

# SPOTLIGHT

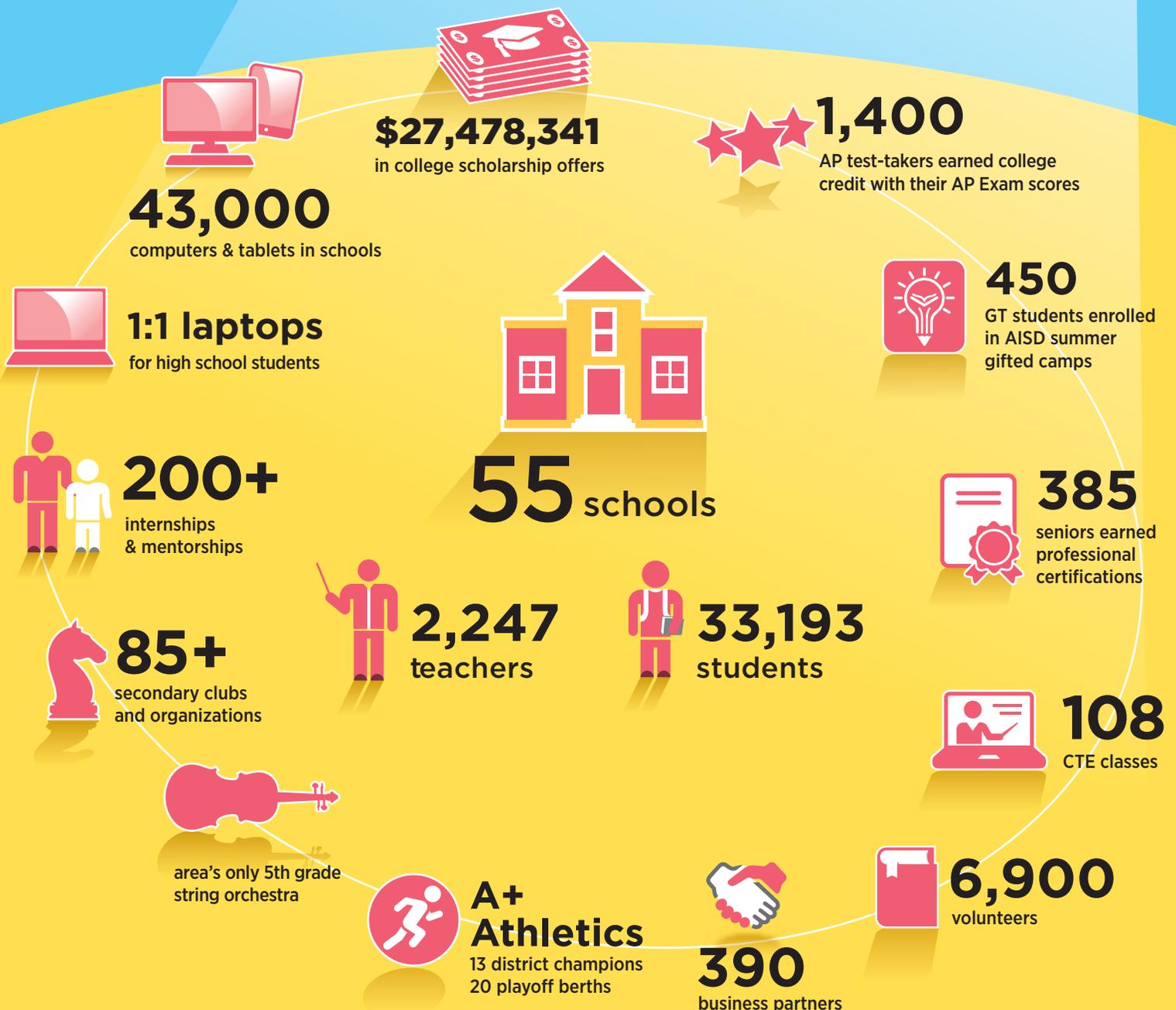
## Amarillo ISD

### Mission:

Graduate every student prepared for life and success beyond high school

### Vision:

Empower scholars to be thinkers, communicators, collaborators and contributors





## AMARILLO ISD

NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED  
FOR EXTRAORDINARY TEACHING

- **3 National Merit Scholar Finalists**, 14 Commended Scholars in 2018
- **A 2017 District of Distinction** from District Administration Magazine
- **Home to one of five Texas educators** selected as a finalist for the 2017 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching in math.
- **Home to one of five Texas educators** selected as a finalist for the 2017 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching in science.
- **Ranked in the top 10 in the nation** for high achievement by low-income students, according to the Education Equality Index.
- **Caprock High School nationally recognized** by U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools of 2017
- **2017 National Blue Ribbon School:** Whittier Elementary
- **2015 National Blue Ribbon School:** South Lawn Elementary
- **2016 American Volleyball Coaches Association** High School Coach of the Year
- **2015 National Teacher of the Year**
- **A 2013, 2016 and 2018 Best Community** for Music Education



## Innovative Programs



- **Thrive Scholarship:** Students who qualify, and who attend and graduate from any of AISD's four high schools can earn the Thrive Scholarship, which pays for up to 60 credit hours at Amarillo College, plus fees and books!
- **PRO internships** help seniors identify career paths by matching them with dynamic, work-based learning opportunities.



Superintendent's  
**AMBASSADORS**  
AMARILLO ISD

- **Our Superintendent's Ambassadors**, 61 high school students from all four campuses, are enhancing their leadership skills for now and beyond.
- **Makerspace environments** encourage creativity and develop critical STEM skills.



## Amarillo ISD

### A Choice District

For every student there is opportunity to discover what best fits their needs and supports their interests and goals.

- As a choice district with a flexible enrollment policy, students can choose which campus is right for them, even if it's not their neighborhood school.
- Students also design their own specialized educational path from elementary through high school with instruction from our team of 100 percent highly qualified teachers.
- The only middle school soccer program for hundreds of miles, competitive swimming at the high school level and one of the top volleyball programs in the state give young athletes sought-after opportunities to develop their talents.
- Our fifth-grade string orchestra program is the earliest pathway to string orchestra in the area.
- Our students graduate job-ready and college-ready with skilled programs that provide real-world work experience, and often, professional certification. AISD offers more than a dozen certification opportunities from industry-specific software, to medical health science programs including EMT-basic, to automotive technology, computer graphic design, animal science and more.
- AISD is home to the area's only International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma program. Considered the world's most rigorous and prestigious high school diploma, only two percent of high schools in Texas are authorized to offer the IB diploma. Graduates who hold this diploma are often accepted to some of the most selective universities.
- Supportive extended school day programs enrich learning for students in need of after school care.