

Thorndale Independent

School District

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The Area

The Thorndale School District is located 45 miles northeast of Austin, Texas on Highway 79. Thorndale is a small rural community of approximately 1,000 residents in the blackland farm country, steeped in German/Lutheran tradition. The air is clean; the soil is rich; and the people are friendly.

Recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities are abundant and within a short drive from town. There are more than five major shopping malls within an hour's travel. The University of Texas, Concordia Lutheran College, St. Edward's University, and Huston-Tillotson College are in Austin which is 45 miles; Southwestern University is in Georgetown, which is 35 miles; and Texas A&M University is in College Station, which is 63 miles. We also have Temple Junior College in Taylor, only 15 miles away. The Granger Lake is 12 miles from Thorndale and the lakes of the Texas hill country are only 85 miles away.

The District

Approximately 560 students attend school in Thorndale ISD. There are three schools which serve the students. There is an elementary school (PK – 5), a middle school (6-8), and a secondary school (9 – 12). The current pupil/teacher ratio at the elementary school is 15.5 to 1 and it is 10.25 to 1 at the secondary schools.

For the 2007-2008 school year, each campus was rated as recognized. The district was rated as "Academically Acceptable" over the past 10 years. The district has been rated "Exemplary" once "Recognized" 7 times and "Acceptable" twice. Thorndale High School has excelled in a variety of areas over the past several years including state championships: two in UIL Debate, one in One Act Play, two in tennis, two in baseball, two in basketball, and three in football. At the present time, THS is classified as "1A" by the UIL.

Academic excellence has been a tradition among Thorndale's ethnically diverse student body. Sixty-five percent of students are Anglo, twenty-nine percent are Hispanic, five percent are African-American, and one percent Asian.

Budget 2008-2009

General Fund: \$5,182,708.00

Special Revenue Fund: \$ 466,958.00

Debt Service Fund: \$ 288,575.00

Total: \$5,938,241.00

The 2008-2009 tax rate is \$1.315 per \$100.00 of assessed value. M & O rate is \$1.17 and Debt Service is \$.145.

Undesignated Fund Balance: \$ 728,073.00

