McLean Middle School Fort Worth, Texas

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The Middle Makes The Difference
Fort Worth ISD

- 146 schools
- 86,000 students
  - 23% African American
  - 63% Hispanic
  - 11% White
  - 3% Other
- 77% Economically Disadvantaged
- 31% English Language Learners
- 24% Mobility Rate
Demographics

- 7\textsuperscript{th} and 8\textsuperscript{th} grade
- 1,050 students
  - 3\% African American
  - 65\% Hispanic
  - 29\% White
  - 3\% Other
- 56\% Economically Disadvantaged
- 8\% English Language Learners
- 11\% Mobility Rate
The Difference Makers

- 66 teachers
- 110 total employees
- 29% of teachers have advanced degrees
- 12 years of experience (average) for teachers
- 91% of McLean students report that they have at least one trusted adult at school that encourages them to think about what they need to do to prepare for college.
Texas Education Agency Distinctions

- Correlated to 40 comparison schools in state with demographics similar to ours.

- Distinctions earned for 2014 – 2015:
  - Achievement in Reading/ELA
  - Achievement in Mathematics
  - Achievement in Science
  - Achievement in Social Studies
  - Postsecondary Readiness
  - Student Progress - #1 in comparison group
  - Closing Performance Gaps - #10 in comparison group.
Advancement Opportunities

- 53% of students are in Pre-AP classes.
- High school credits available at McLean:
  - Biology
  - Algebra I
  - Geometry
  - English I
  - Foreign Language (Latin, French, or Spanish)
  - Art I
  - Keyboarding
Enhanced Classes

- Support students who are at-risk of failure on the state math and/or reading assessment.
- Extra class replaces an elective.
- 67% of 8th grade students in enhanced math passed STAAR assessment the first time.
- 43% of 8th grade students in enhanced reading passed STAAR assessment the first time.
Extracurricular Opportunities - Athletics

- City Champions this year in Volleyball and Track (Boys & Girls), National and Regional Champions in Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Competition

- Athletic opportunities include:
  - Cross Country
  - Volleyball
  - Football
  - Basketball
  - Track
  - Soccer
  - Cheer

Recognized for Best Overall Sports Program in District for 3 years in a row and six times since 2005.
Extracurricular Opportunities

- Junior Cadet Corp
- UIL Academic Competition Winners
- Fine Arts:
  - Band
  - Theater
  - Orchestra
  - Choir
    - Sweepstakes Winners in Orchestra and Choir
Parent Support

- Very active PTA (Parent Teacher Association) and Booster Clubs for Athletics and Fine Arts
- PTA has 240 members
- Athletic Boosters have 101 members
- Fine Arts Boosters have 60 members
Communication & Social Media

- Updated website with individual teacher websites – [www.mcleanms.com](http://www.mcleanms.com)
- Weekly newsletter with 886 subscribers
- Use of Remind app: 438 participants
- Active social media:
  - Instagram: 534 followers
  - Twitter: 162 followers
  - Facebook: 947 friends
Questions?