is 72 miles west of Houston, 87 miles southeast of Austin, 239 miles south of Dallas and 120 miles east of San Antonio.

Columbus is an agri-business community with a population of 3,916 (2000 census) and is also the county seat of Colorado County. The community is well known throughout the state for its beautiful oak trees and historic homes. The Colorado River winds around the city on the north and east side to provide a scenic background.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Columbus High School

- offers Advanced Placement and Dual Credit opportunities for college credit or placement
- offers Career and Technology courses in Agri-Science, Business Technology Education, Health Science Technology and Family Consumer Sciences
- participates in UIL Academic competitions
- Academic Support Lab available for students with special needs
- has three computer labs and five mobile labs
- offers distance learning opportunities
- offers extra curricular activities including boys and girls Athletics, Band, FFA, FCCLA, Spanish Club, Art Club, HOSA, National Honor Society, SADD, TAFE, Technology Club, Drama Club, FCA, and Student Council
- has a counseling center with college and career resources
- offers culinary arts program

Columbus Junior High School– Riverside Campus

- offers grades 6-8
- offers Pre-Advanced Placement courses in grades 6, 7 and 8
- operates a no-locker campus
- offers courses for high school credit in Algebra
- offers extra curricular activities including boys and girls athletics, band, National Junior Honor Society, student council, and ABC Bully Crew
- participates in UIL Academic competitions
- encourages an active PTO

Columbus Elementary School

- offers grades PK – 5
- offers open enrollment for all-day Pre-K, Kindergarten and Early Childhood programs
- participates in UIL academic events
- provides students in grades 1-5 with accelerated instruction to strengthen reading and language arts skills using innovative programs and individual instruction
- offers supplemented academic learning programs for enrichment
- Provides students with current technology to support instruction
- offers choir

Student Services

- One registered nurse and two nurse's aides are available for students' medical needs.
- The district has 11 bus routes that cover approximately 400 miles twice a day.
- Nutritionally balanced breakfasts and lunches are offered at each campus along with a snack bar at the high school.
- The district participates in the National School Lunch Program, which affords free and reduced priced meals based on the student's financial needs.
- The district's special education department serves CISD special needs students at each campus.
- Each campus has counselors available.

2015-2016 Fall PEIMS Enrollment

Columbus High School- 503 Columbus Junior High- 332 Columbus Elementary- 762

TOTAL ENROLLMENT 1,597

2015-2016 Financial Facts

Tax Rate.....\$1.17 per \$100 valuation
 \$1.04 (M & O)
 \$0.13 (I & S)

2015-16 Budget.....\$17,067,142
 General Fund.....\$14,185,500
 Special Revenue Fund.....\$ 828,035
 Debt Service Fund.....\$1,208,400
 Food Service Fund.....\$ 845,209

2015-16 Revenue.....\$17,067,142
 Local Property Taxes.....\$ 9,640,00
 Other Local Revenues.....\$ 392,829
 State Funds.....\$ 3,555,000
 TRS On-Behalf Payments.....\$667,880
 Federal CNP Programs.....\$ 620,000
 Federal Programs.....\$ 828,035
 Debt Service Fund.....\$1,208,400
 Special Revenue.....\$155,000

2016-2017 School Calendar

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| Aug. 22 | First Day of Class |
| Sept. 5 | Holiday/ Labor Day |
| Sept. 23 | In Service |
| Nov. 23 | In Service/ Comp Day |
| Nov. 24-25 | Holiday/ Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 20 | Early Dismissal |
| Dec. 21-Jan. 2 | Holiday/ Winter Break |
| Jan. 3-4 | In Service |
| Jan. 16 | Holiday/ MLK Day |
| Mar. 13 | Holiday/ Spring Break |
| April 7 | In Service |
| April 14 | Holiday |
| May 25 | Early Dismissal/ Last Day of School |
| May 25 | High School Graduation |
| May 26 | In Service |
| May 29 | Holiday |