

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

Demographics

Demographics Summary

Graham is a community with an oil, gas, and agriculture legacy. There is little manufacturing in Graham, and Graham ISD is the largest employer in the municipality. Southern Bleacher Company is the largest manufacturing corporation. Graham High school is a 9-12 campus and is classified as a Title I school. Graham ISD is currently trending to lower enrollment numbers. We focus on our students first and offer a diverse selection of elective courses and academic focus classes. We are a 4A Division II school with an enrollment of 635 students. Our student body is primarily white and hispanic, and we regularly enroll students who are English learners.

Graham High School is 67.4% White, 27.6% Hispanic, 2.2% students of two or more races, .9% African American and American Indian, .8%Asian, .2% Pacific Islander. 47.7% of our student body qualified as Economically Disadvantaged in 2019. 7.3% English Learners and 8.8% Special Education.

We have 52 teachers, many of which attended school in Graham and returned after college graduation.

Graham High School is supported from within our community, and we have a strong partnership with the City of Graham and Graham Visitors Bureau and Chamber of Commerce. We work diligently to recognize our students publicly in the community and continue to foster partnerships with our community and parents.

Demographics Strengths

The GHS student body is diverse and more closely represents a true cross section of our community. Graham High School maintains a culture of acceptance of all and promotes common understanding and inclusion of all students. On survey instruments, GHS students report that the staff is nice, supportive, helpful, and fun. Students report that they like their peers and a friendly environment exists at Graham High School. The school spirit at Graham High School improves yearly. Graham High School has a strong club presence. The majority of our students are involved in one or more club, sport, band, choir, or UIL activity. Students cite the variety of classes offered at Graham High School as a positive. Students report that GHS is a 'nice campus,' our students are generally nice to each other and the school environment is inclusive from a student perspective. Furthermore, Graham High School has a strong academic focus as evidenced through our robust course offering and technology rich programming. GHS hosts a College Fair, Senior FAFSA and Financial Aid nights, and conducts an Academic Signing Day each Spring.

Problem Statements Identifying Demographics Needs

Problem Statement 1. Graham High School must do a better job of assisting EL students in transition to English and American schools. **Root Cause:** Lack of focus on English Language Proficiency Standards.