

Tierra Blanca Primary School
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Tierra Blanca Primary School has been a Texas Education Agency rated EXEMPLARY campus for the past 5 years and embodies the “heart and soul” of an Exemplary campus. A sense of acceptance, excitement, and a love for learning permeates our building. Here at Tierra Blanca Primary School, we feel that our staff goes above and beyond the ordinary to create an environment where all children, regardless of their ethnicity or social status achieve success. Our current population represents diversity as seen in the following percentages:

African Americans .01%, Anglo 10%, Hispanic 89%, G/T .02%, SPED 12%, LEP 31%,
Migrant 51%, At-Risk 75%, and Economically Disadvantaged 96%.

Daily we strive to be a campus of facilitators knowing that what we must teach is mandated by the state Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, but that how we teach the TEKS is left up to the individual professional. The TEKS is our curriculum with which we enrich and extend through all genres of literature, technology and actual experiences. We like to think of ourselves as “out of the box” and “not from a can.” Instruction is targeted at meeting the varying learning styles of all students. New objectives and skills are made relevant to the young learners’ life. Students are given the opportunities to be academically engaged and active participants in their own learning. Students at Tierra Blanca are supported through an atmosphere of inclusion, many of the students are labeled with special indicators but are looked at with eyes that say “That is a child who can succeed.”

An open line of communication between school and parents, families and the community continues to be our focus and mission. We strive to inform and provide opportunities for our families through, newsletters, parent nights, “Moonlight School”, assemblies, conferences, “Muffins for Mom”, “Donuts for Dads”, field days, etc. We realize that most parents want the very best for their child and if given the tools and information with which to accomplish this, then the winner will be the child. We strive to create an inviting atmosphere so parents too want to be at school. Parents can often be found lingering in the front doorway visiting as they have left their child for a day of learning.

The greatest contributing factor to the success of our students is, without a doubt, our remarkable staff. The staff at Tierra Blanca has a teacher retention rate with an average of 11 years on this campus. Tierra Blanca Primary staff stands on the belief that we must be positive role models and treat each other, students, and parents with dignity and respect. Tierra Blanca Primary School is comprised of 44 dedicated ladies who knowing it is not an easy task work tirelessly at meeting the varying academic, emotional and social needs of our students. Together we believe that every child can succeed if afforded the opportunity, experiences, and nurturing needed to ensure a positive school experience.

Tierra Blanca staff views teaching not as a job but as a passion and believe that we are here for a specific purpose. The staff believes that as we “teach” we also learn. Staff takes advantage of every opportunity to learn in order to be more effective. We value the individuality of our students and what they bring to our classrooms. On a daily basis teachers can be found differentiating instruction, allowing students to interact/talk about learning, monitoring instruction in order to maximize student learning, and providing for extended time to work with different students and in different arrangements.

Our staff can be summed up best by a quote from Marva Collins “I am a teacher. A teacher is someone who leads. There is no magic here. I do not walk on water. I do not part the sea. I just love children.”

We are the “Tierra Blanca Rockets Shooting For The Stars”