

Texas Graduation Rates A Statewide Issue

When it comes to educating our young people, the state of Texas faces a daunting task. Students in low-income families are six times more likely than their higher income peers to drop out of school AND only fifty percent of minority women can be expected to finish high school. **There IS hope!**

Research shows that an all-girls education has a significant effect on the academic achievements of young women.

- Girls are more likely to take courses such as computer science and physics in girls-only schools than in co-ed schools.
- A study of almost 3,000 high schools shows that nearly every girl regardless of her ability or socio-economic status performed better in single-sex classrooms than co-ed ones.
- Since all-girls schools provide a strong focus on academics, teen pregnancy is not a significant issue or challenge.

Our Partnership With Texas School Districts

The Foundation for the Education of Young Women believes in the value and benefits of an all-girls education. By the year 2010, we will have formed partnerships with urban school districts to open six all-girls public schools within the state of Texas.

Dallas - 2004

Lubbock - 2008

Austin - 2007

Houston - 2009

San Antonio - 2008

TBD - 2010



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Girls TODAY

Women

TOMORROW

Leaders

IN THE FUTURE





Our Schools

The goal of the Foundation for the Education of Young Women is to have one hundred percent of the students in our sponsored schools attend and graduate college. This goal is not just a hopeful vision but is based on a proven model. This model has shown that inner-city girls can benefit from an all-girls public school and one hundred percent will go to college if given the opportunity.

Carmyn Neely, Executive Director

Inspired by the Young Women's Leadership School of East Harlem, Texas philanthropists, Lee & Sally Posey, established the Foundation for the Education of Young Women in 2002. A partnership with the Dallas ISD was soon formed to bring the concept of the East Harlem school to Dallas. In August of 2004, the Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School, a Dallas ISD magnet school, opened with financial support from the Foundation for the Education of Young Women. Since then, we have opened the Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders in Austin, the Young Women's Leadership Academy in San Antonio, and the LISD School for Young Women Leaders in Lubbock. We are currently in negotiations with the Houston ISD.

Our schools are sixth through twelfth grade college preparatory public schools offering an emphasis on science, technology, engineering, and math as well as leadership development, wellness, and service learning.

College Preparation
Our goal is for one hundred percent of the students in our sponsored schools to graduate from college. We support programs to enhance the educational experience of our students.

Responsible Leadership
Students learn to be good leaders by selecting values, making responsible decisions, accountability, community service, global awareness, developing a vision, and learning to adapt to change.

Wellness Life Skills
Students learn the importance of healthy living through physical activity, nutritional education, and saying no to drugs and alcohol.



Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School
The First All-Girls Public School in Texas

Since opening as part of the Dallas ISD in August of 2004, the school has proven to be a shining example of the benefits of receiving an all-girls education. Two years after inception, the Irma Rangel School received an exemplary rating from the Texas Education Agency for the 2006-2007 school year and maintained this rating for the 2007-2008 testing year.



San Antonio Young Women's Leadership Academy
The Third All-Girls Public School in Texas

The school is currently a sixth and seventh grade college-preparatory, public school that capitalizes on the intellectual curiosity and creative spirit found in all young women. Growth plans include adding one grade each school year until 2014 when the first class graduates. At that time, the Young Women's Leadership Academy will have 525 students in grades six through twelve.



Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders
The Second All-Girls Public School in Texas

While part of the Austin ISD, the school is augmented with private funding from the Foundation for the Education of Young Women and a committee of dedicated community leaders. The school currently serves students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades and will add a grade level each year until the first graduating class of 2013. For the 2007-2008 school year, its first year, the school was rated exemplary by the Texas Education Agency.



LISD School for Young Women Leaders
The Fourth All-Girls Public School in Texas

The school is a Lubbock ISD magnet school with an enrollment of 130 sixth and seventh grade students. The school will add a grade level each year until the first senior class graduates in 2014. The partnership between the Lubbock ISD and Foundation for the Education of Young Women allows for a smaller school that fosters strong relationships between students, parents, and faculty.