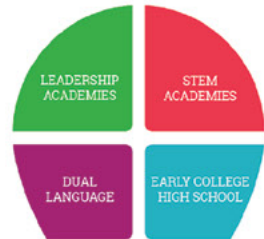


# MANSFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# THE POWER OF CHOICE



FINE ARTS ACADEMIES

New STEM and Fine Arts

Academies Opening in Fall 2021

In Mansfield ISD, parents and students have the opportunity to choose the educational pathway that is the best fit for them, even if it is located outside of their designated attendance zone.

Starting at the elementary level, MISD students are equipped for life readiness. They can become bilingual through the Two-Way Dual Language program; attend a leadership academy; or become fully immersed in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

There's also an opportunity for students to earn an associate degree while still in high school through MISD's Early College High School.

Beginning fall 2021, the district will expand its offerings even more with additional STEM programs and two new fine arts academies.

Three STEM programs will be added within the newly built Brenda Norwood Elementary School, Alma Martinez Intermediate School and Charlene McKinzey Middle School.

The fine arts academies will be housed at Norwood Elementary and Martinez Intermediate.

"What's unique about the fine arts integration academies is that we're taking core academic subjects—math, science, social studies, English language arts—and we're finding some new ways to integrate all four of the fine arts disciplines—art, music, dance and theatre—into those core subjects," said Dr. Chuck Roe, assistant director of fine arts.

The new fine arts and STEM academies will be available for third- and fourth-graders at Norwood Elementary and fifth- and sixth-graders at Martinez Intermediate. The STEM Academy at McKinzey Middle School will be available to students in grades 7-8.



The latest offerings will expand STEM-focused learning to younger grades. Currently, the Jerry Knight STEM Academy serves students in grades 6-8. Frontier STEM Academy is available to incoming ninth-graders.

"The Power of Choice initiative is a very unique feature of Mansfield ISD and gives students the incredible opportunity to pursue something they're passionate about," said Jennifer Young, chief

innovation officer. "They can start that as early as kindergarten and take that all the way up through high school."

If a student is accepted into a STEM academy, fine arts academy, Two-Way Dual Language program or the Early College High School, transportation is provided.

Other choice schools, like MISD's various leadership academies and science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) academy do not have an application process. Students zoned to the school have automatic admission. Other MISD students may still request to attend those schools, but admission is based upon available space.

## POWER OF CHOICE PROGRAMS:

- Two-Way Dual Language
- STEM Academies
- STEAM Academy
- Fine Arts Academies
- Leadership Academies
- Early College High School

View more information about MISD's Power of Choice at [www.mansfieldisd.org/choice](http://www.mansfieldisd.org/choice).

