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LITTLE LONGHORNS BIG DREAMS

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Elementary School*



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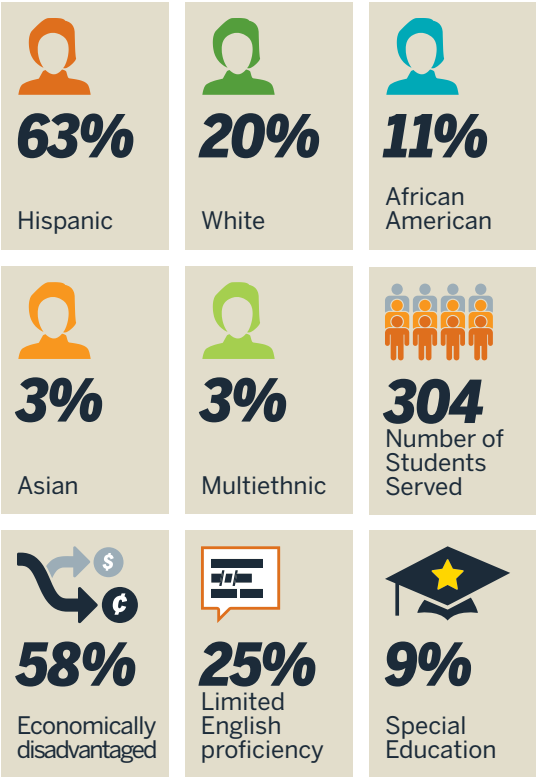


THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL DEMOGRAPHICS

UT Elementary School was founded in 2003 as part of The University of Texas System’s Every Child, Every Advantage initiative to support P-16 education. Operated by UT Austin, UT Elementary is an open-enrollment campus, free to students, with a lottery-based admission system. The school enrolls children in grade levels pre-kindergarten through fifth.

A unit within UT Austin’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT Elementary serves as a research-based demonstration school. Not only does the school serve the children and families that come through its doors every day, it also trains the next generation of educators and disseminates best practices throughout the local, regional and national education landscapes.





SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS



Healthy Families Initiative

Coordinated school health program integrating nutrition, physical fitness, family support and other areas. Student obesity rates have dropped from 67% to 41% and continue to decline.



Science, Technology, Engineering, Math

Students gain 21st century skills through hands-on, inquiry-based learning. Projects range from coding and robotics to biomedical engineering and more.



Multicultural Fine Arts

Students produce individual artworks and learn about other world cultures through their arts, including visual art, music, dance and multimedia.



Music Program

Performance-oriented program in orchestral strings and accordion for students in grades 2-5.



Social and Emotional Learning

Explicit instruction in social and emotional skills, including conflict resolution and interpersonal dynamics.



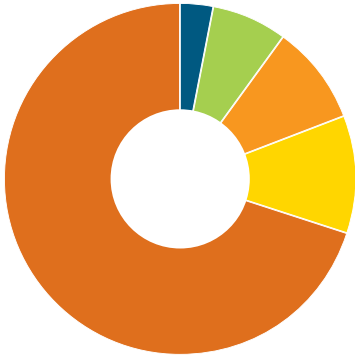
Response to Intervention

Tiered interventions to ensure that each child's individual academic, social and emotional needs are met.

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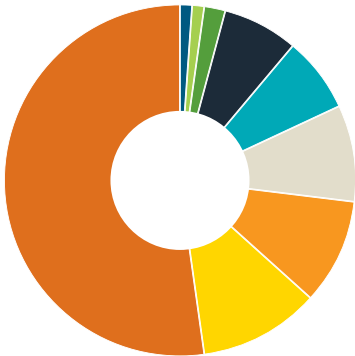
1. To develop students into lifelong learners through rigorous, research-based curricula, individualized instruction, high expectations and a nurturing environment that includes parental and community involvement;
2. To provide opportunities for professional development and outreach for The University of Texas at Austin's academic units; and
3. To serve as a model of an exemplary educational program for diverse learners.

ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET
\$3.6 MILLION



REVENUE

- 70% State funding (i.e. average daily attendance)
- 11% Philanthropic gifts
- 9% The University of Texas at Austin
- 7% Federal funding (i.e. title programs)
- 3% Earned income (i.e. book fair)



EXPENSES

- 53% Instruction and instructional resources
- 11% General administration
- 10% Development and communications
- 9% School leadership and professional development
- 7% Food services
- 7% Maintenance and operations
- 2% Guidance, counseling and evaluation services
- 1% Health services
- 1% Student transportation



Mickey Klein

Volunteer and supporter

The kids at UT Elementary are excited about coming to school. They are in a nurturing and loving environment. The teachers are passionate about their work. That's why I have enthusiastically supported the school for the past 10 years.

David Crist

Parent of four students who have attended the school. He has two children in college, one in high school and a fifth grader at UT Elementary.

UT Elementary has challenged my children in ways that prepared them academically for middle school, high school and college. There were no challenges when they transitioned to middle school... We have always taught our children that college is not an option—it is a requirement. UT Elementary reinforced that notion. My oldest daughter is now at UT; I have another at Austin Community College who wants to transfer to UT.





LESSONS FOR LIFE

*William Ntsoane Discovers
His Path to Engineering at
UT Elementary*



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William Ntsoane is among the 39% of UT Elementary School college-going alumni who have pursued majors in STEM fields.



As a fifth-grader at UT Elementary School, William Ntsoane said, “It is never too early to start studying to become what you want to be later—that’s what they teach us here at UT Elementary School.”

William is now a well-rounded first-year student at The University of Texas at Austin, majoring in mechanical engineering, with interests in music, kayaking, hiking, cycling, improv comedy and acting. We caught up with William at the start of the fall semester at UT when he shared reflections on the education he received as a Little Longhorn.

Fondest memories of UT Elementary: Field trips to the UT Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas, SeaWorld and rafting at McKinney Falls State Park. The memorable experiences, he says, “reflect on the institution itself and just how good the teachers were.”

Lessons for life: “The teachers did a very good job teaching us critical-thinking skills. We learned how to think rationally, draw conclusions and find a solution as opposed to finding answers in a book.”

Teachers of note: William’s gravitation to the STEM fields was due to outstanding science

teachers in third and fifth grades. Third-grade teacher Laila Wakim initially sparked his interest in science with innovative teaching in biology. “My fifth-grade science teacher Danielle Zibilski was very patient with us—you could tell she loved teaching.” And his current love of kayaking, cycling and hiking stem from Coach Brian Dauenhauer’s dedication to exposing students to lifelong physical activities.

Key to UT Elementary’s success:

“Mentorship, field trips and good teachers. Even though the school is small it churns out a high-quality education.”

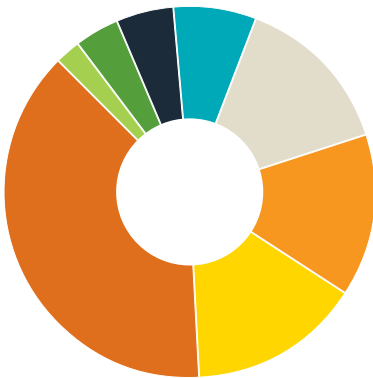
On his mechanical engineering major: “It’s a very diverse field of engineering. I like the application of science and how it can make the world better. Plus it compensates well and you can travel the world. Engineering never goes out of style.”

Favorite class at UT: Among his current coursework, which includes Differential Calculus and Principles of Chemistry, it is the first-year Gateway Scholars signature course *Race in the Age of Trump* with Dr. Leonard Moore, interim vice president for diversity and community engagement, that earns his highest marks.



The University of Texas Elementary School relies on the generosity of individual, corporate and foundation supporters to offer innovative programming that sets our students on a path for success from Pre-K to Ph.D. and beyond.

IN 2016-17, PHILANTHROPIC GIFTS TOTALING \$400K SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING AREAS:



- 38% Healthy Families Initiative
- 15% STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math
- 14% Intervention and out-of-school learning
- 14% Multicultural Fine Arts
- 7% Music
- 5% Field trips
- 4% Instructional technology
- 2% Teacher professional development

If you wish to become a part of our work by investing in our mission, please visit utelementary.org or contact us at (512) 495-3300 or ut.elementary@austin.utexas.edu.

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