

# A YEAR IN REVIEW CONROE ISD

JULY 2025



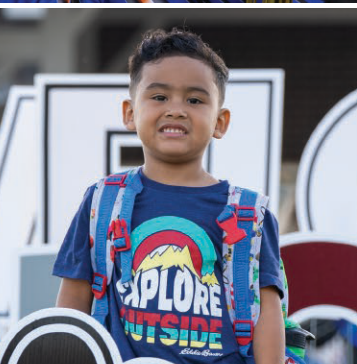
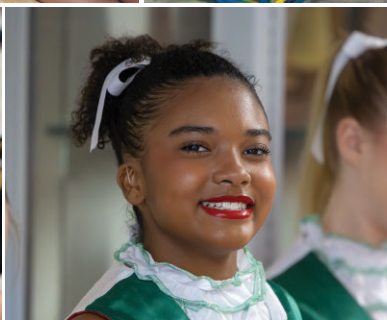
**District Celebrations**  
*2024-2025 Awards*

**Conroe ISD Overview**

**Career & Technical Education**  
*Learn about Conroe ISD CTE Programs*

**Community Opportunities**  
*Get Involved!*

**First-Day-of-School Sign**



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# DISTRICT CELEBRATIONS

## 2024 and 2025 Forbes Best Employers



**2** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
America's Best Large Employers



**3** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
America's Best-in-State Employers



**1** YEAR  
The Best Employers for Women

## 2024 Texas Art Education Association



**3** YEARS  
District of Distinction Award

## 2025 Niche Best Schools in Montgomery County



**4** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Best School District & Most Diverse School District

**3** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Best District for Teachers & Best District for Athletes

## 2025 NAMM Foundation



**13** YEARS  
Best Communities for Music Education Award

## 2025 Career & Technical Association of Texas



**2** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
District of Distinction Award

# FINANCIAL CELEBRATIONS

## 2024 Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts



**12** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Transparency Stars: Contracts and Procurement, Debt Obligations, Open Government and Compliance, Traditional Finances

FIRST DISTRICT TO RECEIVE ALL 4 STARS!

## 2024 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas



**21** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
"A" Rating: Superior Achievement

## 2024 Education Resource Group



**16** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Top 10 of the 200 Largest Texas Districts for Academic and Financial Performance

## 2025 Texas Association of School Business Officials



**6** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Purchasing Award of Merit



**3** CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
Award of Excellence in Financial Management

# STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

## 2024-2025 National Merit Scholarship Program



**51** STUDENTS  
National Merit Semifinalists from Across the District

## 2025 Texas Music Educators Association



**35** STUDENTS  
Texas Music Educators Association All-State Musicians

## 2025 Montgomery County Fair and Rodeo



**9** CTE STUDENTS  
Montgomery County Fair Winners

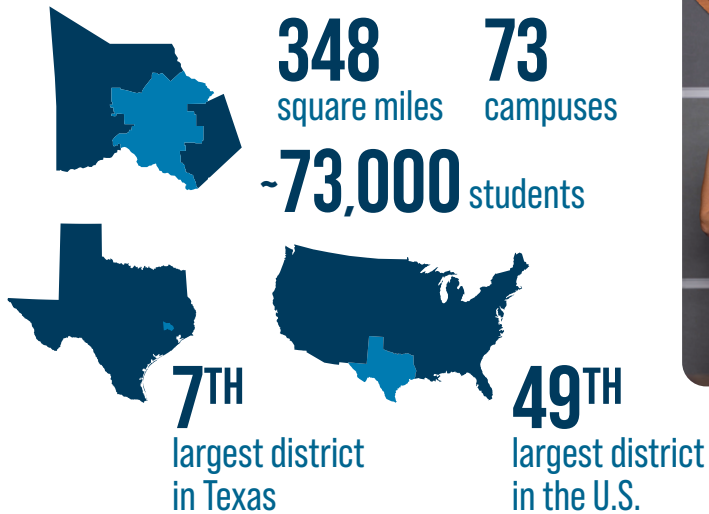
## 2025 SkillsUSA Championship



**9** CTE STUDENTS  
SkillsUSA State Champions

... AND MORE!

# DISTRICT OVERVIEW



- 2024 UIL Class 6A Division I Volleyball State Champions Grand Oaks HS Volleyball Team
- 2025 6A Speech State Champions College Park HS
- 2025 HOSA Medical Art Poster Competition State Champion Lucy Wu, Oak Ridge HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Girls' 114-lb Weight Class Wrestling State Champion Riley Rayome, The Woodlands HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Girls' 132-lb Weight Class Wrestling State Champion Anna Vogt, College Park HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Girls' 138-lb Weight Class Wrestling State Champion Landri Von Gonten, College Park HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Boys' 132-lb Weight Class Wrestling State Champion Caio Aron, College Park HS

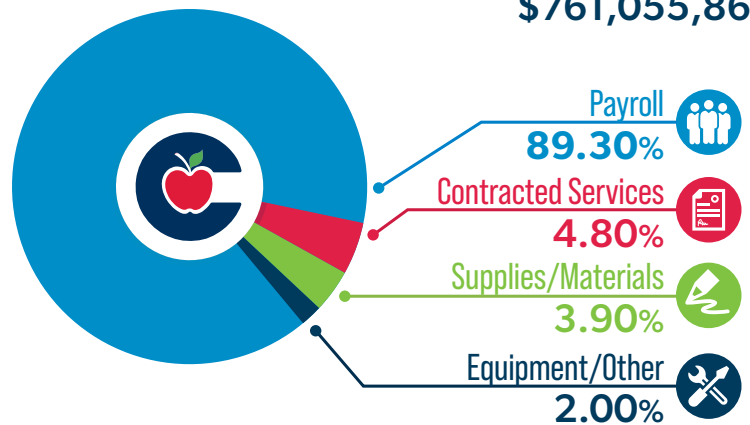
# CONROE ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES



**Front (L to R):** Tiffany Baumann Nelson, 1st Vice President; Misty Odenweller, President; Melissa Dungan, 2nd Vice President

**Back:** Marianne Horton, Assistant Secretary; Melissa Semmler, Trustee; Nicole May, Trustee; Lindsay Dawson, Secretary

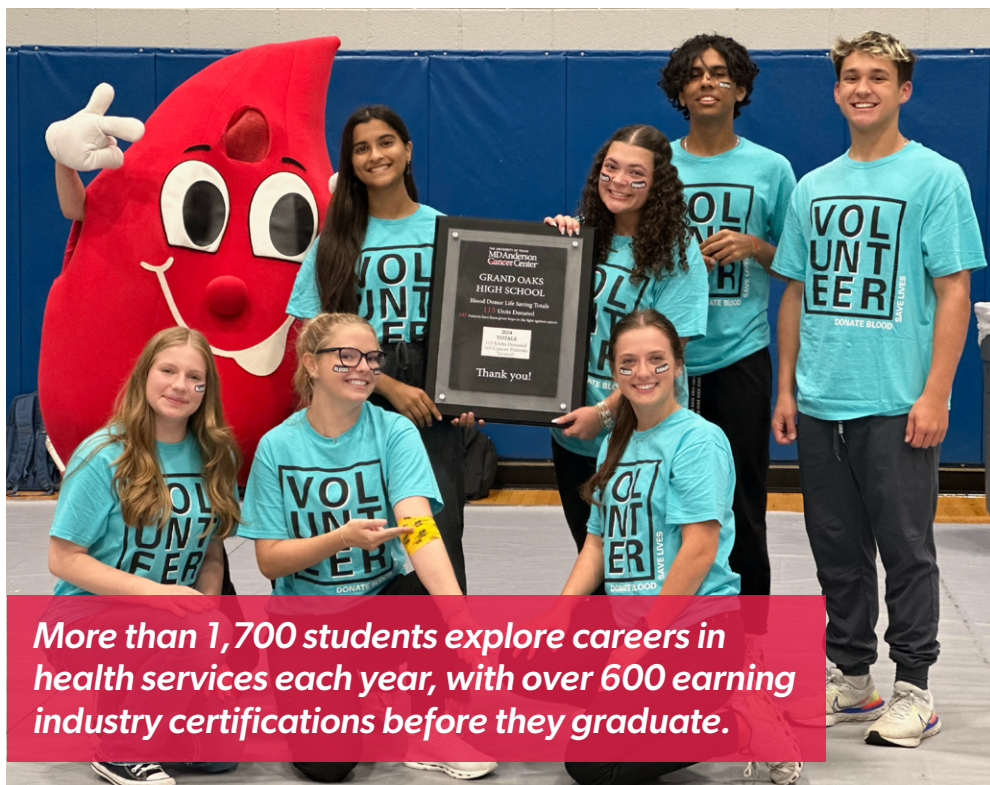
**2025-2026  
PRELIMINARY BUDGET**  
**\$761,055,862**



- 2025 UIL 6A Boys' 150-lb Weight Class Wrestling State Champion Logan Milsaps, College Park HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Girls' 1-Meter Diving State Champion Shannon Waldron, The Woodlands HS
- 2025 THSPA 6A 242-lb Weight Class Powerlifting State Champion Kaeden Cross, The Woodlands HS
- 2025 THSPA 6A 275-lb Weight Class Powerlifting State Champion Nick Perez, Oak Ridge HS
- 2025 THSWPA Unequipped 198-lb Weight Class Powerlifting State Champion Lexi Hendrix, Grand Oaks HS
- 2025 UIL 6A Boys' Golf State Champion Asher Vargas, Grand Oaks HS
- 2025 UIL Class 6A Boys' Discus Throw State Champion Tyler Grant, Grand Oaks HS

# CONROE ISD CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education, more fondly referred to as CTE by Conroe ISD students, focuses on preparing students for current in-demand jobs. Tally Jo Stout, Director of CTE, stated that the program's mission is to "offer access to career and skills-based instruction and industry certification, preparing students with the knowledge and flexibility essential to succeed in the rapidly changing world of future careers."



*More than 1,700 students explore careers in health services each year, with over 600 earning industry certifications before they graduate.*

“

I've developed important skills like leadership and public speaking. It's been more than just classroom learning, it's helped me grow personally and prepared me for real-world challenges.

Shelby Stagner  
Junior, Oak Ridge  
High School

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For many students, one of the most attractive aspects of CTE courses is the opportunity to apply skills and knowledge in real world situations. CTE students engage directly with industry-standard equipment and technology. This exposure to professional-grade tools and systems enables CISD students to develop practical skills while working on authentic projects that mirror real workplace scenarios in their chosen career fields.

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While a traditional English class helps students analyze and appreciate literature, a CTE digital media program trains them to create professional content ready for the real world.

Tally Jo Stout  
Director of Career and  
Technical Education

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*More than 300 students took part in the 2025 Montgomery County Fair, earning 17 scholarships & thousands of dollars in auction sales.*





**27,000+**

CTE course enrollments of  
7th - 12th grade students



**13 CAREER  
CLUSTERS**

from which students  
select their path of study



**26 SPECIALIZED  
PROGRAMS**

of study, broken down  
from the career clusters



**140 UNIQUE CTE  
COURSES**

offered in Conroe ISD



**OVER 250**

CTE teachers



**4,000+**

earned certifications  
annually



*Students can take culinary arts courses that combine cooking, food service, and competitive events to prepare them for careers in the culinary industry.*

CTE courses are shaped to accompany their core academic classes while **highlighting the individual career interests of each student**. CTE programs give students a place to belong who are already looking beyond high school and have a desire to **explore or prepare for career readiness** upon graduation.



Throughout my three years of Engineering classes, I found valuable friendships that extended far outside of the classroom and created a sense of belonging that no other class provided. The CTE program is invaluable and should have a place in every student's curriculum. I cannot recommend it enough.

*Aubrey Philips, Senior, Grand Oaks High School*



*District photography interns showcased their talents in Estes Park, Colorado, capturing breathtaking photos of the region's wildlife and landscapes, gaining experience beyond the classroom.*

# CAREER & TECHNICAL ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION AWARD



## DISTRICT OF DISTINCTION

Enrollment in CTE courses is rapidly growing within Conroe ISD, with over **one third of all students participating in at least one CTE course**. The CTE department has earned several honors of distinction in the process. **In 2024, the CTE program won the inaugural District of Distinction Award from the Career and Technical Association of Texas (CTAT) and earned it again in 2025.** This recognition is awarded to CTE programs that have shown outstanding performance in

their field and have made significant strides in advancing the industry for their students.

I strongly encourage every student to take at least one CTE class; you never know what passion it might unlock, or how it might change your life. There are so many career paths out there beyond what we see every day, and CTE is the key to discovering some of them.

Cynthia Jimenez Duran,  
Senior, The Woodlands High School



2025 SkillsUSA state champions.



Carpentry students built a new award podium for the Natatorium.



Fully licensed cosmetology professionals, ready to launch their careers.

Whatever the future may hold, the CTE department is **prepared to serve and adapt to its students' needs** while providing the necessary assistance to **make a student feel confident and successful in entering the workforce**.



Students build valuable skills in automotive courses.

## CONROE ISD'S AVAILABLE CAREER CLUSTERS:

- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Arts, Audio/Video Technology, and Communication
- Business, Marketing, and Finance
- Education and Training
- Engineering
- Health Science
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law and Public Service
- Manufacturing
- Transportation, Distribution, and Logistics

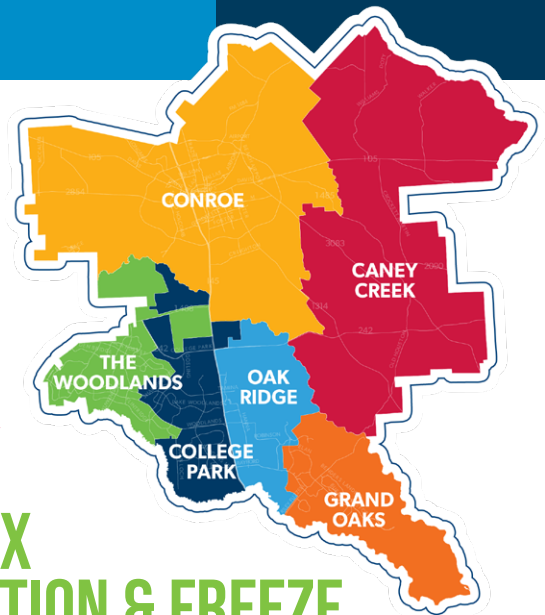


## PK-12 NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION



Registration is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! Scan to learn more and begin the registration process. Registration is for families new to Conroe ISD. **Current students do not register each year.**

[conroeisd.net/page/enrollment-transfers](https://conroeisd.net/page/enrollment-transfers)



## CONROE ISD CALENDAR



Scan here to view the 2025-2026 District calendar.

[conroeisd.net/page/calendars](https://conroeisd.net/page/calendars)

## SENIOR PRIORITY PASS



Conroe ISD residents age 60 and over may receive **free admission** to any **Conroe ISD athletic event or fine arts performance** at any District facility. Playoff games and fundraisers are excluded from these passes. Complete your

application for your **lifetime pass** at the CISD Administration Building during regular business hours.

[conroeisd.net/page/senior-priority-pass](https://conroeisd.net/page/senior-priority-pass)

## GET INVOLVED, BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



Scan here to complete our **volunteer form**, and then contact your neighborhood school. You're just a few steps away from being the **next guest reader!**

[apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer](https://apps.conroeisd.net/volunteer)

## 65+ TAX EXEMPTION & FREEZE



Conroe ISD residents age 65 and over qualify for the **over 65 exemption** effective January 1 of any year in which he or she turns 65 or purchases a residence after they are already 65 or older. CISD

**exempts an additional \$15,000** of the assessed value and places a **freeze ceiling on the district tax amount** for qualifying individuals.

[mcad-tx.org/homestead-exemptions](https://mcad-tx.org/homestead-exemptions)

## EVENT PHOTOS



View photos from events **across the District**, including graduations, athletic events, fine arts, and more!

[photos.conroeisd.net](https://photos.conroeisd.net)



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

- To kick off the new school year, we will be sharing **first-day-of-school photos** on social media!
- Tag **Conroe ISD** in your first-day photo or email [dailypics@conroeisd.net](mailto:dailypics@conroeisd.net) to be featured.

*Flip to the last page for a first-day-of-school sign!*

# FIRST DAY OF

I am

years old

I like to...

My favorites:

Class of

When I grow up, I want to be

$$2+2=4$$

ABC

A+