

It's a great day to be a Bartlett Bulldog. As the teachers and staff returned in August 2018 there was great anticipation and expectation around the anticipated TEA ratings for BISD. And the enthusiasm was well deserved as BISD had tremendous improvement from the prior year scores. Bartlett moved from a subpar score of 53 in 2017 to a respectable overall score of 77 in 2018; just a few points away from most surrounding schools. This was awesome growth; but what stands out as the most exciting factor relating to BISD and the school is the Area of Distinction awarded by TEA for academic growth. So what does this mean? ---This means if a student comes to BISD they have a high likelihood of achieving a year or more academic growth in one school year. BISD scored so high in this area they were recognized by TEA for their efforts. This is extremely exciting as this was the #1 goal of the BISD team for 2017-18 school year. Teachers across the board committed to doing all they could to assure that every (yes - ALL) students achieved a year or more academic growth during the school year. 84% of all of the students at BISD achieved this goal. To give you an example of the difficulty achieving such growth - the following are the schools in the surrounding area and their student progress scores:

School	Student Progress
Bartlett ISD	84
Granger ISD	87
Holland ISD	80
Academy ISD	72
Taylor ISD	78
Rogers ISD	78
Temple ISD	72

The following score for Bartlett and the surrounding schools is based on 3 combined factors: Student Achievement, School Progress, and Closing the Achievement Gap. For a comparison of overall schools:

School	Student Progress
Bartlett ISD	77
Granger ISD	83
Holland ISD	81

Academy ISD	82
Taylor ISD	79
Rogers ISD	82
Temple ISD	76

Some other highlights of the results of the 2018 STAAR scores for BISD:

- BISD was recognized as the Top 25% for Academic Growth compared to schools across the state that are similar in size and demographic to Bartlett.
- BISD only had 6% of the students achieve the highest level on the test – Mastery in 2017. In 2018, 20% of the students received this recognition.
- BISD had a 100% graduation rate
- There was accelerated student growth in ELA Reading
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade math had a 96% passing rate and exceeded a state performance average of 77% these scores were the highest in BISD history
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade reading had a 83% passing rate and exceed a state performance average of 76% again the high scores in BISD history
- In every area measured by the state, BISD improved significantly
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade exceeded state averages in the Masters level scoring of the test
- All secondary scores exceeded state levels:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>BISD Scores (at the Approaches level)</b>	<b>State of Texas Average Scores</b>
ELA 1	73%	60%
ELA 2	67%	66%
Algebra 1	83%	83%
US History	100%	92%
Biology	95%	87%

We believe that 2017 – 18 was a very successful school year at BISD, but we are far from complacent and realize there is work to be done. The work started in early summer with an administrative leadership team retreat focused on

school improvement and ways to improve student achievement. The work continued at our Professional Development days with our staff. Everyone came back rested and excited to ramp up for the 2018 -19 school year. As a team we know what a special place Bartlett is and how special our students are. We want our students to receive a quality education that will propel them into society and be prepared for any endeavor they choose whether college, career or military. We have very talented and capable students that deserve the very best. We want them to believe in their abilities and we want to stretch them to new heights that they did not even realize they were capable of achieving. At Bartlett we are focused and excited to make 2018 – 19 a record setting year for BISD. We know that when we all work together for a common goal, stay focused and motivated that our students will succeed.