

East Dallas Community Schools

NEWSLETTER

Our Vision: All children, regardless of ethnicity or income, can succeed in school when we start young and involve parents.

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Our Mission:

To provide an outstanding education to culturally and economically diverse groups of children from primarily low-income families during their first nine years of life.

Our Campuses:

East Dallas Community School (EDCS) A 31-year-old nonprofit school in East Dallas for children nine and younger, from primarily low-income families. EDCS is supported entirely by private funds from foundations, corporations, community organizations, and individuals.

Lindsley Park Community School (LPCS) A 10-year-old open-enrollment public charter school in East Dallas that replicates East Dallas Community School's programs for low-income families with children ages three to nine years old. LPCS operates using primarily public funds, supplemented by private donations.

Our Goals:

- 1) To provide an excellent education to children through the third grade
- 2) To replicate our success in public institutions

Our Programs:

All programs at EDCS are designed to support each child's intellectual development and emotional well-being. The combination of our early intervention programs, our extended day programs for children whose parents need low-cost childcare, and our model classroom programs provide a uniquely powerful education to the children who need it most.

- Accredited Montessori Classroom Programs
- After- and Before-school Care (ABC) Program
- Parent Education Program
- Play Therapy Program
- Reading Programs
- Summer Programs



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NEWSLETTER DEDICATION

This newsletter is dedicated in memory of our friends Robert (Bob) Glaze and Orien Woolf. Bob and Orien generously supported the education of hundreds of EDCS students for over 20 years. We are extremely grateful for their faithful support and for their legacy of giving that continues today through the Robert and Ruth Glaze Endowment for Excellence and the Orien Levy Woolf Endowment Fund for Parent Education.



CONGRATULATIONS QUENTIN!

EDCS alumnus **Quentin Rolland** was recently awarded the 2009 Terry N. Ford College Scholarship! Quentin will be an entering freshman at Abilene Christian University this fall and is interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

If you have ever attended East Dallas Community School or Lindsley Park Community School please visit our website at www.edcschool.org for an application. A \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to one alumni through 2011.



CONSIDER A BEQUEST

Estate gifts to East Dallas Community Schools are crucial to continuing EDCS's proud history of excellence in serving low-income families. They offer the opportunity for special recognition of a person or purpose, or may be given to the schools with no restrictions so that the money may be used to meet our schools' greatest needs.

For more information regarding these giving opportunities at East Dallas Community Schools, please call Executive Director Terry Ford (ext. 223) at 214-824-8950.

All inquiries will be treated as highly confidential.



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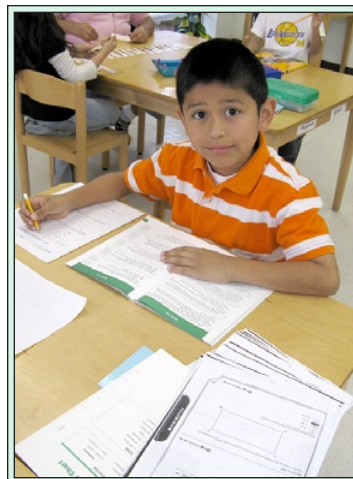
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EDCS CHARTER SCHOOL RECEIVES PLAYGROUND AND GARDEN AREA UPGRADE!

Thanks to support from **The Constantin Foundation**, the **Hoblitzelle Foundation**, and the **Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable Trust**, students at our Lindsley Park campus received new playground equipment and garden areas last fall. And special thanks to our parent volunteers for installing this equipment!



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION IMPACTS LEARNING ENGLISH, READING, AND HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

East Dallas Community Schools have a track record of more than 30 years educating children from infancy to age 9 from primarily low-income families of diverse cultures.

OUR RESULTS

- In 2006, 2007, and 2008, the State of Texas awarded the EDCS Charter School a Gold Performance acknowledgment for commended student achievement in reading.
- In contrast to the local high school graduation rate of less than 50%, our third-grade alumni graduate from high school at a rate of 94%, with 88% of those graduates attending college.
- According to a ten-year study of standardized test scores (1993 – 2003), EDCS students' average scores were in the top 36% nationwide in reading and math, even though EDCS students are from primarily low-income families.
- Parents contribute more than 3,000 volunteer hours each year.
- More than 400 children are on the combined waiting lists of these two urban East Dallas schools.

Reading:

- State of Texas Gold Performance acknowledgement for Commended Achievement in Reading
- 99% of students at the EDCS public charter school pass the TAKS Reading test

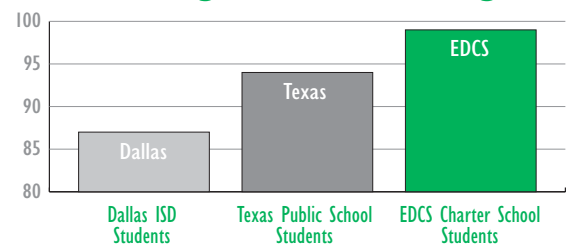
English as a Second Language:

- 100% of students test as fluent in English by the end of third grade

High School Graduation Rate:

- 94% high school graduation rate (97% including GEDs)

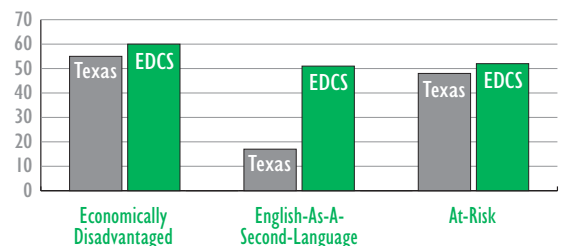
**Third Grade TAKS Reading Test
Percentage of Students Passing**



Compared to Texas public schools, East Dallas Community Schools educate a higher percentage* of:

- Economically Disadvantaged Students
- English-as-a-Second-Language Learners
- At-Risk Learners

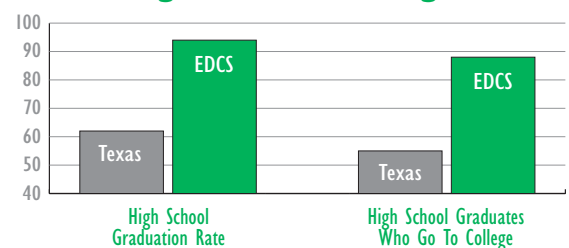
Student Population



And yet, East Dallas Community Schools students:

- Perform better on the TAKS Reading test than the state average*
- Have a higher high school graduation rate than the state average**
- Have a higher college-attending rate than the state average***

High School and College



*Source: State of Texas AEIS reports for 2007-2008

**Source: Dallas Morning News, March 15, 2009

***Source: The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems at www.higherinfo.org