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## Education

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## Education K-12

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Katy Independent School District (Katy ISD) is well known for its outstanding education system as it has received numerous awards and acclaim for many years. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) rates Katy ISD as a "Recognized" school district over 64 percent of the campuses within the district are rated "Exemplary", which is the highest level awarded by TEA.

[Katy ISD](#) is one of the fastest-growing school districts in Texas with an annual average growth rate of about four percent. According to American Schools and Universities Magazine, Katy ISD is one of the 100 largest school districts in the nation and is the 3rd fastest growing school district in the nation over the past 10 years. In order to plan for and address growth, voters passed a \$269,000,000 bond issue in 2006 and in November 2010 a \$459,000,000 bond issue was passed for construction of a new high school, new elementary and junior high schools, technology enhancements and existing school maintenance, expansion and upgrades.

Katy ISD's exceptional instructional quality is guided by a comprehensive district wide curriculum management plan, which coordinates development, delivery and assessment of teaching throughout the district. The district maintains over forty campuses including 26 elementary schools, 10 junior highs, and six high schools.

Career and technology focused education, including a pre-engineering program, is provided by the [Miller Career and Technology Center](#), which underwent a \$17 million expansion in 2008-2009. The district provides a highly advanced technology program including one to three computers in each classroom, multiple labs in each school, a technology facilitator assigned to each campus, distance learning capabilities at several campuses, a fiber optic network linking every school and facility and an automated curriculum management plan.

## Education K-12

Number of School Districts/Systems

1

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Selected Larger Districts/Systems

KISD

Enrollment, 2010

60,000

Graduates per year

3,000+

**Spending per Student**

Total

\$7,272

Instructional

\$4,670

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## Student-Teacher Ratios

Elementary

14.8

Secondary

14.8

## ACT Test

% of students taking the test

80.9

Average score

23.5

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## SAT Test

% of students taking the test

80.9

Average score

1602

## Number of Merit Scholarships

Semifinalists

40

## % of High School Seniors

Attending College

59.22%

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Katy ISD has been ranked year after year by Newsweek Magazine for four of its high schools and has received the Gold Medal Award from Expansion Management in 2007, 2006, and 2005. The Gold Medal was awarded to school districts in the top 17% of all districts in the United States. Katy ISD has been a recipient 13 National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. Katy students consistently win individual and team championships (state, national and international) in athletics, academics and fine arts.

For more information, please visit [www.KatyISD.org](http://www.KatyISD.org).

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## Education Post-Secondary

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### [University of Houston](#)

The University of Houston System at Cinco Ranch offers junior, senior, and graduate classes leading to more than thirty Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the four University of Houston System universities: University of Houston, UH-Clear Lake, UH-Downtown, and UH-Victoria. UH-Cinco Ranch is located at 4242 South Mason Road, Katy. Enrollment: 1,200 students at Cinco Ranch (Depends on the enrolled students per UH Main Campus/System.) Average Annual Number of Graduates with the University of Houston System: 6,900

## Other Area Higher Education Institutions

### Senior colleges and universities

#### Enrollment 2008

#### Approx. Distance to the City of Katy

University of Houston Main and Downtown

48,380

30 miles

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Prairie View A&M University

8,279

30 miles

Rice University

5,337

32 miles

University of St.Thomas

3,165

29 miles

Houston Baptist University

2,564

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28 miles

University of Texas Health Science Center

3,883

30 miles

University of Phoenix

4,521

10 miles

**Houston Community College - Katy Campus**

HCC Katy Campus serves three school districts in the west and northwest parts of Houston and Harris County, Texas including Katy ISD. HCC offers associate degrees, certificates, workforce training, and lifelong learning opportunities. The HCC Katy and Spring Branch Campuses are an important component of the development of the Katy area workforce.

Spring 2011 Unduplicated Enrollment:

- HCC Katy Campus - 4,577
- HCC Spring Branch Campus 9,058
- KISD Dual Credit - 1,00
- Overall Unduplicated Enrollment HCC Katy and Spring Branch Campus - 16,610

Average Annual Number of Graduates: 3,400 (District-wide)

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**Education - Other Community Colleges and Technical Schools**

**Community Colleges/Technical Schools**

**Enrollment**

**Approx. Distance to the City of Katy**

Lone Star Community College

11,106

30 miles

Lone Star Community College - Cy Fair Branch

12,618

17 miles

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15,597

20 miles

Houston Community College Katy Campus

4,577

7 miles

Houston Community College Spring Branch Campus

9,058

18 Miles

Wharton County Junior College

6,130

26 miles

