



# STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# the **FACT** sheet

life-size education. . . small-school setting

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In 1976, Stafford residents voted to create a break-away school district, one that would offer a small school environment for their children. Over two decades later, that tiny school district has grown to a student population of over 3100 with a focus on small classes and academics. At the start of the 2003-04 school year, SMSD opened its doors to students outside its boundaries. The school board adopted policy to allow tuition-free enrollment for qualifying students. While maintaining a small-school personality and a low teacher to student ratio, SMSD is available for more families to become a part of the school district. The tiny district that started classes in a warehouse has grown to a successful 96-acre, six-campus school district with outstanding student success. Stafford Municipal School District . . . **Where Children Are Important.**



All schools are located at  
1625 Staffordshire Road  
Stafford, Texas 77477

SMSD  
offers

## **TUITION-FREE enrollment**

for students not residing in SMSD and who meet specific discipline, attendance, and academic requirements. Contact any campus for enrollment packets or for more information! Join our small-school setting for a life-size education!

### **Stafford Primary School ..... 281-261-9203**

Pre-Kindergarten through First Grades

TEA Recognized

Meets Federal No Child Left Behind Standards

Principal ..... Kim Vu

Half-day and Full-day Pre-K for qualifying students ~ Full-day Kindergarten ~

Accelerated Reading ~ ESL-Bilingual ~ Gifted and Talented ~ Credit By Exam ~ CLEAR

Curriculum ~ Reading Recovery ~ Early Childhood Development ~ Character Education

~ PIE Mentoring ~ Hands-on Science Labs



### **Administration**

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### **Board of Trustees**

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Regular board meetings are

held in the SMSD

Administration Building on the

second Monday of each

month. Public session begins

at 7:00 pm.

### **Stafford Elementary School ..... 281-261-9229**

Second through Fourth Grades

TEA Recognized

Meets Federal No Child Left Behind Standards

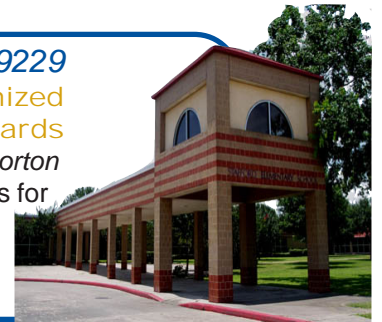
Principal ..... Benterah Morton

Hands-on Science Labs ~ Math and Reading Specialists for

individual instruction ~ Perfect attendance awards ~

Identified students participate in the Duke Talent

Search ~ 21st Century Grant recipient



### **Stafford Intermediate School ..... 281-208-6100**

Fifth and Sixth Grades

Academically Acceptable

Meets Federal No Child Left Behind Standards

Principal ..... Ms. Patricia Cantu

History Alive and Science Alive programs ~ Hands-on Science

Labs ~ KickStart offered to 6th graders



### **Stafford Middle School ..... 281-261-9215**

Seventh and Eighth Grades

Academically Acceptable

Meets Federal No Child Left Behind Standards

Principal ..... Dr. Phyllis Tyler

SEAL engineering academy ~ Excellent- and Superior-Rated Band ~

Pre-AP classes ~ High School credit for Spanish, Health, Algebra ~ Honors

classes ~ Award winning Choir ~ 21st Century Grant recipient



### **Stafford High School ..... 281-261-9239**

Ninth through Twelfth Grades

Academically Acceptable

Meets Federal No Child Left Behind Standards

Principal ..... Rebecca Benedict

Engineering academy with potential internship ~ Award winning

UIL Academics ~ Dual-credit with HCC ~ Free AP classes ~ SAT

Preparatory for all juniors ~ National Merit Scholarship Finalist

and Semifinalists ~ Award winning Band ~ Award winning Choir

~ District and Regional athletic champions ~ Award winning DECA



# look what we have to offer . . .

SMSD prides itself in offering a **small school environment** for its students while being surrounded by three large school districts in the Houston metroplex. SMSD has a small school feeling since all schools are located in the same complex. Students may begin their education at Stafford Primary School and end graduating from Stafford High School - all at the same facility. Unlike larger schools and districts, our teachers, principals, and administrators know the students by name.

## and our District TAKS scores!

~ Reading - 96% **Exemplary** ~ Writing - 96% **Exemplary** ~ Social Studies - 98% **Exemplary** ~  
 ~ Math - 86% **Recognized** ~ Science - 76% **Recognized**



### STAFFORD SPARTANS!

Students have the opportunity to participate in many sports due to our small-school environment! SMSD athletes have held District, Regional, Area and State titles over the years. The 2008-09 season garnered championships in District 26AAA Girls Varsity Basketball and Boys Varsity and Middle School Basketball. Other sports offered Spartans are cross-country, football, volleyball, baseball, track and field, swimming, soccer, softball, powerlifting, tennis, golf, and Special Olympics.

**Come join our  
SMALL SCHOOL  
environment!**

**15:1**  
students to teachers

... and that's not ALL ...

#### Strong emphasis placed on . . .

- . . . Advanced Placement and Dual-Credit
- . . . Accelerated Reading Program in grades Pre-K-8
- . . . district-wide hands-on student science labs
- . . . SAT preparatory classes underwritten by the City
- . . . student participation in fine arts through music, drama, art

#### SMSD is the only municipal school district in Texas . . .

- . . . students and staff benefit from relationship between City of Stafford and SMSD

#### Smaller school enrollments . . .

- . . . provide more educational activity opportunities
- . . . provide students a more personalized education
- . . . enhance students' opportunities for success

#### Proximity of campuses means . . .

- . . . all grades located together
- . . . parent accessibility to all children
- . . . same night Open House for all grades

#### District total student to teacher ratio . . .

- . . . 15:1 - lower than state average

#### Campuses meet or exceed . . .

- . . . State (AEIS) and Federal (No Child Left Behind) Adequate Yearly Progress standards

#### Outstanding student offerings . . .

- . . . swimming lessons for 2nd and 4th graders
- . . . KickStart martial arts for 5th through 8th graders
- . . . 21st Century Grant after-school enrichment

#### UIL Academic competitions . . .

- . . . Stafford High School District 26AAA Literary Champion
- . . . individual and team competed at UIL State level

#### Academic Boosts . . .

- . . . Full-day Pre-K program for qualifying children
- . . . SPARTA learning preschool for employees' children between ages 3 and 5
- . . . SEAL engineering academy and potential internships
- . . . Honors classes for 7th and 8th graders
- . . . dual-credit offered through HCC
- . . . the only math dual-credit in HCC southwest

#### Student organizations excel . . .

- . . . FFA chapter has history of Grand Champions
- . . . DECA participates in international competitions

#### Schools and Community . . .

- . . . students host food and clothing drives
- . . . students are involved in local charitable organizations
- . . . City supports productions at Stafford Centre and Stafford Civic Center
- . . . local businesses support Stafford MSD Education Foundation

#### Athletic Successes . . .

- . . . Varsity Boys and Girls Basketball State playoff tournaments
- . . . Girls Soccer in 4A District tournament
- . . . new Athletic Director/Head Football Coach

**23%**  
teachers with advanced degrees

#### Student Facts

2008-09 Enrollment	3044
African American	39.1%
Hispanic	38.9%
White	8.6%
Asian/Pacific Islander	13.1%
Native American	0.3%

#### Staff Facts

African American	30.9%
Hispanic	27.5%
White	39.0%
Other	2.6%
Teacher Starting Salary	\$43,000

#### Transportation

SMSD provides transportation for all students living in Stafford - no matter the distance from school! Late buses allow students to participate in after-school activities and arrive home safely.

#### Total 2008-09 Tax Rate

**\$1.227**  
 \$1.04005 - Maintenance & Operations  
 \$0.17495 - Debt Service (I&S)

Homestead Exemption - \$15,000+20%  
 No city property tax  
 Freeport exemption

Stafford property owners pay the second lowest amount of school property taxes in the greater Houston area.