Texas Tech University Independent School District (TTUISD) was created in 1993 as a special purpose district for students whose educational needs extend beyond traditional brick-and-mortar schools. As of 2014, TTUISD has served over 314,000 students and graduated more than 2,600 students from 58 countries.

TTUISD is accredited by the Texas Education Agency, and all courses and Credit by Exams (CBEs) are aligned with the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). Through TTUISD, students have the opportunity to learn from Texas-certified teachers and earn a Texas high school diploma, regardless of where they live.

“We provide options for students to receive a quality education.”

Jim Taliaferro, Ed.D., TTUISD Superintendent
TTUISD is proud to be an extension of Texas Tech University and invites students each summer to explore the Texas Tech campus during the TTUISD Summer Academic Camp. During this camp, students experience life at Texas Tech by staying in a residence hall and participating in academic activities on campus. Students also explore Texas by traveling to Junction, San Antonio and Austin, all while taking in the many sights and historic landmarks along the way.

TTUISD is excited to extend camp opportunities beyond the Academic Summer Camp. Students can participate in a winter camp where they experience the sights of New Mexico while making their way from Santa Fe to Lubbock. Once in Lubbock, students visit the Texas Tech campus and explore all that Tech has to offer. TTUISD also hosts a camp in Junction, Texas, where students can enjoy the great outdoors while spending time at the Texas Tech University Center at Junction.
TTUISD Students

From ice skaters and dancers to athletes and actors, TTUISD provides a quality education to truly remarkable students.

With TTUISD, students pursue a Texas high school diploma without sacrificing their professional interests and goals.

“I love TTUISD because it gives me the freedom to do what I love!”

Parker Payne, TTUISD Student & Amateur Surf World Champion
“The highlights of TTUISD are schedule flexibility as well as being able to work from anywhere in the world.”

Claire Oldham, TTUISD Alumna, TTU Scholarship Recipient & Belize Resident
“TTUISD challenges Scout and Cody, but they can work at their own pace. It gives them the freedom to accelerate where they need to or slow down.”

Amy Berry, TTUISD Homeschool Parent & TTU Alumna
“We wanted one school that offered all the classes I would need in order to graduate. TTUISD had everything that we needed.”

Camille Carter, TTUISD Alumna & Current Student at an Ivy League University
Texas Tech University

History

Texas Technological College was founded in 1923 and opened in 1925 with four schools, six buildings and 914 students. In 1969, the college was renamed Texas Tech University. Since then, it has expanded its campus to over 30,000 students.

Overview

Texas Tech University is the only campus in Texas that is home to a major university, law school and medical school. With 10 colleges, 150 undergraduate degrees, 100 master’s degrees and more than 50 doctoral programs, Texas Tech University currently offers the knowledge and skills to excel in almost any field of study. In addition to academics, Texas Tech University is proud to support its Red Raider athletic teams.

“Without TTUISD’s self-paced program, [graduating high school early] would not have been possible.”
Ashley Adams, TTUISD Alumna & TTU Freshman
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M. Duane Nellis, Ph.D., TTU President
Traditions

Not only is Texas Tech University known for its beautiful campus, state-of-the-art facilities, and internationally renowned scholars, but it also has a rich history with timeless traditions that make Texas Tech a truly special place.

Carol of Lights

The Carol of Lights ceremony began in 1959. Today, the TTU Combined Choirs perform holiday songs as the buildings surrounding Memorial Circle are illuminated with red, white and orange lights. This annual tradition is a favorite at Texas Tech.

“Texas Tech became a part of me and I became a part of TTU.”

Bruno Saliba Helmer, TTUISD Brazil Partner School Alumnus & TTU Scholarship Recipient
Arbor Day

In 1937, 20,000 trees were planted to beautify the campus, and Arbor Day became one of Texas Tech University’s traditions. Every year, students, faculty and staff participate in planting and beautification projects on campus in celebration of Arbor Day.

“Texas Tech’s history is steeped in tradition, and I welcome you to come to this university and leave a legacy of your own.”

Jared Lay, TTUISD Director of Recruitment & Camps
The Goin’ Band from Raiderland performs on the field of Jones AT&T Stadium, fan capacity of over 60,000, during halftime at every home game. The award-winning band was the first collegiate marching band to support their football team by traveling to away games and is the largest student organization at Texas Tech University.
“When the Masked Rider leads the Red Raiders out on the field, with the entire stadium on its feet, it is one of the most memorable traditions in college athletics.”

Kliff Kingsbury, TTU Football Coach
Raider Red

Jim Gaspard, a member of the Saddle Tramps, created Raider Red from a drawing by the late Lubbock cartoonist Dirk West as an alternative to the Masked Rider. Raider Red is an interactive mascot who greets crowds, poses for pictures, and adds a high level of energy and fun to Texas Tech events.
The statue of Will Rogers and his horse, Soapsuds, is one of the most recognizable landmarks on the Texas Tech campus. The memorial was dedicated by Roger's longtime friend Amon G. Carter on Feb. 16, 1950. An inscription on the base of the statue reads "Lovable Old Will Rogers on his favorite horse 'Soapsuds,' riding into the Western sunset." The statue is wrapped in red crepe paper before every home football game by the student organization, Saddle Tramps.