District at a Glance

District Overview and Governance
Fresno Unified School District serves nearly 74,000 students, from preschool through grade 12, helping students achieve their greatest potential through high-quality instruction, district programs and services, and resources. The district is the third 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.

Mission, Vision, Values and Goals
In support of the district's desire that all students achieve their greatest potential, the district's new mission, vision, values and goals were adopted by the board of education on Oct. 21, 2020.

District Mission
We nurture and cultivate the interests, intellect, and leadership of our students by providing an excellent, equitable education in a culturally proficient environment.

Vision
Fresno Unified School District: Where students, families, and staff are valued and empowered to achieve their greatest potential.

Values
We value learning; we value accountability; we value positive behavior; we value people and our community

Goals
Student goals: Improve academic performance at challenging levels; expand student-centered and real-world learning experiences; increase student engagement in their school and community
Staff goals: Increase recruitment and retention of staff reflecting the diversity of our community
Family goal: Increase inclusive opportunities for families to engage in their students' education

Student Information
- 73,833 (preschool-grade 12)
- 2,973 preschool students
- Students with disabilities: 10.9%
- English learner: 17.5%
- Socioeconomically disadvantaged: 85%

Staffing Information
- 11,429 total employees
- 5,402 certificated employees*
- 5,228 classified employees*
- 799 management employees

Facilities Information
- 66 elementary schools
- 14 middle schools
- 10 high schools
- 6 alternative schools
- 3 special education schools
- 1 adult school
- 9 charters

Budget Information
-$128.3 billion annual operating budget (2020-21)

*Includes substitutes
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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: 8.2%
- Asian: 10.8%
- Filipino: 0.3%
- Hispanic: 69.1%
- Native American: 0.5%
- Pacific Islander: 0.4%
- Two or More Races: 2.2%
- 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 1:1 access to a laptop or tablet for all students, and wireless access points in classrooms, gyms, and shared spaces. Initiatives also include daily text messages to parents on attendance and grades; dashboards for staff to quickly examine student attendance, grades, behavior and other key indicators; STEM clubs for coding and robotics; esports teams; and Wi-Fi-equipped school busses. The ATLAS parent portal allows parents to support student progress, and provides a simple way for parents to communicate with teachers in multiple languages, using a computer, text, or email. In addition, projects like the Personalized Learning Initiative, involving over 1,000 teachers and tens of thousands of students, is changing classroom instruction and having a positive impact on students.