



# STAFFORD MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents or Guardians of Non-Resident Students,

Stafford Municipal School District (SMSD) is proud to offer a program that provides an opportunity for a limited number of students living outside the district boundaries to attend SMSD tuition-free. The SMSD student Limited Open Enrollment (LOE) program provides any non-Stafford resident the opportunity to apply for enrollment in any of the schools in SMSD.

SMSD is a district with an enrollment of approximately 2,950 students and has the distinction of being the only municipal school district in Texas. As a municipal school district, the district allows SMSD students and staff to benefit from the support of a city government (Stafford City Council) and an independently elected Board of Trustees. SMSD students and staff also benefit from a smaller campus environment compared to those larger districts surrounding SMSD.

As consideration is given by each family, the following are a few of the many benefits of attending SMSD schools:

- The total student to teacher ratio is 14:1, less than the state average.
- Smaller school enrollments provide more opportunities for student participation in all educational activities and research has shown that smaller learning communities provide students a more personalized education; thus enhancing a student's opportunity for success.
- The caring, dedicated staff comprised of individual professionals who value the Main Thing: Student Academic Improvement and Development.
- Two SMSD campuses are rated Recognized by the Texas Education Agency, Stafford Primary School and Stafford Elementary School while all others are Academically Acceptable.
- Strong emphasis is placed in developing exceptionally strong reading skills for ALL SMSD students in Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade through the Accelerated Reading Program.
- Strong emphasis is placed on "hands-on" science lab experience for all students district-wide.
- Second and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders take swimming instruction through regular PE at the City of Stafford pool on site.
- KickStart martial arts program is in regular PE instruction for Intermediate School and Middle School students.
- Spartan Engineering Academy Lab (SEAL) created in 2007 in partnership with Texas Instruments gives students hands-on engineering instruction in Middle and High School with potential internships.
- The Middle School offers Pre-AP courses.
- SMSD places a strong emphasis on student participation in fine arts programs; choir band, music, drama, and art.
- All SMSD students are able to perform on S-METV Channel 16 on Comcast cable in Stafford.
- Fully-funded SAT/ACT preparatory course for all Stafford High School juniors and seniors helps college-bound students prepare for the SAT and ACT exams.
- Stafford High School is home to the second largest DECA organization in the State.
- Stafford High school is the District 24AAA Academic UIL Literary Champion.

If you are interested in enrolling your child in SMSD's LOE program, I invite you to complete the application and return it with the following documents:

- Completed application from
- Student's previous year's conduct records
- Student's state required test scores
- Student's previous year's report card
- Student's previous year's attendance records
- Student's proof of immunization records

Completed applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to approval based on available space and staff capacity as well as the student's academic performance, conduct records, and school attendance history. Each application and accompanying documentation will be reviewed independently without regard to siblings that may also request enrollment.

Questions regarding required documentation or for assistance in completing the application, should be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Support Services or the appropriate campus representative as listed below:

Stafford Primary School ..... Pre-Kindergarten - 1st grade ..... Erma Trevino - 281-261-9242  
Stafford Elementary School ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades ..... Vickie Bunch - 281-261-6101  
Stafford Intermediate School..... 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades ..... Rhonda Tanguay - 281-208-6103  
Stafford Middle School ..... 7<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades ..... Deborah Nickerson - 281-261-9264  
Stafford High School ..... 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades ..... Sandra Driver - 281-261-9204

I want to personally invite each one of you to consider the many advantages the Stafford Municipal School District offers our students. If you are interested in an educational culture that values each student and places a strong emphasis on the Main Thing, student academic achievement and development, I encourage you to apply for a place for your child in Stafford Municipal School District.

Sincerely,



H.D. Chambers  
Superintendent