



# 2019-2020 ACADEMIC BROCHURE



Rated  
**A**  
by the School  
Financial Integrity  
Rating System (FIRST)



Rated  
**B**  
by TEA's  
Accountability  
Rating System

**48**  
Years Since  
Consolidation



Student Enrollment  
**10,425**



Total Staff  
**1,447**



Student-Teacher  
Ratio  
**17:1**



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## District Vision:

San Felipe Del Rio CISD embraces a belief in developing a strong culture of Courage, Collaboration, Innovation and Self-Direction. We are committed to ensuring high expectations and high standards that will equip and produce learners that will excel academically, in life and in their career.

### District Goal: 1

**Student Performance:** The District shall maintain a safe environment, utilize a transformative curriculum and diverse instructional opportunities to ensure student socialization and student achievement at the highest standards of excellence.

### District Goal: 2

**Finance:** The District shall be a good steward of the community's resources – financial, human, facilities – and explore new opportunities for organizational efficiency and effectiveness

### District Goal: 3

**Communication:** The District shall provide meaningful communication in a timely manner to all parents, students, staff and District partners.

### District Goal: 4

**Del Rio Middle School:** The District shall study the current level of satisfaction which will lead to a plan for improvement at Del Rio Middle School.

### District Goal: 5

**Literacy:** The District shall prioritize reading as a skill for lifelong learning.



## Superintendent's Cabinet

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## Secondary Schools

- Del Rio High School
- Early College High School
- Gerardo J. Maldonado Center
- Blended Academy
- Student Guidance and Learning Center
- Del Rio Middle School
- San Felipe Memorial Middle School

## Elementary Schools

- Irene Cardwell Head Start
- Buena Vista Elementary
- Dr. Fermin Calderon Elementary
- Dr. Lonnie Green Elementary
- Garfield Elementary
- Lamar Elementary
- Laughlin Elementary STEM Magnet
- North Heights Elementary
- Ruben Chavira Elementary

# Foundation & Marquee Programs



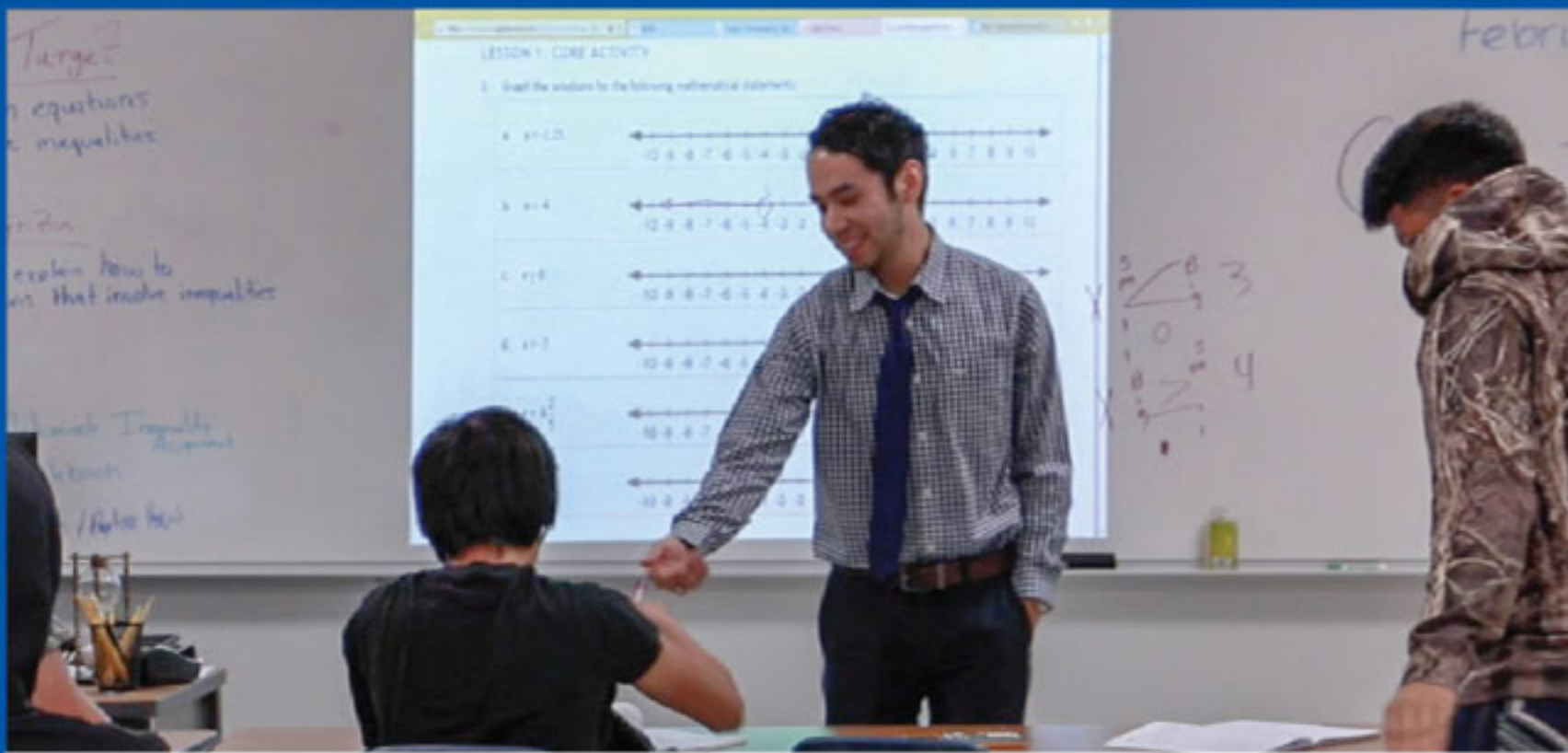
**Bilingual Academies**

San Felipe Del Rio CISD is proud to offer Bilingual Academies for recent immigrants and students who demonstrate limited levels of English language proficiency. The Bilingual Academies offer students specialized and intensive support in small class settings until they have reached an advanced level of English proficiency, or have participated in the program for two consecutive academic years of study. Teachers routinely implement purposeful linguistic accommodations through tiered classroom instruction for ELL students throughout the course of the school year.

Power Hour and Power Block are focused and targeted hours of instruction which provide all K-12 students with individualized accelerated support, resources and guidance necessary to guide them towards academic success in reading and comprehension. The program operates on the belief that a child's progress depends upon open communication, routine support and progress monitoring between students, staff, and parents. Many of the children attending the program consistently achieve grade level improvements and progress in their daily grades, local and state assessments, and six-week report card grades.



**Power Hour/ Power Block**



**Blended Academy**

The Blended Academy is a non-traditional campus which serves 8th -12th grade students in a customized, individualized and personalized standards-based instructional environment using multiple models of blended learning. Specially created to provide a learning experience completely different from that provided by traditional means, the Blended Academy targets students who have struggled academically. Smaller classes allow Blended Academy teachers the opportunity to give each student the individual attention that they need. It also makes it possible for teachers to tailor lessons to each student's specific needs. Teachers in these schools employ a wider range of teaching methods to cater to the diverse group of students in their class.

The state's goal for G/T students is to ensure that those students who participate in G/T services demonstrate skills in self-directed learning, thinking, research, and communication. Beginning the 2018-2019 school year, San Felipe Del Rio CISD initiated a redesigned plan to establish a protocol for services that leads 1st-12th grade G/T students to a pathway of depth and complexity beyond the general curriculum. San Felipe Del Rio CISD currently offers G/T and advanced level students multiple opportunities to develop innovative products and sophisticated performances that reflect individuality and creativity and are targeted to audiences outside the typical classroom.



**Gifted & Talented**

# Early College High School



## SFDR CISD Early College High School

San Felipe Del Rio CISD's Early College High School is a college preparatory dual enrollment high school program strategically designed to fulfill and exceed college and university admission requirements. It is an academic program intended to enable students to pursue post-secondary education at a community college, four-year college, or university. ECHS is the creation of a strong and influential college bound culture with high expectations for all students. The program is structured to provide successful, challenging, and meaningful experiences for students. Students are offered not only the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and meet university entrance requirements, but they also take college courses through Southwest Texas Junior College (SWTJC) and Angelo State University (ASU) for which they receive college units through dual enrollment. ECHS has a maximum population of one hundred students per grade level, allowing for smaller class sizes, frequent opportunities for individual participation, and personalized attention from faculty and staff. By changing the structure of the high school years and compressing the number of years to a college degree, Early College High School improves graduation rates and better prepares students for entry into high-skill careers.

# Career and Technical Education



San Felipe Del Rio CISD's Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs offer a sequence of courses that provides students with coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare them for further education and careers in current or emerging professions. San Felipe Del Rio CISD proudly offers many options and sequential course offerings within the following CTE clusters:

- Architecture & Construction Technology
- Arts, Audio Visual Technology & Communications
- Business Management & Administration
- Education & Training
- Finance
- Health Science
- Hospitality & Tourism
- Human Services
- Information Technology
- Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- Manufacturing
- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM)
- Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

## Foundation High School Program

The Foundation High School Program with endorsements is a flexible program that allows students to pursue their interests. It is the default graduation program for students who entered high school in the 2014-15 school year or later.

### The program contains up to four parts:

- A 22-credit foundation plan which is the core of the Texas high school diploma program
- Five endorsement\* options that allow students to focus on a related series of courses
- A higher performance category called Distinguished Level of Achievement
- Performance Acknowledgments that note outstanding achievement in specific areas\*\*

### The Foundation requirements (22 credits) include:

**English (4 credits)** • English I • English II • English III • An advanced English course

**Mathematics (3 credits)** • Algebra I • Geometry • An advanced math course

**Science (3 credits)** • Biology • Integrated Physics & Chemistry or an advanced science course  
• An advanced science course

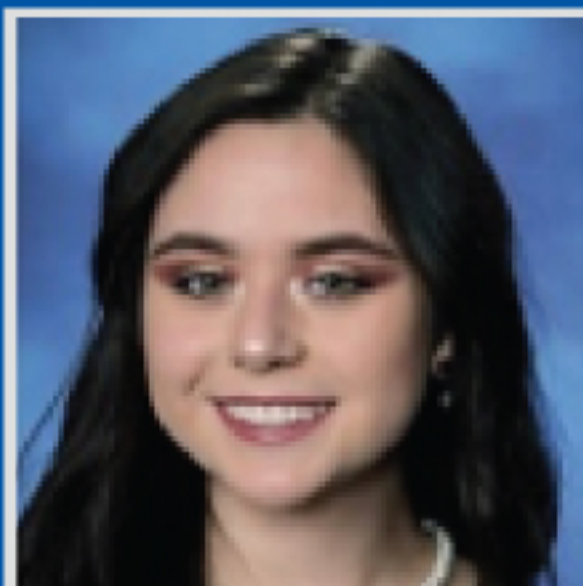
**Social Studies (3 credits)** • World History or World Geography • U.S. History  
• U.S. Government (one-half credit) • Economics (one-half credit)

**Languages Other Than English (2 credits)** • 2 credits in the same language or  
• 2 credits from Computer Science I, II, III

**Physical Education (1 credit)**      **Fine Arts (1 credit)**      **Electives (5 credits)**

**Speech:** Demonstrated proficiency

**Endorsements** Total credits with endorsements 26



## Mariana Rendon Flores

Del Rio High School  
Valedictorian

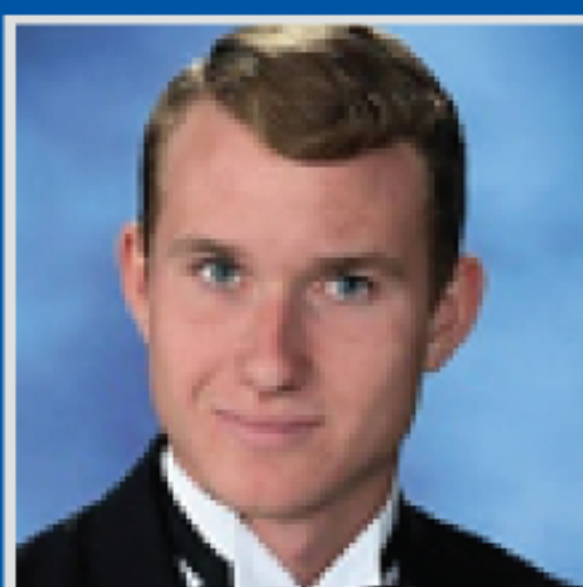
- GPA: 4.920
- She is the daughter of Javier and Rosalina Flores
- She will be attending the University of Texas At Austin
- She plans to major in Neuroscience
- Total Scholarship offers: \$9,670.00
- She obtained 36 college hours
- She has taken 8 AP courses
- Her favorite quote is "If not us, who? If not now, when?" – John F. Kennedy



## Lara Garanzuay

Del Rio High School  
Salutarian

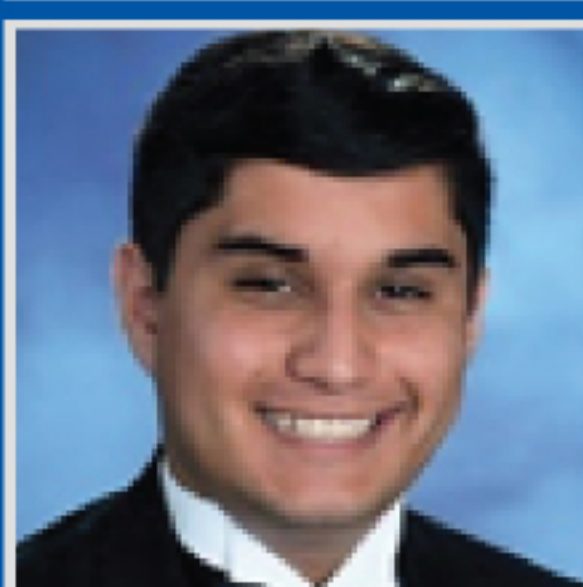
- GPA: 4.853
- She is the daughter of Jesus and Larissa Garanzuay
- She will be attending the University of Texas at Austin
- She plans to major in Advertising
- Total Scholarship offer : \$ 6,200
- She obtained 49 college hours
- She has taken 6 AP courses
- Her favorite quote is "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."



## Sam Ferdinand Phippen

Early College High School  
Valedictorian

- GPA: 5.265
- He is the son of Carol Phippen and John Phippen
- He will be attending the University of Texas at Austin
- He plans to major in Electrical Engineering
- Total Scholarship offers: \$ 3,1000
- He obtained 62 college hours
- He has taken 7 AP courses
- His favorite quote is "when I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say, I used everything you gave me." –Erma Bombeck



## Aaron Ray Escoto

Early College High School  
Salutarian

- GPA: 5.050
- He is the son of Michelle Quinonez and Carpio Escoto
- He will be attending Texas A & M University
- He plans to major in biology
- With this major he plans to pursue a career in biological research and make advances in the search for cures of infectious diseases.
- Total Scholarship offer is \$25,739
- He obtained 72 college hours
- He has taken 6 AP courses
- His favorite quote is "Tough times never last, but tough people do."

## What's Next For The Class of 2019

SOUTHWEST TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE	280	59.70%
ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY	28	5.97%
TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY	21	4.48%
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO	20	4.26%
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE STATION	14	2.99%
TEXAS STATE TECHNICAL COLLEGE	10	2.13%
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	10	2.13%
MEXICO UNIVERSITIES	8	1.71%
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY	6	1.28%
AUGUSTE ESCOFFIER CULINARY SCHOOL	4	0.85%
NUVANI SCHOOL OF BEAUTY	4	0.85%
TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY	3	0.64%
TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI	3	0.64%
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS	3	0.64%
UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD	3	0.64%
HALMARK UNIVERSITY	2	0.43%
HOWARD COLLEGE	2	0.43%
ORAL ROBERTS UNIVERSITY	2	0.43%
OTHER COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES	29	6.18%
MILITARY - ARMY	27	
MILITARY - MARINES	16	
MILITARY - AIR FORCE	11	
MILITARY - NAVY	4	
MILITARY - COAST GUARD	1	
WORKFORCE	89	

## Fine Arts

The San Felipe CISD and the Fine Arts Department believe that a Fine Arts education is essential for the development of the whole child. The arts provide students with unique experiences that allow them to explore their passions, maximize their creativity and critical thinking skills, and learn valuable lessons about self-motivation, dedication, team work, and communication. San Felipe Del Rio CISD is dedicated to providing an arts-rich education for every student. Fine Arts education is available at all 12 schools serving all of the district's 10,500 students.

Beginning in the elementary grades SFDR CISD students have multiple opportunities to develop their artistic and musical talents. Secondary schools throughout the District offer many different fine arts strands for students to pursue:

- Band
- Choir
- Orchestra
- Jazz
- Mariachi
- Dance
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

## Athletics

San Felipe Del Rio CISD's Athletic Program takes pride in providing opportunities for athletes, teams and coaches to reach their highest potential both on and off the playing field. Our educational commitment is academics first and then athletics. We strive to model and instill in our athletes accountability, responsibility, respect, dedication, commitment to a cause, and the belief that there are no short cuts to success. The team concept in competitive sports provides many opportunities to learn and apply to life skills such as trust, working together, communication, and reaching our physical and mental limitations and abilities. San Felipe Del Rio CISD offers a variety of sports activities for young athletes at the JV and Varsity levels such as football, volleyball, basketball, tennis, golf, baseball, softball, soccer, cross-country, cheer, athletic training, track, powerlifting and swimming.



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