

## Comprehensive Needs Assessment – School Context and Organization

The Aledo ISD receives state, local and federal funding including Title I, II, III, Carl Perkins, IDEA Formula and Preschool. Aledo ISD received the state's highest financial integrity rating for the tenth consecutive year.

The district serves students from PPCD through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. AISD staff includes 58.9% teachers, 9.5% professional support, 6.9% educational aides, 4.9% campus administration, 1.4% central administrative staff and 19.2% auxiliary staff.

Teachers new to the profession and/or to the district are supported through a mentoring program. The training begins with New Teacher Orientation prior to the start of school at the district and campus level. For the 2013-14 school year, 53 new staff members, with 0 to 20 years of experience, were added to the Aledo ISD family.

Student-to-teacher ratio in Aledo ISD during the 2013-14 school year was 16.5 students per teacher for all campuses.

The district conducts a strategic planning meeting every three years consisting of: administrators, staff, parents and community members. The District Wide Education Improvement Committee (DWEIC) and the Campus Improvement Committee meet during the year to review for planning and decision making; these committees are comprised of staff, parents, business and community members.

Annual teacher and parent climate surveys are conducted to identify district and campus strengths and needs for improvement. In addition, personnel resigning from their position participate in an exit survey. In 2013-2014, the teacher climate survey reveals that Aledo ISD teachers identified absenteeism, tardiness, and bullying as the biggest areas of concern across the district. Teachers also identified the use of technology in the classroom, monitoring of student performance, and understanding of TEKS and STAAR expectations as the district's greatest strengths.

District and campus information is disseminated through multiple sources such as the AISD website, Parent Link, I-Communicator e-mails and Bearcat Vision. The online Parent Portal system is available for parents to review grades, assignments and attendance. The Aledo ISD iPhone application was updated to include Android in 2013.

Aledo ISD has a "Connections" mentoring program that pairs adults with students. During the 2013-2014 school year, 58 students participated in the program. Feedback forms from all participants indicate program success for individual students with this program.

The district maintains a Community Partners program, with approximately 42 members, establishing relationships between local businesses, the school district and the campuses. The program enhances communication and cooperation with a common goal for student success. Annually, Aledo business leaders participate in the Texas Scholars Program, at Aledo Middle School, emphasizing the importance of academics at high school and career opportunities. Business and community leaders also participate in a Career Fair and College Fair at Aledo High School.

**Strengths:**

- Involved parents and a community that supports the district and individual campuses
- Communication with parents and community via varied sources
- FIRST Superior financial rating for 10 consecutive years
- Consistently high student achievement despite class sizes across all grades

**Needs:**

- Continue efforts to reduce class size waivers and class sizes across all grade levels and content areas
- Increase parent participation in climate survey
- Increased communication to specifically support child's learning at home (parent climate survey)