

**Richardson ISD**  
**Dallas ISD Site Visit and Campus Tours Schedule**  
**Thursday November 2, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



**Solar Preparatory School for Boys**  
**1802 Moser Ave**

Solar Preparatory is a School for Boys in DISD. It is one of DISD's Transformational Schools. As a Transformational School, the district completes an application to be selected to receive funding. The campus is in year 5 of operation. They started as a Pre-K 4-2nd grade campus, and they add on another grade level each year as they build systems. They are currently serving Pre-k 4- 7th grade, and will complete their expansion after adding 8th grade next year.

The principal reported that he has observed a change in the boys emotional capacity over the years that the school has been open. More boys are participating in programs such as theater, without the feeling and emotions that can cloud their interests when girls are on campus. The school uses a blended learning model, and instruction is presented in a way that caters to active boys.

They have a 50/50 model where 50% of students are considered low SES and 50% are considered high SES. Their big rocks are: culture, (the brotherhood circle, pledges, thrive time, students receiving 5 smiles before getting to class), the blended learning model, reading and writing in all areas, and responsive classrooms.

The school provides two days from professional development for new staff that is specific to the programs and initiatives on campus. Teachers go through a three step hiring process with an interview, a fish bowl, and a one-on-one with the principal.



**William B. Travis Academy/Vanguard for the Academically  
Talented and Gifted**

**2910 Allen St, Dallas, TX 75204**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

This campus is considered a magnet campus in DISD. Students must be in the 70th percentile on MAP with a GPA of 80 or above to be considered. These students take a NNAT3 assessment to make a final determination. They use a lottery system where the top 30% of students get an offer. The remaining placements are split by the feeder patterns.

The campus serves students in 4th-8th grade. They have 501 students. There are 88 available seats in 4th grade and 22 extra seats are available in 6th grade. They offer advanced classes such as algebra and physics. They do challenge based projects where they focus on a local problem and implement the solution in the community. Each grade level focuses on a different theme for the project. The students receive compacted instruction in science, receiving a year and a half of science each year. This allows them to take the 8th grade STAAR test when they are in 7th grade. Students also take Algebra I in 8th grade. Students receive a high school language credit in 7th grade and a high school writing credit.

The campus partners with the Dallas Museum of Arts. Twenty students are selected to become docents at the DMA. They have a Travis Takeover Day each year. Specific electives include: band, art, health, theater, debate, PE, creative writing, orchestra, TSMA math, TSMA science. Athletics is not provided at the campus due to UIL guidelines. Students can take athletics at their home school. Students get to select two electives each year. They take trips around the world, such as Italy, Ireland, Japan, and Costa Rica through EF Field Trips. Esports is offered as an extracurricular program.



**[Jesús Moroles Expressive Arts Vanguard](#)**

**[1400 Walmsley Ave, Dallas, TX 75208](#)**

**[\(972\) 794-4400](#)**

This campus serves Pre-k 4- 8th grade. Students begin participating in the Vanguard programs starting in 4th grade. In 4th and 5th grade, students get to select 2 Vanguards. Starting in 6th grade, students select only 1. The specific Vanguards offered include: visual arts, band, orchestra, piano, dance, and theater. Students follow a block schedule. In 4th and 5th grade, they have 45 minutes for each Vanguard. In 6th-8th grade, students get 90 minutes for each Vanguard. Students participate in Maker's Space and Esports.