



# District at a Glance

## **FACT SHEET**

## **District Overview and Governance**

Fresno Unified School District serves nearly 74,000 students, from preschool through grade 12, preparing career ready graduates through high-quality instruction, district programs and services, and resources. The district is the fourth largest in California.

Dr. Robert G. Nelson was appointed superintendent of Fresno Unified in September 2017. The district is governed by a seven-member board of education. Voters elect board members by area. School board elections are held during even-numbered years.

## **Core Beliefs and Commitments**

Transforming Fresno Unified into a high performing district requires a foundation of core beliefs, which the Board of Education adopted in the spring of 2007 to guide district actions and decisions.

- Every student can and must learn at grade level and beyond.
- Teachers must demonstrate the ability and desire to educate each child at a high level.
- Leaders must perform courageously and ethically to accomplish stated goals.
- A safe learning and working environment is crucial to student learning.
- Fresno Unified is a place where:
  - diversity is valued,
  - o educational excellence and equity are expected,
  - o individual responsibility and participation by all is required, and
  - collaborative adult relationships are essential, and parents, students and the community as a whole are vital partners.

## Student Information

- 73,965 (preschool-grade 12)
- 3,429 preschool students
- 9,157 students receive special education services
- 12,869 English learners (17.3% of students)
- More than 85% living in poverty

### Staffing Information

- 12,098 total employees
- 5,763 certificated employees \*
- 5,568 classified employees \*
- 767 management employees

#### Facilities Information

- 66 elementary schools
- 14 middle schools
- 10 high schools
- 5 alternative schools
- 3 special education schools
- 1 adult school
- 7 charters

#### **Budget Information**

- \$1.041 billion annual operating budget (2019-20)
- \*Includes substitutes

# **District Goals 2014-2019**

The purpose of the four Fresno Unified School District Goals is to give the District direction to improve student outcomes. To accomplish the four District goals, it is expected that all students will be in school, on time and ready to learn every day.

- All students will excel in reading, writing and math
- All students will engage in arts, activities and athletics
- All students will demonstrate the character and competencies for workplace success
- All students will stay in school on target to graduate







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# **Diversity of Students**

Fresno Unified serves a diverse population with more than 59 languages spoken by students and their families.

African American	8.1%
Asian	10.1%
Filipino	0.3%
Hispanic	68.8%
Native American	0.6%
Pacific Islander	0.3%
Two or More Races	3.0%
White (not Hispanic)	8.8%



## **School Choice**

Magnet schools have provided innovative and exciting educational opportunities for students in the Fresno Unified School District for more than 30 years. With more than 20 magnet and specialty school programs to choose from, families and students have many options for their children at schools where dedicated staff members are motivated to help enhance the educational experience of every student.

Fresno Unified also operates a thriving adult school that serves more than 10,000 students per year.

# **Innovative Partnerships Bolstering Student Success**

Partnerships with Microsoft, Cisco, AT&T, HP and Lenovo have helped advance major technology initiatives, including deployment of wireless access points in every classroom, over 70,000 laptops for students to use in the classroom, 15,000 tablets for students to take home, daily text messages to parents on attendance and grades, dashboards for staff to quickly examine student attendance, grades, behavior and other key indicators, more than 40 coding clubs for students of all grades and Wi-Fi for school buses so that students can do homework. In addition, projects like the Personalized Learning Initiative, involving nearly 1,000 teachers and tens of thousands of students, is changing classroom instruction and having a positive impact on students.

