

## I. - Education

### Primary Education



Citizens in Chandler have pride in their schools and are very supportive of the district. Parents and grandparents are involved in school activities and are known to volunteer in classrooms and with school organizations.

Students living in Chandler attend the **Brownsboro Independent School District (BISD)** which holds a state accountability Recognized rating for 2011 with 3 Exemplary campuses, 3 Recognized campuses and 1 Academic Excellence rating. Chandler Elementary received an Exemplary Rating with Gold Performance Acknowledgments: Commended on Reading/ELA, and Commended on Mathematics. Chandler Intermediate School was rated academically Acceptable. Brownsboro Jr. High received a Recognized Rating with Gold Performance Acknowledgments: Commended on Reading/ELA and Commended on Writing. Brownsboro High School received an Academically Acceptable rating with Gold Performance Acknowledgments: College-Ready Graduates (Class of 2010) Texas Success Initiative (TSI) ELA and Commended on Social Studies.

Enrollment for the 2008-2009 year was 2, 766 students and enrollment for the 2009-10 was 2,842 a 2.7% growth rate.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the drop-out rate of students in the Brownsboro ISD is significantly lower than the state and region averages. Over the past seven years, the district's drop-out rate has gone from a low of 2.4 percent in 2002 to 3.1 percent in 2009. The drop-out rate improved over the past three years as seen below.

#### Brownsboro ISD Drop-out Rate

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Class	Drop-out Rate		
	State Average	Region	District
Class of 2009	9.4%	--	3.1%
Class of 2008	10.5%	7.7%	4.2%
Class of 2007	11.4%	9.2%	6.3%

Source: Texas Education Agency

The Brownsboro ISD has been successful in retaining and graduating high school students. The district's completion rate for high school diplomas/GED certificates is 96.9 percent. This compares to a state

average of 80 percent and the region at 86 percent. The Brownsboro High School offers advanced placement classes. They also have dual credit courses in coordination with Trinity Valley Community College.

More than 85 percent of the population, 25 years and over, in Chandler have a high school diploma or higher education. With 21 percent having bachelor's degrees or higher and another 6 percent having a graduate or professional degree, education is of primary concern for Chandler residents.

**Brook Hill School**, at Bullard

A private college preparatory school is set on a beautiful 180-acre campus. It is an international boarding and day school. It has a three-fold mission: To provide excellence in college preparatory education, affirm the gifts and challenge the potential of each student, and encourage students to honor God through Christ-like character. It is a nonprofit corporation and has earned accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and is also affiliated with the Association of Christian Schools International, National Association of Independent Schools, National and Texas Association of College Admission Counselors, and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools. The curriculum provides a full complement of PreK through twelve and features a History-English concentration. The *American Freedom Museum* was an outgrowth of the historical studies. It is located at 1051 N. Houston St. (Old Jacksonville Hwy.), Bullard, Texas 75757.

**Grace Community**, at Tyler

It was founded by Grace Community Church in 1973. Today the school exists as a K4-12, coeducational, college-preparatory day school with selective admissions. At more than 965 students it is the largest private school in East Texas. The curriculum is rigorous and high moral standards are expected and encouraged. It is accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and affiliated with Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS); Texas Association of College Admissions Counselors (TACAC); National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASPP); North American Coalition for Christian Admissions Professionals (NACCAP); Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

There are numerous other Parochial, Industrial, Technical, and Trade schools as well as Business and Vocational Training Schools located in Tyler.

**Continuing Education**

Continuing Education is available at numerous colleges and universities nearby. If you don't need a degree or certification, you can audit courses at a nominal charge. Chandler is within 30 minutes to three colleges and two universities that provide a very sizeable and talented employment pool with an advanced education, giving employers a large population from which to seek a highly talented and educated workforce.

**Tyler Junior College** (10 miles)

Tyler Junior College is a two-year community college in Tyler. TJC is one of the largest community colleges in Texas, with an enrollment of more than 12,000 credit students each year with an additional 20,000 continuing education enrollments annually. Its West Campus includes continuing education and workforce training programs. TJC offers Associate in Arts, Associate in Applied Science and Associate of Arts in Teaching degrees, as well as tech prep and certificate programs. Continuing Education classes may not be audited. The school is also known for its Apache Marching Band, Apache Belles drill team and Apache Punch drum line.

The school competes in the National Junior College Athletic Association's Region XIV with Apache men's soccer, football, basketball, baseball, tennis and golf teams and Apache Ladies women's volleyball, soccer, basketball, tennis and golf teams.

**Trinity Valley Community College** in Athens (25 miles)

Trinity Valley Community College provides quality academic, workforce, and community service programs to meet the educational needs of students and the citizens of their service area. TVCC offers academic and certificate courses such as Workforce Training, Entry Level Medical Training, Business & Industry Training, Personal Enrichment, Learning for Living Academy, Certifications/Licensure, and Online Courses. TVCC has 4 campuses; one each in Athens, Palestine, Kaufman and Terrell. Trinity College offers 2 year degrees with the option of internet based course work. A total of 6,500 students are enrolled in the four sites.

**The University of Texas at Tyler** (15 miles)

(UT Tyler) offers nearly 90 undergraduate and graduate degrees in five colleges; education and psychology, engineering and computer science, business and technology, nursing and health sciences and the traditional college of arts and sciences. Student population is reported to be more than 6,000. UT Tyler, a proud campus of The University of Texas system, is known to be one of the fastest growing universities in the State of Texas.

As the only university-based health science center in East Texas, The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler is home to 26 medical specialties, a hospital and 24/7 emergency room, as well as laboratory and clinical research facilities. Medical education programming includes two medical residency programs in Family Medicine and Occupational Health, collaborative degree programs in Environmental Medicine and in Biotechnology, clinical rotations for nurses and other allied health providers, and continuing education for physicians and other health care specialists.

**LeTourneau University at Longview, (47 miles, 1 hour drive)**

As a co-educational, interdenominational Christian university, it was established in 1946 as a Technical institute to serve the many GIs returning from the war. Since then it has become a SACS and ABET accredited, nondenominational Christian university. LeTourneau offers undergraduate, graduate and continuing education. It sets standards of excellence in engineering, technology, the liberal arts, business, aeronautical science, education and the sciences. At the core of all programs is an emphasis on developing communication and critical thinking skills. LeTourneau University offers more than 85 academic programs at both graduate and undergraduate levels in a variety of fields, from engineering and air traffic control to teacher education and business.

**Kilgore College at Kilgore (37 miles)**

As a community college, the school was established in 1935 at the height of the East Texas oil boom and is well known for its historical collection in the East Texas Oil Museum. It is also noted for the Kilgore College Rangerettes, the first precision drill team in the world. The school is particularly well known for strengths in Agricultural Farm & Ranch Management, Nursing, Forestry, and technical specialties including Computed Tomography, Corrosion Technology, Diesel Technology, Petroleum Technology, and Welding Technology. Transfer track programs include Business Administration, Education, Engineering & Math, Liberal Arts, Music & Fine Arts, Pre-Professional medical track programs, Sciences, and Social Behavioral Science. Kilgore is also known for their Fire Academy and Police Academy.