

**Neil Ray McLaughlin
Primary**

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Intermediate**

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Report to the Community

... An Innovative Leader in Learning ...

McLaughlin/Strickland Elementary is blazing new trails as we blend two campuses into one. Neil Ray McLaughlin Elementary is a neighborhood school that is rich in tradition and community spirit. Established in 1959, McLaughlin currently serves students in grades K-2. Nancy H. Strickland, the newest intermediate campus in the district is just opening its doors for the first time to students in grades 3-5. The two building are characterized by the saying, "Two Buildings, One Team!"

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our teachers, staff and students, McLaughlin/Strickland Elementary is once again a Recognized campus as designated by The Texas Education Agency. The approximately 75 staff members pull together to provide high quality instruction in order for all students to leave our doors ready to enroll in honors level classes in middle school. In addition, a strong emphasis on college is present as it is imperative not only to their lives, but the well-being of the nation as well.

McLaughlin/Strickland Elementary Schools develop productive citizens through

its character education program. Traits such as responsibility, respect, trustworthiness and pride are cornerstones of our program, and multiple opportunities are provided to learn and demonstrate these concepts.

Strong partnerships with parents are developed to enable students to experience the utmost success. This increased participation has positively influenced the student programs available at McLaughlin/Strickland Elementary Schools.

McLaughlin/Strickland Highlights:

- TEA Recognized campus 1996-1998, 2001, 2006 & 2008
- TEA Exemplary campus 1999
- Active parent volunteer program
- Instruction rich with technology including classroom ActivBoards in grades 2 & 5
- Tiger News Network (TNN) highlights student anchors and recognizes student successes
- After the Bell provides learning opportunities and a safe place to stay after school.
- A variety of after school clubs are available such as math, science and literacy clubs, choir, cup stacking, a "Little Sprouts" gardening club, and Pee Wee Picasso's.
- Rigorous curriculum which implements problem solving, guided reading, technology, character values and effective communication skills
- Student participation in local and regional Cultural Arts Program
- Family Nights focusing on Math and Science

Mission Statement

McLaughlin/Strickland Elementary, in partnership with our families and community, will develop students who will meet or exceed the local and state standards needed to successfully transition to middle school and to take advantage of the highest educational opportunities available.

Demographics 2007-2008

	%	Number
African American	4%	30
American Indian	0%	1
Asian	2%	15
Hispanic	82%	621
White	12%	92
Total		759

TAKS Scores

The State of Texas initiated the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) as the state-required assessment for public schools. This testing instrument measures the state curriculum in reading, writing, mathematics, science and social studies.

	Reading	Writing	Math	Science
2005-2006	86%	84%	97%	80%
2006-2007	89%	92%	86%	72%
2007-2008	89%	91%	94%	89%

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