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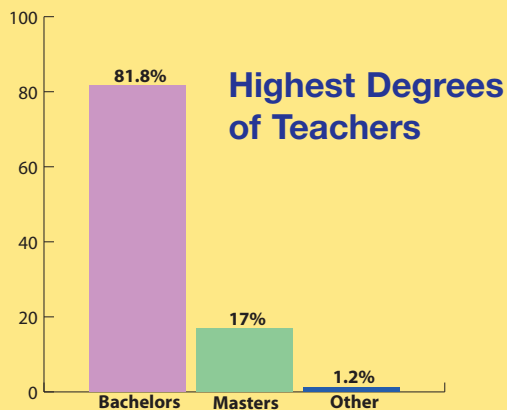
Region 12 Secondary Teacher of the Year

Waco High School chemistry teacher Paula Robinson was named ESC Region 12 Secondary Teacher of the Year for the 2003-2004 school year. Paula was the third Region 12 Teacher of the Year from Waco ISD in as many years.

Responsible for the wildly popular Chemistry Magic Show, Robinson considers her main goal to inspire kids, especially young girls, to take chemistry. "That's our goal; inspire kids to take chemistry in high school," Robinson said. "Many young ladies have wanted to go into hard science fields [in college]."

Robinson was excited to be recognized, but ultimately cared what the students see. "It has been exciting and somewhat overwhelming...the kids seem to be excited about it. They are ultimately my clients," Robinson said.

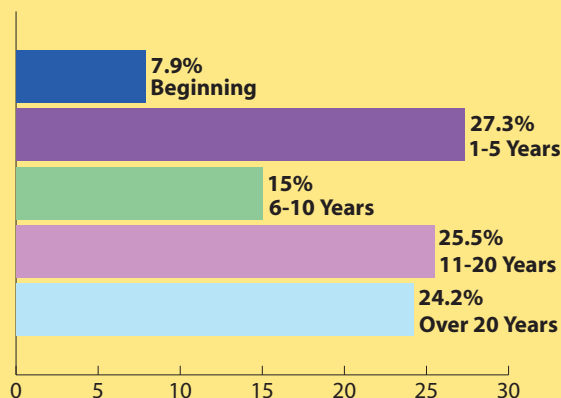
Robinson moved to Waco six years ago, and has been teaching for 16 years. She is thankful to her husband for his patience and support.



Total Staff 2,110

Professional Staff	63.3%
Educational Aides	9.8%
Auxiliary Staff	27.0%

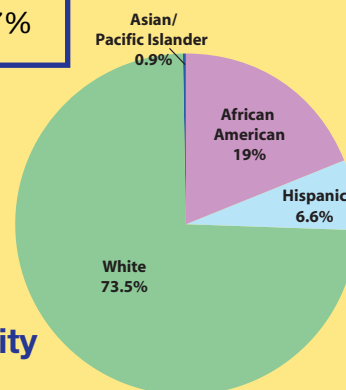
Years of Teaching Experience



Student Program Enrollment

Bilingual/ESL	10.8%
Career & Technology	29.5%
Gifted & Talented	7.8%
Special Education	13.7%

Teacher Ethnicity



Grant Highlights

AP Spanish \$45,000

Provides staff development and teacher training to boost the number of native Hispanic speaking students enrolled in AP Spanish classes.

Pregnancy, Education and Planning \$108,221

Provides caseworkers and teachers for home visits to pregnant students continuing their education.

21st Century Community Learning Centers \$408,697

Provides after school learning centers at five campuses.

GEAR Up \$2,256,901

Provides programs such as GT summer enrichment, parental and community involvement, debate, physics and math enrichment, mentoring and tutoring, and technology professional development.

Pre-Kindergarten \$632,231

Helps preschool parents obtain a GED and supports a full day pre-kindergarten program.

21st Century \$875,000

Provides opportunities for academic enrichment to at-risk, non-school completion students; offers reinforcement of regular academic programs; and provides opportunities for literacy and related educational development at six campuses.

TARGET: Project Integrate \$64,937

Helps students, teachers and parents become technology literate and integrates technology into curriculum.

“Crossroads in American History” \$924,000

Provides summer seminars over three years featuring history professors and lectures from American history scholars, as well as field trips to museums in Austin, Fort Hood and Dallas.

Waco ISD Education Foundation \$68,541

Awarded 24 grants to teachers for classroom projects in the areas of early childhood education, enhanced programming for advanced students and extended education for staff development.

Support for Homeless Education \$20,300

Provides contracted services, tutoring, supplies, materials, and food costs to assist homeless students.

Texas Perkins Funds \$7,150

Provides funds for A.J. Moore Academy teacher to attend training for implementation of *Project Lead the Way* curriculum. Also provides instructional materials to support the curriculum.

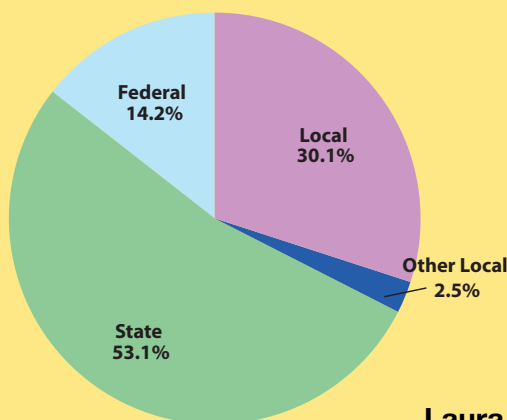
Laura Bush Foundation \$9,750

Provides literacy instruction, books, and reading support for students at two campuses.

Walmart Foundation \$7,000

Provides various use of funds for student learning on nine campuses.

Total Revenues \$123,703,686
Tax Rate \$1.525





Region 12 Elementary Teacher of the Year

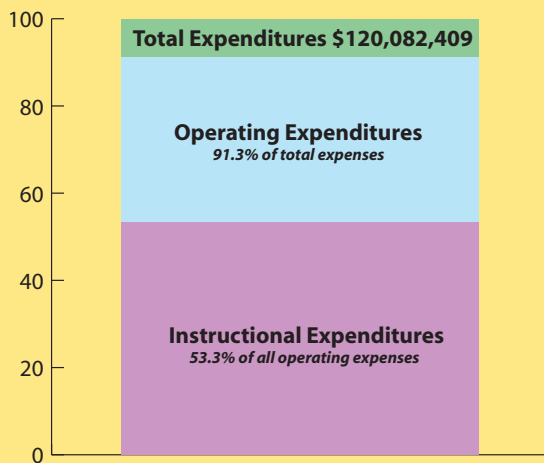
Second grade Doris Miller teacher Glory Rivera was very surprised and humbled to learn that she had been named the Region 12 Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2004-2005 school year. With over 20 years of teach-

ing experience both in the United States and the Philippines, Glory brings a wide range of experiences to her students. As a young girl, she strived to overcome the poverty around her, went to college, and received her teaching degree.

Glory sums up her calling to teaching by saying, "The joy of teaching is manifested in a child's ability to transfer learning to real-life situations and the parents' appreciation of the simple things I have done to make learning take place. This makes teaching not only the most noble profession, but the most rewarding."

2004 TAKS Scores

Reading/English/L.A.	78%
Mathematics	63%
Writing	88%
Science	57%
Social Studies	86%
All Tests	54%



Total Expenditures
Per Pupil Expenditures \$7,633



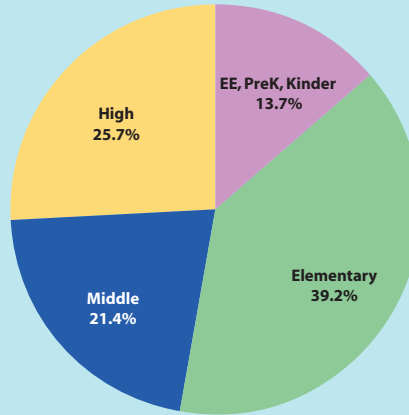
Higher Education Partnerships Expand

Partnerships with MCC, TSTC and Baylor University continue to expand and develop benefiting both students and teachers. One major partnership with Baylor University which received national attention this year is Professional Development Schools (PDS). The PDS concept has grown to include ten campuses.

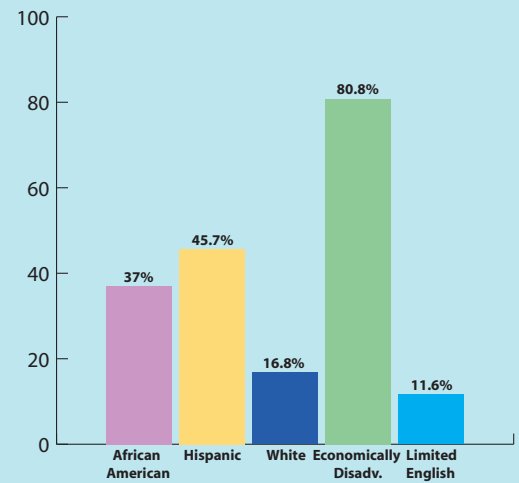
Baylor students serve as interns on these campuses. Eleven additional Waco ISD campuses are considered "partner schools" and serve as places where first and second year Baylor students can affirm their decision to become education majors.

MCC and TSTC continue to support Waco ISD teachers and students through various educational opportunities such as dual credit classes for high school students and post-graduate education for teachers seeking their master's degree. Paraprofessionals can also pursue a teaching certificate at MCC.

Student Enrollment 15,591

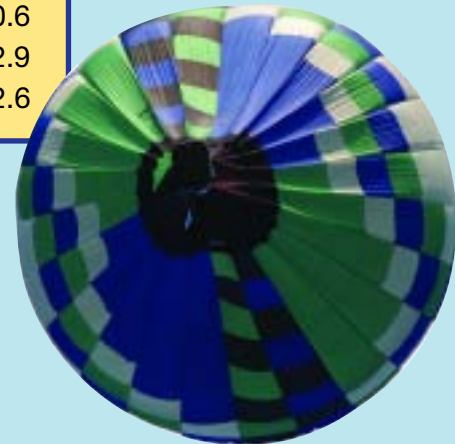


Student Demographics



Average Class Size

Elementary (K-6)	19.4
Secondary	
English/L.A.	20.6
Foreign Languages	23.3
Mathematics	20.6
Science	22.9
Social Studies	22.6



Information for this report was gathered from the 2003-2004 Academic Excellence Indicator System report compiled by the Texas Education Agency. To view the entire report go to www.tea.state.tx.us.

2004 Accountability Ratings

Exemplary

Viking Hills Elementary

Recognized

Dean Highland Elementary

Hillcrest P.D.S.

Kendrick Elementary

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Meadowbrook Elementary

Mountainview Elementary

Provident Heights Elementary

Sul Ross Elementary

District Rating

Academically Acceptable



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Gold Performance Schools

2003 Recommended Program Graduates

Waco High

Attendance

Brook Avenue Elementary

Hillcrest P.D.S.

Provident Heights Elementary

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Commended:

Reading/English/Language Arts

Alta Vista Montessori Magnet

Hillcrest P.D.S.

Kendrick Elementary

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Meadowbrook Elementary

Mountainview Elementary

Provident Heights Elementary

Viking Hills Elementary

Commended: Mathematics

Hillcrest P.D.S.

Kendrick Elementary

Meadowbrook Elementary

Provident Heights Elementary

Viking Hills Elementary

Commended: Science

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Viking Hills Elementary

Commended: Social Studies

University Middle

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Commended: Writing

Hillcrest P.D.S.

Lake Waco Montessori Magnet

Mountainview Elementary

Viking Hills Elementary