

INSIDE CAMERON ISD

Knowledge, Integrity, Truth, Wisdom, Honor, & Ethics

Special Points of Interest:

- *Cameron Prep School*
- *Young Yoemen University*
- *Free Breakfast & Lunch Money Now*
- *Superior Achievement & GOLD Performance Awards*

CAMERON PREP SCHOOL

Cameron Independent School District offers an extended school day tutorial program to its students in grades 3 through 12. With great demand for accountability being placed on school districts from community, state, and federal levels, schools are searching for educational opportunities for their children outside the traditional school day to assist students in learning. In the current economic crisis, the search continues for affordable after-school academic programs. Cameron ISD faces the same challenges as many districts across the state with providing academic programs and finding resources to accommodate students. CISD has moved forward in implementing the Cameron Prep School.

The Cameron Prep School is offered to students on their campus after school, Monday through Thursday, until 4:30 p.m. Cameron ISD offers this program with certified teachers and staff members. There are several opportunities for each student such as:

- TAKS Remediation
- Homework Assistance
- ACT/SAT Preparation
- Credit Recovery
- Attendance Recovery
- Spanish Acquisition

(The Cameron Prep School has been featured in "Texas Lone Star" magazine.)

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Patrons:

The Cameron Independent School District is moving into the 2009-10 school year with very high expectations for our students and staff. We are excited as a District about the opportunities the new school year brings with it. Since the district was first formed in 1890, teachers, staff, and administrators have worked to provide students and families with outstanding educational experiences that prepare them for lives as productive citizens. We will continue to offer a quality education and provide students with great opportunities in academics, agriculture, fine arts, and athletics to enhance learning. Our students deserve and will receive the best!

As always, we are appreciative to the continued community and parental support given to our school. I encourage visiting our schools and attending school activities. Consider becoming a parent volunteer and support our children.

In closing, we have an outstanding school district because of its students, parents, staff, and community. We will continue the Yoemen tradition another year with pride. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Rodney Fausett
Superintendent



Teacher, Mrs. Carolyn Bailey, working with students during our Cameron Prep School program.

CAMERON ISD FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MONEY NOW

What is the most important meal of the day? Breakfast! The Cameron Independent School District provides, free of charge, breakfast to all students of the school district. It is designed to meet the nutritional needs of the children to enhance their academics, discipline, and attendance. Employees of the District also eat breakfast free of charge.

The "Lunch Money Now" program is designed to allow parents and guardians to pay for their student's lunches over the internet. This program is located on Cameron ISD website under Lunch Money Now.

Lunch Money Now allows parent/guardians to pre-pay a balance with a credit card, set up email so that you can receive notices of low balances, and also you can print out a copy of your student's lunch purchased activities. We understand the significance of your child's nutrition on a daily basis; we hope that this convenience will allow you to be aware of what your child is eating during his/her lunch time.

Cameron ISD Volunteers in Public Schools "VIPS"

"Become a Yoemen Parent Volunteer and make a positive difference in a child's life"

Anyone who has the heart, energy, and enthusiasm to work with us in providing a quality education for our students can be a volunteer. "VIPS" is an all-inclusive term that applies to those who contribute their time and talents to a school. Cameron ISD Volunteers in Public Schools are all ages and come from all cultures and backgrounds. Their professional and personal experiences are unique but they share a common belief that they can be a positive impact

in a child's life. How do you become a Cameron VIPS?

- ⇒ Complete a campus volunteer registration form. (This form may be sent home in your child's folder or obtained in the office at your school.)
- ⇒ Return the completed form to your campus.
- ⇒ Depending on your volunteer assignment, you may receive specific training and information.

Young Yoemen University

Cameron ISD Young Yoemen University is designed to ensure our students have the opportunity for educational, recreational and enrichment programs. This program provides a supervised environment that promotes educational competence, physical and social development, and community. The program is simply an extension of the regular school day. We realize that parent's schedules are rarely the same as a school's schedule. We also realize that many students leave school each day and return home to spend hours of unsupervised time in front of the television. In our Young Yoemen University, students participate in academic enrichment, technology applications, recreational activities and homework study/tutoring time.

Temple College Dual Credit

CISD Pays for Credit & Books

HIGHER EDUCATION AWARENESS

Temple College and Cameron ISD's Yoe High School are in partnership to provide eligible students in the school district the opportunity to enroll in college courses and receive simultaneous academic credit. There are many dual credit programs throughout the state. Unique in this dual credit program is that Cameron ISD pays for six hours credit each year and all textbooks. Our students are provided the opportunity for higher

education at no cost to the student or family. Temple College offers a wide array of courses and is continually adding to the curriculum. Courses are taught by college instructors. These courses follow traditional college procedures in course content, student grading, transcript of credit, and student support services.

In efforts to promote higher education awareness among the students of all ages, our district and all campuses have established days during the school year to promote this initiative. The district staff on the set days wear apparel from their former alma mater. In different areas of the campuses, displays of apparel and banners are displayed. Along with this initiative at the secondary level, are announcements, college visitations, and speakers.

CAMERON ISD earns the “SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT” Rating

Cameron ISD Officials announced that the District received a rating of “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ Schools FIRST Financial Accountability Rating System. The Superior Achievement is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of Cameron ISD’s financial management and reporting system.

FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Educa-

tion Agency (TEA) in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of the School’s FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of the School Districts’ financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas’ school finance system.

The FIRST rating shows that Cameron ISD is not only accountable for student learning, but also achieving exemplary results cost-efficiently in the management of funds.

Cameron ISD “Academically Acceptable”

Higher Standards Produce More Unacceptable Districts & Campuses!

With the State implementing tougher standards on TAKS, the Cameron ISD and its four campuses rated “Academically Acceptable” by the Texas Education Agency for the 2008-2009 school year. The majority of Texas school districts and campuses in 2009 earned the rating of

Academically Acceptable.

Our school district is committed to excellence in education and will strive for the best education possible for its students. We hope to reach the next level of school districts in the near future.

We are fortunate to have good students, parents, and staff members to be able to reach this goal.



Cameron ISD Receives 8 GOLD PERFORMANCE Acknowledgements from TEA

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) gives recognition to districts and campuses that achieve high standards beyond those used to determine accountability ratings. TEA has awarded Cameron C.H. Yoe High School for Comparable Improvement in Mathematics and Higher Education Readiness Component. TEA also awarded Cameron Junior High School for their Attendance Rate, Commended performance in Writing and Social Studies. Cameron Elementary was recognized for their Comparable Improvement in Reading and Mathematics.

The Cameron ISD as a whole was honored for the Higher Education Readiness Component. It was the hard work, dedication, and leadership of Cameron ISD faculty and staff that lead us to this level. We will continue to strive for continuous improvement in all areas in order that our students achieve their potential.

CAMERON ISD TRANSPORTATION OFFERS AIR-CONDITIONED BUSES

The Cameron Independent School District Transportation Department offers fully air-conditioned buses for student passengers. The District’s air-conditioned regular bus routes are among the few in the state and one of only a few in Central Texas! With temperatures near and over 100 degrees in the early fall and late spring, we hope to provide comfort for our children. While safety of our children is a priority, each bus route is monitored daily by digital video surveillance for the safety and security of its student passengers. All drivers are licensed and certified by the State of Texas.



CAMERON ISD BILINGUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

To meet the needs of a rising elementary level enrollment, a dual-language program is provided at the appropriate level. Instruction is provided in English and the student’s native language. The goal is a full transition from the native language to English before or by grade 5 with proficiency in both languages. Cameron ISD is proud to accommodate different learning needs for our children.



CAMERON ISD ADMINISTRATION

- ◆ Mr. Rodney Fausett, Superintendent
- ◆ Dr. George Willey, Assistant Superintendent
- ◆ Mr. Tommy Hooker, Yoe High School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Brian Stork, Yoe High School Assistant Principal
- ◆ Miss Missi Giesenschlag, Cameron Junior High School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Kenneth Driska, Cameron Elementary School Principal
- ◆ Mr. Danny Hoffman, Cameron Junior High/Elementary Asst. Principal
- ◆ Mr. Ronny Welborn, Ben Milam Elementary School Principal

CAMERON ISD – ALERTNOW SYSTEM

CAMERON ISD V-SOFT PROGRAM

The Cameron ISD will continue to address the safety and security of its students and employees. Another way to assist safety and security is the check-in process on each campus. The V-Soft program is a web-based software application that aids educational facilities in tracking their visitors, students, faculty and volunteers to help control campus security. A visitor checking in must simply produce any state issued identification (driver's license, state ID, green card, passport, birth certificate, student ID, etc.) to complete this process.

The AlertNow system is an elite, industry-leading rapid communication service, designed specifically for the Education system. AlertNow's technology delivers messages through voice, email and emergency SMS.

The AlertNow system is used to inform parents of situations at the school district which might not be in the ordinary routine or it could have a potential to become an emergency situation. This important and time-sensitive information shared could be; a child's absence, school/campus program(s), bad weather/school closing, or other emergency school situation. Cameron ISD understands the importance in a good communication relationship with parents and guardian of students. Keeping parents/guardians informed, we believe, will increase parent awareness.



www.cameronisd.net

2009-2010 CISD Employee Benefits

The Cameron Independent School District will offer competitive salaries, incentives, and benefits for its employees. The District has established a comprehensive compensation plan that will be evaluated each year. School District surveys and other salary information have been reviewed in order that the CISD remains competitive with labor markets and continues to recruit and train highly qualified personnel.

All Employees will receive:

- ◆ A competitive salary schedule among the best in Central Texas
- ◆ Paid Life Insurance
- ◆ Three Local Days along with Five State Days
- ◆ Free pre-K Enrollment for employees children
- ◆ Longevity pay for time in the district
- ◆ Payment for additional certifications
- ◆ 403(b) & 457 program availability
- ◆ Attendance incentives
- ◆ Free breakfast
- ◆ \$500.00 a year for Higher Education
- ◆ Free entrance to all school events
- ◆ District Technology and Staff Development Programs
- ◆ District contribution to Health Insurance



Go Yoe!

