

# DOVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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*The mission of Dove Elementary School is to create a positive and supportive environment in collaboration with all members of the school community.*

*Academic instruction based on best practices will provide engaging learning experiences, motivating all students to become strategic lifelong learners.*

*Students will develop a sense of personal integrity and responsibility through the promotion of citizenship, accountability, and independence.*

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## THE GCISD LEARNING EXPERIENCE

From their first day in a GCISD classroom, our students are guided to develop the five skills outlined in our district's Portrait of a Graduate: Skilled Problem Solvers, Global Citizens, Self-Regulated Learners, Collaborative Workers, and Effective Communicators. Our focus on learning helps lay a foundation for our students to achieve success beyond their education in GCISD.

## LIFE AT DOVE

Dove Elementary School is an innovative community school dedicated to providing an excellent education for our children. At the heart of our teaching philosophy is a commitment to provide purposeful inquiry as the leading vehicle for learning, inspiring students to take action. Dove has created a unique community of learners, a place where excellence is expected and attained. In fact, Dove students experience a transdisciplinary approach to learning through student-posed questions, interests, and learning goals. This approach to learning deepens the educational experience for our students and allows students to become active participants in our school, our community, and our world.



## PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL

- **1:1 Initiative** - Every K-5 student will be issued his or her own individual iPad for academic use at school and home (with a signed use agreement). Learning opportunities extend beyond the school day and school year through the personalized learning opportunities at home using a variety of education and creation apps.
- **Dynamic Drummers & Choir** - Our music program enrichment opportunities extend beyond the school day, with instruction, practice, and performance for fourth and fifth grade students. Our students have been extended opportunities to perform at venues such as the Stars, Mavericks, UTA, and Cowboys games, opening for Zack King Band, performing with Foreigner, and numerous other local events.
- **Culture Club** - Our 5th grade students involved in Culture Club have the opportunity to learn about various countries and experience cultures through guest speakers, tasting foods, and exploring traditions.
- **World Friendship Day** - World Friendship Day is a school-wide event that encourages students to share and explore their cultural backgrounds and traditions with their school friends.
- **PTA / Dad's Club** - Our PTA and Dad's Club are an essential part of our school community, coordinating and supporting numerous school-wide activities such as Grade Level PTA Dinners, Family Movie Night, Fall Festival or Spring Fling, Grapevine Christmas Parade Float, Breakfast with Santa, Talent Show, Field Day, and sponsorships for field trips.

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## PROGRAMS AT OUR SCHOOL (CONTINUED)

- **Cardio Club** - Cardio Club meets after school to promote fitness and healthy lifestyle for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students.
- **Dove Cheer** - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students are invited to be a part of a fun, positive, and supportive group with performances on campus promoting school spirit.
- **Student Council** - Leadership apprentices organize events to promote a sense of community and leading through service.
- **KC Club** - KC Club promotes kindness and compassion on the campus and in our Dove community.
- **KDOV Morning Show** - Provides an opportunity for students to participate in broadcasting. These facets include using a green screen, writing script, interviewing, and public speaking in order to bring a live morning show to the students at Dove.
- **Safety Patrol** - Fifth grade students serve as ambassadors for DES by assisting with greeting parents and students in the morning. This includes assisting with the carline, crosswalk, and doors.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Dove has a wide variety of family-oriented events designed to infuse our school with families and the community. Beginning with our All School Picnic at Dove Park, we have monthly events throughout the year for families, such as Grandparents lunch and our PTA dinners.

Fourth grade students visit Austin each year and fifth grade students participate in a multi-day field experience to Sky Ranch.

## SERVICES FOR OUR STUDENTS

- **GT LEAD** - (GIFTED AND TALENTED LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ACADEMIC DISCOVERY) Students identified as GT are clustered in a classroom with other GT students and a GT trained teacher. This gives these students an opportunity to experience challenge and make academic progress with peers of like ability.
- **Dyslexia Assistance** - Students in GCISD in need of specialized literacy intervention will receive this by either their classroom teacher or a literacy interventionist. Students in need of dyslexia intervention will receive services meeting the criteria set forth in the Texas Dyslexia Handbook.
- **Special Education** - Each student identified with a disability and a demonstrated educational need for special education services is provided access to the general curriculum and opportunities to progress in the general curriculum.
- **PTA** - Every campus in GCISD has a PTA (Parent Teacher Association), whose mission is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. For more information, visit the GCISD Council of PTAs website at [www.gciscouncilofptas.org](http://www.gciscouncilofptas.org).

