GENERAL INFORMATION

AP (Advanced Placement) and PreAP Programs
Texas is one of 19 states that formally employs the College Board AP/PreAP tract for secondary students. Available to any junior high or high school student willing to commit to a more rigorous curriculum, the college readiness program includes:
- PreAP courses that prepare students for AP classes and college-level work before they reach their junior or senior year in high school
- by developing analytical thinking and communication skills.
- AP courses that allow students to take AP exams for college credit.

Career & Technology Education
High school students can take elective courses to prepare them for life and career options in Agriculture, Technology, Home Economics, Child Development, Business and Marketing, Office Administration, Marketing Education, Technology Education, Computer Network Administration, Industrial Cooperative Trades, Health Sciences, and Parenting Education.

Evening School
- Tuition-based
- Open to any RISD secondary student
- Housed at Christa McAuliffe Learning Center (CMLC)
- Maximum enrollment is two classes per semester

Fine Arts
RISD is known for its outstanding fine arts programs. Fine arts programs begin in elementary school with both art and music being taught weekly. Band, choir and orchestra start in sixth grade and continue through high school. Visual arts, as elective classes, begin in junior high, and theater arts classes start in high school.

Gifted Education
The district provides a variety of services to meet the needs of intellectually/academically gifted students.
- REACH Program - trained staff work with identified first-through-third graders at every school for two hours per week to enhance critical and creative thinking skills, problem solving and independent study.
- Gifted Classes - fourth through sixth-grade students attend gifted classes one day a week at central locations.
- Rigorous AP & Pre AP courses are offered at every secondary campus.

Health Services
Nurses, health aides and audiologists provide services and screenings to all schools and students.

Magnet Schools
Admission to an elementary or junior high magnet is determined through an application process (unless residing in an apartment complex in a designated magnet area). Following application, admission to a magnet school may be determined by random selection, ethnicity, space availability and impact on sending school.

Applications may be obtained in school offices or from the Office for Special Projects in the Administration Annex at 400 S. Greenville Ave. Transportation is provided to all magnet schools.

Magnet School Programs include:
- Arapaho Classical Magnet Elementary
- Math/Science/Technology Magnet Elementary
- Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary
- Richardson West Junior High Visual Arts and Technology Magnet
- Westwood Junior High Math/Science and Leadership Magnet
- Richardson High School Arts, Law and Science Magnet

Physical Education & Athletics
The district offers a comprehensive series of physical education activities for elementary and secondary students.
- Athletics - Regular athletic programs are conducted throughout the school year under the framework of the Texas University Interscholastic League (UIL) for both male and female competitors. More than a dozen different sports are offered.
- Aquatics - Competitive swimming, instruction, water safety and classes for the handicapped/special needs students are included in this program. The district’s two natatoriums are open to the community on a fee basis on weekends, evenings and summers for instructional and recreational swimming.

Special Education
For specific information and a complete listing of special education programs, please call the main switchboard at 469-593-0000 and ask for Special Education.

The full contents of this map are also available online at www.risd.org/Map

Please see the large map side for a list of schools and their corresponding numbers.