



**Santa Fe Independent
School District**

Superintendent Message



Dear SFISD Community:

Sept. 6, 2019

Committed ...To a cause. To making a difference. To improving lives!

As we kick off September and Attendance Awareness Month, SFISD is starting the year with a cumulative Average Daily Attendance rate of 97%. As we put our attendance improvement plans in place at every school, our goals for every level are to maintain this percentage and surpass 96.5% every day! Thank you to all staff for focusing on establishing and reinforcing expectations to build with our students throughout the year. Students are missed when not in school and we want all our students in school and in a safe and academically focused environment every day! We also know that family engagement is essential in improving attendance, grades, test scores, achievement gaps, attitudes and behaviors! Help us all spread the word that excused and unexcused absences easily add up to too much instructional time lost in the classroom.

Staff attendance in SFISD is also important in ensuring a strong, positive and consistent academic environment for all students. Thank you for being here every day and working together with students and families to develop the habits of attendance in preparing our students for success in school and in life!

September 11, 2019 is Texas First Responders Day to honor and commemorate individuals who have made profound commitments while performing their duties as peace officers, firefighters and emergency medical first responders. We honor and appreciate the support of our district and community first responders in providing safe and secure environments for our children and adults. The State of Texas designates the week of Constitution Day as Celebrate Freedom Week in Texas public schools. Constitution Day and Celebrate Freedom Week ensure that Texas public school students are educated “about the sacrifices made for freedom in the founding of this country and the values on which the country was founded.” We are all fortunate to live in a country where we can celebrate our freedom!

We will continue to work with students and parents as we strengthen compassionate cultures in all of our schools based on trust and support for each other and our students. And, thank you for your ongoing focus on providing a high quality education for each and every student in your care every day!

Thank you to SFISD for building our community, our legacy and our future!

The mission of Santa Fe Independent School District is To prepare ALL members of the Santa Fe Independent School District learning community to Achieve and Succeed through innovative strategies and collaborative relationships.