



Overview and Background

Nominee Campus: Davis Elementary School

Nominee District: Royse City Independent School District

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Video Presentation: [Davis Elementary Spotlight Video](#)

Davis Elementary School is the longest standing of eight elementary campuses in Royse City Independent School District, and is home to just under 500 students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. Davis is a culturally, economically, and academically diverse campus with a robust Dual Language program in all grades. We have the distinction of being named for not one but two well-respected Royse City educators and community members, Bonnie Faye Davis and Mary Davis.

My name is Rachel Camp, and I have had the honor of leading Davis Elementary as its Principal since 2021, and I also served as its Assistant Principal from 2016-2021. I began my career in education in 1999, and have spent my career working towards the cultivation of positive relationships and the empowerment of both students and staff. Since attending Principal's Institute in 2023, I set a professional goal to grow our teaching staff, cultivate leaders and increase student voice and choice on our campus based on the principles outlined in *The Texas Visioning Document for Public Education*.

Focus Areas

- Article III: Assessment for Learning
- Article IV: Accountability for Learning
- Article V: Organizational Transformation (culture and student leadership roles)

Work and Results

Article III:

At Davis, each one of our students from Kindergarten through 5th grade keeps a leadership notebook that allows them to track their daily attendance, set goals and log their progress towards those goals;



goals may be either personal or school-related. These notebooks are shared with their families at our Fall student-led conferences. Students celebrate meeting or exceeding their goals by ringing a centrally-located bell, where they are cheered on by staff and students.

Article IV:

This year, we have focused on strengthening our PLC process and how we look at assessments and other samples of student work. A team of teachers was established to create common data protocols to use throughout the year. This has led to an increased awareness of where our students are, and we are better able to pinpoint exactly what they need in order to be more successful. Teachers in all grade levels were challenged to set mid-year goals for reading and math. As a result of this focus, students in all but one group either met or exceeded the mid-year goals.

Article V:

We have been intentional in the establishing of a learning environment where all students and staff perform at high levels and have opportunities to lead. Our 4th and 5th grade students are provided multiple student leadership opportunities through groups such as our Student Council, Student Ambassadors, and our Principal Advisory Committee. These organizations provide more in-depth leadership development for students, as they are able to participate in service projects, welcome new families to our school, and provide input and feedback on decisions made on campus that impact students.

Beyond our organized student leadership groups, every student at Davis has the opportunity to be a leader in class. Teachers create leadership positions customized to their classroom that go beyond traditional roles - for example, they lead daily routines in class, affirm positive behaviors exhibited by their fellow classmates across the campus, and launch their fellow students into other parts of their day. Our students take pride in these roles, creating a positive impact on our campus culture.

Staff members take leadership on campus by participating in a variety of committees such as PBIS, Cultural Committee, Veteran's Day Committee, and our Guiding Coalition. These committees help promote the rich cultural diversity that is present at Davis as well as establishing the values of who we are as a campus. We strive to design engaging experiences for our students and our community through celebrations such as our annual Multicultural Night and other events throughout the year.

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