Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD) offers distance education opportunities for kindergarten through twelfth grade students, schools and school districts and is accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Students have the opportunity to choose when and where they study. Students can choose to enroll in our Full-Time Diploma Program to pursue a Texas high school diploma or take courses and/or Credit by Exams (CBEs) to supplement their current school or homeschool curriculum. Regardless of the option students choose, they can begin at any time. Our self-paced courses have flexible enrollment deadlines.

The difference is when and where students learn.
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### TTUISD History

The Texas Tech University High School Program was established by legislative and state board action in 1993 as a “Special Purpose District” designed to educate students with special situations and whose educational needs are not adequately met by traditional school districts. In 1998, the Commissioner of Education granted expansion of the program to include kindergarten through eighth grade. Currently, TTUISD serves kindergarten through twelfth grade students.

### Accreditation

TTUISD is accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) and all courses and CBEs are aligned with the state-mandated Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), which have been determined as important standards for students to learn and apply throughout a course. Upon graduation, high school students earn a Texas high school diploma.

### Nationally Ranked and Best in Texas

In 2016 Best College Reviews ranked TTUISD fourth in the nation for online high school programs and was the highest ranked program in Texas.

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**Please be advised that this course catalog is contingent on future decisions of the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Education, and the Texas Legislature. Find the most up-to-date information on our website.

The information contained in this catalog supersedes all prior catalogs. While every effort has been made to ensure accuracy in reporting courses, policies, fees and other statements within this publication, the district reserves the right to make changes at any time without notice.

*Cover photos are TTUISD students.*
Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD) is accredited by the State of Texas to offer kindergarten through grade twelve curriculum and instruction in an alternative setting to the traditional brick and mortar school. Courses are taught through an online platform in grades six through twelve while grades kindergarten through fifth utilize a print delivery system. Our courses correlate with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) as mandated by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). TTUISD also offers Credit by Exams (CBEs) that adhere to the state standards. Each course and CBE represents one semester of work resulting in .5 credit. All TTUISD curriculum is written and taught by Texas certified teachers. Courses are delivered asynchronously, meaning that class work can take place at any time of day. Once the student begins, they can finish in as little as six weeks, or take an entire six months to complete.

Our educational services have been utilized by school districts, large and small across the state of Texas for alternative solutions for students. These alternatives may include students that need a course the district cannot offer: students that need to accelerate through grade levels, or students needing credit recovery. School counselors have utilized our services for years to help students with all of these needs.

Another aspect of our services are the solutions available to the non-traditional student. As you will see in this publication, TTUISD works with actors, musicians, athletes, as well as parents wishing to teach their children at home, many of whom live all over the world. One of our recent students, Jeremy Shuler, was able to use our curriculum to receive his Texas high school diploma online through TTUISD. Jeremy, age twelve at the time, participated in our graduation ceremony in Lubbock last spring and is now the youngest student ever admitted by Cornell University.

TTUISD is very proud of its relationships with school districts in Texas and works regularly with superintendents, principals, counselors, teachers, and parents. We will continue to offer the solutions of quality curriculum and instruction for all students in Texas, nationally and worldwide, so they can benefit from an alternative educational setting.

TTUISD is committed to quality education and welcomes both current and future students to be a part of TTUISD. From here or wherever you are, it is possible at TTUISD and Texas Tech University!

Guns Up!

James Taliaferro Ed.D.
Superintendent
TTUISD

Our Strategy

VISION:
A global educational community providing world-class and flexible kindergarten through twelfth grade academic solutions.

MISSION:
To promote student success – anytime, anywhere – utilizing rigorous and reputable curriculum, excellent instruction, quality customer service, and innovative technologies.

CORE VALUES:
TTUISD, in alignment with Texas Tech University (TTU), is committed to the values of:
- mutual respect,
- cooperation and communication,
- creativity and innovation,
- community service and leadership,
- academic and intellectual freedom,
- pursuit of excellence,
- public accountability, and
- cultural diversity.

BELIEFS:
TTUISD provides exceptional opportunities for student success by hiring staff and state-certified teachers of the highest quality that:
- exemplify an attitude of service, excellence and accountability,
- are of the greatest character and integrity,
- cultivate an attitude of disciplined action, and
- acknowledge that momentum and change is an incremental process.
Jeremy Shuler
Accepted to college at the age of 12, Jeremy Shuler used TTUISD’s curriculum to fast track his education. From an early age, Jeremy showed unusually high levels of intelligence and a strong sense of curiosity. The Shuler Family decided that equipping Jeremy to learn at his own pace was of utmost value. Now a proud graduate of TTUISD, Jeremy is studying at Cornell University.

The Williams Family
The Williams Family began using TTUISD in 2011 when they moved abroad due to work relocation. At first concerned about staying on top of U.S. curriculum for college credit purposes, Mrs. Williams has found peace of mind knowing that TTUISD gives her children an accredited education while giving their entire family flexibility. In control of their own time and schedule, Jentry, Katie and Jacob have been able to travel to places such as the Netherlands, Greece, Switzerland and everything in between.
Ashley Cain
Ashley Cain is a recent TTUISD graduate who is skating for Team USA. She is currently training to secure a place at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea. Maintaining a rigorous training schedule most of her middle school and high school career, Ashley could not keep up with the attendance demands of her public school. Her family searched for a solution and found TTUISD. Whether it was taking a quiz at home before hitting the rink or taking her coursework to Russia for a competition, TTUISD was with her wherever and whenever she needed to study.

Fiona Shea
After realizing Fiona was serious about being a professional violinist, her parents began looking for a curriculum Fiona could complete at home. Since enrolling, Fiona has been able to play various concerts, including being a guest artist on the National Public Radio program, “From the Top.”
André Antunes
André Antunes is one of TTUISD’s international students. André lives in Niterói, Brazil and attends a school that partners with TTUISD to give their students the opportunity to pair an American education along with their existing curriculum. This places students on a more rigorous track academically, increasing their opportunities in U.S. universities. André plans to study engineering or medicine at the collegiate level.

Claire Oldham
Claire Oldham is a former TTUISD student who used the curriculum while her family served as missionaries overseas in Belize. TTUISD gave Claire and her family the flexibility to enjoy increased time together and inspired Claire to travel and experience different cultures. Since graduating from TTUISD, in addition to attending TTU, Claire has fulfilled her goal of traveling more, and one day even hopes to live internationally herself.
Bria Goffney
Enrolled full-time in her public high school, Bria Goffney was able to use TTUISD part-time to supplement courses she needed to graduate on time. Thanks to the flexibility offered to her, Bria is now in her freshman year at the University of Maryland as a double major in sociology and education.

Kelsey Linnartz
Kelsey and Katie Linnartz used TTUISD’s curriculum while living abroad in Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Linnartz work for a non-profit ministry that relocated them to Europe for a semester. Not wanting their daughters to get off-track academically, they enrolled them in TTUISD resulting in their on-time graduation from high school. Kelsey and Katie gained the best of both worlds, being able to explore Italian culture while staying on track academically.
Rachel Wall

Rachel Wall is one of TTUISD’s art teachers and loves bringing her experience and passion for the arts to her students. Holding a bachelor’s degree in Art Education, Rachel has been teaching for the past five years in various settings and grades. Rachel personally enjoys the form of sculptural art and jewelry making the most. Ms. Wall’s art course is just one of many extracurricular subjects that is offered through TTUISD.

Caitlyn English

The staff at TTUISD is comprised of many devoted and accomplished professionals. One of these is Caitlyn English, TTUISD’s coordinator of international partnerships. Employed at TTUISD for less than three years, Caitlyn was recognized by the Texas Tech University president and chancellor in 2016 when she became a Matador Award recipient. This award recognizes a Texas Tech employee who has made significant contributions within their department. TTUISD is proud to have one of our own receive this honor.
Todd McKay

Todd McKay has been a part of the TTUISD family for 25 years, teaching courses including World History, Economics and U.S. History. Starting his work with TTUISD before the Internet even existed and the program was print based, Todd has since become a part of the TTUISD legacy. A Texas Tech University graduate, Todd has led an incredibly successful career in the field of education. In addition to his positions at TTUISD, he also taught senior Economics and AP Economics at a local Lubbock high school, and was the school’s Mock Trial coach.

Amy Eaton

Amy Eaton has been a teacher at TTUISD for 20 years. Having received two degrees from Texas Tech University, Amy brings a level of expertise and professionalism to each of her virtual classrooms. As one of TTUISD’s high school English teachers, she enjoys working with a wide variety of students whether they are stateside or international. Outside of the time she invests in her students, Amy enjoys spending time with her family, attending Texas Tech football games and her church.
Homeschool Solutions
No matter where “here” is, a quality kindergarten through twelfth grade education is possible through Texas Tech University Independent School District. If you are a homeschool student or the parent of a homeschool student looking for flexible educational solutions, we are here to help.

Accredited, Accessible, and Affordable
Texas Tech University Independent School District provides a comprehensive kindergarten through twelfth grade education at a distance. Accredited by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), our elementary, middle, and high schools provide a well-rounded curriculum aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). If you are homeschooling or are unable to attend a public or private school and need a full-time distance learning option, consider TTUISD. A helpful, knowledgeable staff will guide you every step of the way.

Comprehensive Curriculum
TTUISD has a comprehensive curriculum – coursework is offered in all required subject areas from kindergarten through high school. We offer all courses required for a Texas high school diploma, as well as a full catalog of elementary and middle school courses.

Individual courses and Credit by Exams (CBEs) allow students to select what they need to meet state requirements. Our CBEs allow students to test out of subjects for placement credit or to accelerate graduation.

All of our education solutions come with the knowledge and expertise of Texas-certified teachers and a support staff to assist in a student’s education at a distance.

Courses
• Choose from over 116 rigorous, self-paced online courses.
• Courses are available for kindergarten through twelfth grade, including Foreign Languages.

Credit by Examinations
• CBEs are designed to evaluate a student’s mastery of a given subject or discipline relative to the state standards.
• CBEs are available for most kindergarten through twelfth grade courses, including Foreign Languages.

Looking For Flexible Education Solutions?
Students can take an individual course, test out of a subject with a CBE, or enroll in Texas Tech University Independent School District’s full-time program.

Communication among students, teachers, and staff members is always a priority. Our offerings are accessible, comprehensive, and self-paced. Our experienced staff is ready to guide students and parents through the process.

Why Use TTUISD?
• Enroll in an accredited elementary, middle, or high school diploma program regardless of where you live.
• Access a quality education at affordable prices.
• Enroll at any time.
• Received feedback and direction from Texas-certified teachers.
• Meet graduation requirements.
• Resolve scheduling conflicts.
• Graduate early.
• Earn credit for a specific subject.
• Choose when and where to study.
• Complete Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS) aligned courses.

Find more information and enroll at www.ttuisd.ttu.edu/homeschool.
International Program Offerings

TTUISD offers two programs for partner schools: a single-diploma program and a dual-diploma program that allow students to earn a Texas high school diploma by completing a minimum of 26 credits. Through the partnership program, students complete online courses that are designed to stimulate student learning working with Texas-certified teachers to successfully complete their course and exam requirements.

Students are professionally instructed incorporating a rigorous curriculum consisting of courses in Literature, Writing, Speech, Government, Economics, and US History.

**Dual-Diploma Program**

Students are enrolled in their local partner school and TTUISD concurrently, allowing them to earn high school diplomas from both schools. Students are required to complete a minimum of six credits via TTUISD online courses and transfer the remaining high school credits from their local school.

**Dual-Diploma Course Requirements**

Based on requirements from the Texas Education Agency (TEA), TTUISD has established a dual-diploma program enabling partner schools to take TTUISD online courses to obtain six credits with an emphasis on English, U.S. History, and Government courses.

**Preparation**

TTUISD curriculum is developed to the appropriate grade-level and designed for students with a comprehensive understanding of English. If the student’s English language background is lacking, it is recommended to begin supplementing their local curriculum with TTUISD Elementary and Middle School Courses or any English (ESL) curriculum through local resources.

**Student Selection/Identification Process**

It is critical for student success that each school utilize a selection process. The first step is the mandatory TTUISD entrance exam. In order for students to be successful in this rigorous program, we recommend students who are:

- independent, self-motivated learners,
- organized and structured,
- and able to manage their time.

International Business Partnerships

As TTUISD continues to expand internationally, we are exploring new partnerships with those who have the desire to create new educational opportunities.

Entering into a partnership agreement with TTUISD brings specific responsibilities in order to ensure the partnership is of the highest quality.

Visit [www.ttuisd.ttu.edu/international](http://www.ttuisd.ttu.edu/international) for more information.
### School & District Solutions

TTUISD offers more than 150 accredited online and print courses that are self-paced with flexible enrollment deadlines.

Since not every student learns the same way, they can have the option of adding TTUISD courses into their existing curriculum. This enables students to stay involved and active in their school while working ahead or catching up.

With a curriculum that aligns with Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), a full staff of highly certified teachers, and a passion for what we do, there are endless options to the customized solutions we offer to public and private schools as well as other educational organizations.

Visit www.ttuisd.ttu.edu/supplemental and give your students the solutions they need to succeed!

### Course and Credit by Exam (CBE) Listing

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**Electives**

- Banking and Finance Services
- Business Information Management
- Child Development
- Digital and Interactive Media
- Dollars and Sense
- Health Education
- Interpersonal Studies
- Lifetime Nutrition and Wellness
- Money Matters
- Principles of Information Technology
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Web Design
- Touch System Data Entry

#### Languages other than English

- French I
- French II
- German I
- German II
- Latin I
- Latin II
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III

**MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**Kindergarten-Fifth Grade**

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- * Print Only Course
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Visit enroll.ttuisd.ttu.edu/catalog for a complete listing by grade level.
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