

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT VERNON



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The Vernon Independent School District emphasizes academics, extracurricular activities and citizenship to enable students to obtain the best education possible.

The district consists of three elementary schools, a middle school and a high school. The elementary schools include McCord Elementary School (pre-kindergarten through first grade) at 2915 Sand Road, Central Elementary School (grades 2-3) at 1300 Paradise, and Shive Elementary School (grades 4-5) at 3130 Bacon. The secondary-level campuses include Vernon Middle School (grades 6-8) at 2200 Yamparika and Vernon High School (grades 9-12) at 2102 Yucca Lane.

The district also administrates and staffs the educational program for the North Texas State Hospital Adolescent Forensic Program (AFP).

In addition to the school campuses, other dis-

trict facilities including the Vernon School Administrative Center at 1713 Wilbarger, a Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP) on London Street south of VMS, Transportation Department at 1401 Main and the athletic complex at VHS that includes the recently named Leo Britain Field at Lion Stadium, a field house, tennis courts, softball and baseball fields along with the D.O. Fulton Gym. There are also gymnasiums at VMS and the three elementary school campuses.

In addition to the academic offerings, the district offers many opportunities for students to participate in fine arts programs, career and technical programs and academic contests. All of these programs have had many successes and all have had students advance to state level competition.

VISD's fine arts program consists of the Vernon High School Roarin' Lion Band, which consistently has students advance to state level com-

petition in the solo and ensemble competition. The band program also added a flag corps to enhance the marching shows.

The district's choir program has grown into an excellent competition group and provides several performances throughout the year for the community.

The drama department consistently advances past the district level and has participated in state competition for a number of years. The visual arts program offers a wide variety of classes for students.

Students can compete in a multitude of academic contests ranging from social studies to speaking starting at the elementary level. These contests sponsored by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) are an excellent opportunity for students to showcase their skills and talents.

Superintendent's welcome



JEFF BYRD
SUPERINTENDENT

I am extremely honored to be the Superintendent of Vernon ISD (home of the Lions and Lady Lions). We serve the students of Vernon, Texas, (Wilbarger County) and the surrounding areas. Vernon ISD's number one priority is to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for all students, and our staff members.

We absolutely have the best kids in the state. We have dedicated administrators, an outstanding group of teachers, and supporting staff members who love and care about our students. The district's goal is to be proactive in not only the student's educational needs, but also aid the parent in preparing their child for future success. In partnership with parents and the Vernon community, all students will graduate with the skills needed to be career ready.

VISD has met the Texas Education Agency's highest achievement rating of Met Standard. VISD is lead by a caring and compassionate Board of Trustees with the best interest of the District as its foundation. VISD has an outstanding group of teachers on all five district campuses; McCord (Pre-K-1st), Central (2nd-3rd), Shive (4th-5th), Vernon Middle School (6th-8th), Vernon High School (9th-12th), and the NTSH (AFP) campus. Our maintenance, custodial, transportation, and cafeteria staffs all strive to provide a safe, clean, and efficient environment for our students.

We invite you to visit your child's school and we welcome you as a partner in educating our students, as well as supporting our Lions and Lady Lions in various contests throughout the school year. Our administrative office is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please visit our district homepage at www.vernonisd.org for more information. If you need to speak with me, please feel free to stop by 1713 Wilbarger Street, call the office at 940-553-1900, or email me at jeff.byrd@visdtx.org.

Sincerely,
Jeff Byrd - Superintendent of Schools
Vernon ISD



HOPE APPEL, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Hope Appel joined VISD in 2014 as the Assistant Superintendent.

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(940)553-1900



LYNN ANDERSON
PRINCIPAL
HIGH SCHOOL

Lynn Anderson joined Vernon ISD as principal at Vernon High School in 2016.

VHS:
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Vernon, TX
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MICHAEL CAMPOS
PRINCIPAL
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Michael Campos joined Vernon Middle School in 2013.

VMS:
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KACY HUNTER
PRINCIPAL
CENTRAL

Kacy Hunter joined Vernon ISD in 2006. She is the principal at Central Elementary School

Central:
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STEFANIE MERREL
PRINCIPAL
SHIVE

Stefanie Merrel joined Vernon ISD in 2015. She is the principal at Shive Elementary.

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SCOTT MILLS
PRINCIPAL
MCCORD

Scott Mills joined Vernon ISD in 2017 as principal of T.G. McCord Elementary.

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JOE HENNESSEE
PRINCIPAL
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Joe Hennessee joined VISD in 1987. He is the principal of the NTSH Adolescent Forensic Program

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