



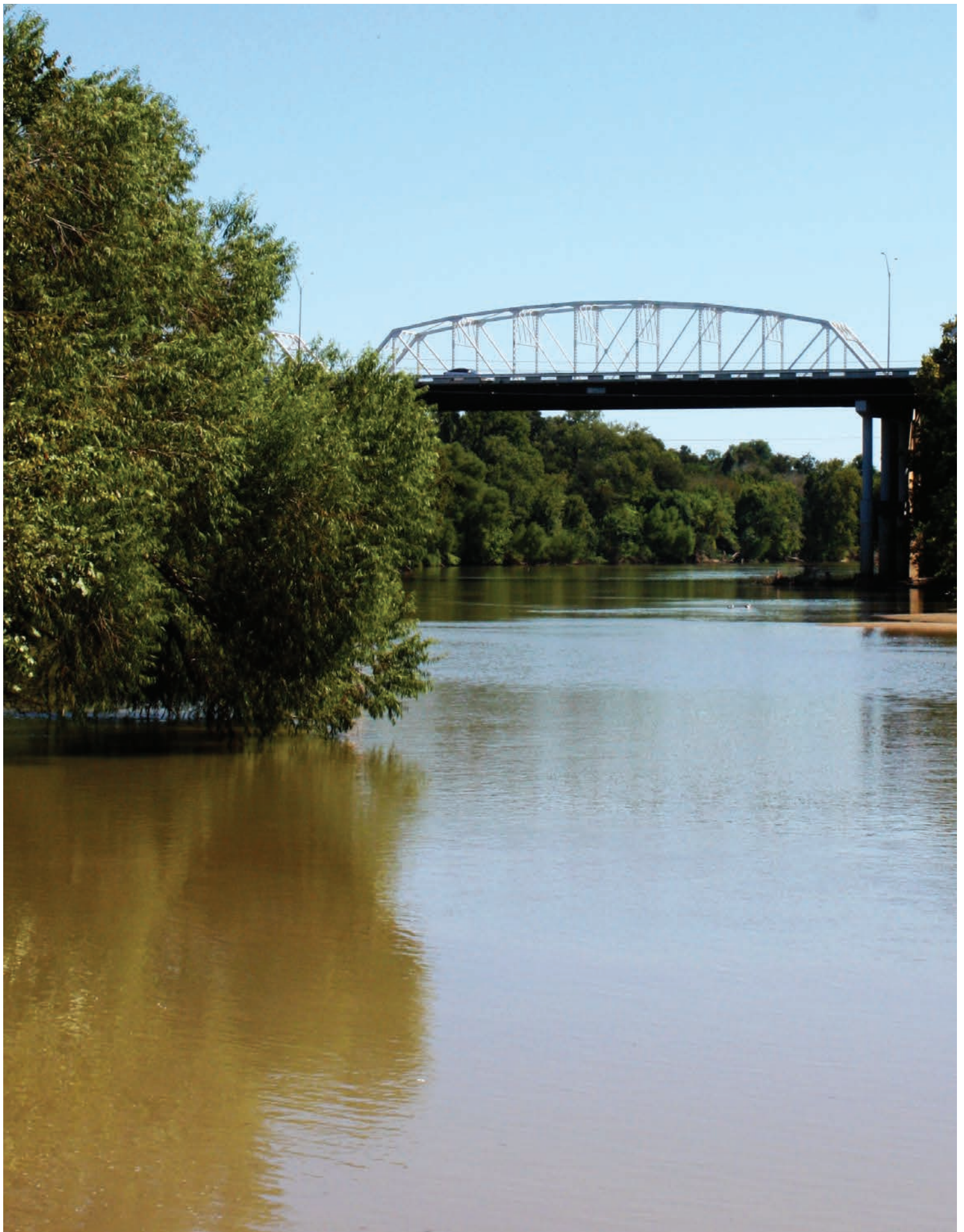
BASTROP COUNTY

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BASTROP

On the banks of the Colorado River lies Bastrop, a city that combines a “historically hip” old-town charm with modern city comforts. One of Texas’ oldest communities, Bastrop boasts historic homes, a remarkable history museum, Main Street Historic District as well as special downtown districts for Cultural Arts and Culinary Arts. People come from far and near to spit off The Old Iron Bridge and then join the International Society of Bridge Spitters, followed by a short walk to check out Bastrop’s Farm Street Historic Chicken Sanctuary.

Known for being “East of Weird,” Bastrop offers recreational opportunities for all of Central Texas. The Colorado River winds its way through town to provide fishing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, and stand up paddle boarding. Nearby, Lake Bastrop offers 900-acres of fresh water, full of bass, crappie, perch and catfish. Three local golf courses take full advantage of Bastrop’s natural beauty to create an unforgettable 54 holes. Numerous parks, hike-and-bike trails and other outdoor opportunities highlight Bastrop’s lovely countryside.

Shopping includes many homegrown businesses such as Texas Boot Company, Cripple Creek Wine and Gifts and Art Connections gallery. In addition, the community has attracted a variety of big-box retailers such as Buc-ee’s Travel Center, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Best Buy, PETCO, Staples, Ross, TJ Maxx, Academy, Spec’s, Ulta, and more.

Bastrop is one of only 19 cities to win a Cultural Arts District designation from the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Bastrop Fine Arts Guild is nearing completion of the Lost Pines Regional Art center, complementing the already thriving art scene that offers various art galleries. And if the timing works out, don’t miss the monthly First Friday Art Walk – the art/shopping equivalent of a pub-crawl.

Students and families will discover Bastrop to be a great place to get an education! Bastrop ISD, one of the fastest growing districts in Central Texas, is committed to providing outstanding instruction. The district is comprised of six elementary schools, two intermediate schools, two middle schools, two high schools, the Colorado River Collegiate Academy and an alternative campus. The multipurpose state-of-the-art Jerry Fay Wilhelm Center for the Performing Arts includes a 1,500-seat auditorium and a 250-seat black box theatre.



Bastrop Chamber of Commerce

bastropchamber.com
927 Main St | (512) 303-0558

Bastrop Fine Arts Guild

bastropfineartsguild.com
815 Main Street | (512) 321-8055

Bastrop Opera House

bastropoperahouse.com
711 Spring St | (512) 321-6283

The historic 1889 Bastrop Opera House, known as the Strand Theatre during World War II and the Teen Tower in the 1950s, offers wonderful award-winning stage performances of vaudeville, melodramas, musicals and comedies.

Bastrop Paddling Trails

tpwd.texas.gov

El Camino Real Paddling Trail is a wide, slow-moving six-mile trail that will take you approximately 1.5 - 4 hours to complete, depending on flow and stops for picnics or enjoying the scenery along the way.

Wilbarger Paddling Trail is wide and slow moving, it runs for 14.3-miles from Utley to Fisherman’s Park. It will take approximately 4 - 8 hours depending on flow and stops for picnics or enjoying the scenery along the way.

Bastrop State Park

tpwd.texas.gov
100 Park Rd 1-A | (512) 321-2101

Bob Bryant Park

cityofbastrop.org
600 Charles Blvd | (512) 321-1313

Enjoy the beautiful walking trails or take your kids to the play area, which includes a playscape and swings. You’ll also find a large picnic pavilion, soccer fields, clean public restrooms, and access to the Colorado River.

Cedar Creek Park

co.bastrop.tx.us
5540 FM-535, Cedar Creek

Sitting on 46 acres of Texas Countryside, located near the intersection of FM 535 and Hwy 21. The park provides sports fields, a large pavilion for family gatherings, walking trails and a butterfly discovery garden

ColoVista Golf Club

colovistagolf.com
100 Country Club Dr | (512) 629-4585

ColoVista offers dramatic cliffs, spectacular views of the Colorado River, rolling hills and bluffs covered with the majestic Lost Pines of Texas. “#1 Rated Course Available to the Public in Central Texas,” – Austin American-Statesman, “The #1 Hidden Gem Course in Texas” – The Houston Chronicle.

Colorado River Refuge

pplt.org
356 Riverside Drive | (512) 308-1911

The Colorado River Refuge offers a true nature experience just minutes from downtown Bastrop. With over 2 miles of riverside and cliff side trails, there is something for everyone. Even folks with limited mobility, strollers and young children can all enjoy these trails.

Fisherman’s Park

cityofbastrop.org
1200 Willow St | (512) 332-8920

Fisherman’s Park overlooks the Colorado River and features a playground, a splash pad, basketball and tennis courts, a soccer field, a boat dock and fishing pier, swings and benches, picnic tables, a large pavilion, and a ½ mile trail along the river.



ELGIN

Elgin's town motto is "Perfectly Situated." About half of its residents travel to and from Austin every day, which allows the community to maintain a strong connection to the vibrant Capital City activities without giving up many of the quality-of-life factors that attract people to Elgin in the first place.

Anyone who lives in Central Texas long, learns that floods can wreak absolute havoc in the region. However, the City of Elgin actually came about as a result of one such flood. Due to the need to redirect a railroad line that bypassed the Colorado River, the comparatively high elevation provided a perfect location for a train depot. The town's original plat placed the depot in the center of a one-square-mile area.

Elgin is a city with a vision that includes improving its quality of life by providing parks and recreation activities. With more than 50 acres of parkland within the city limits, residents enjoy a municipal pool, hike & bike trails, ball fields, disc golf and more. Elgin hosts the annual Western Days and Hog Eye Festivals, other special events and the historic beauty of Elgin make it a perfect setting for recreation.

Today, Elgin is famous for the two products it's been making since 1882: reliable bricks and delicious hot sausage. Three brick companies are still operating in the Elgin area. Elgin has also gained a national reputation for its hot sausage – three local companies produce more than 3 million pounds annually.

Elgin ISD ensures a high-quality education that guarantees a life-changing experience for all. The district is comprised of more than 168 square miles in portions of Bastrop, Lee, and Travis counties and provides educational resources to meet the needs of more than 4,100 students on six campuses, including three elementary schools, one middle school, one high school and an alternative campus.



Hyatt Woldancer Golf Club

woldancergolfclub.com
575 Hyatt Lost Pines Rd, Cedar Creek | (512) 308-4770

Named one of the "Top 100 Resort Courses for 2009" by Golfweek magazine, Woldancer Golf Club features a magnificent 18-hole golf course, putting greens, a full-scale practice facility, GPS enabled golf carts, club rentals, and sales.

Main Street Historic District

bastropmainstreet.com
1408 B Chestnut Street | (512) 332-8996

McKinney Roughs Nature Park

lcra.org/parks
1884 Hwy 71 West, Cedar Creek | (512) 303-5073

McKinney Roughs is an 1,100 acre nature park where visitors can explore close to 18 miles of trails by foot or horseback or take part in one of the park's many community programs. Characteristics of four ecosystems -- Post Oak Savannah, Blackland Prairie, East Texas Piney Woods, and a riparian zone -- converge to create an unusual blend of natural resources.

Museum & Visitor Center of Bastrop County Historical Society

bastropcountyhistoricalsociety.com
904 Main Street | (512) 303-0904

North Shore Park on Lake Bastrop

lcra.org/parks
603 FM 1441

A boat ramp with a boat dock and fishing pier provide fishing and access for water-based recreation. There are picnic areas with tables & grills, a sand volleyball court, tetherball courts and a play area. Rest rooms and showers are available for park visitors. North Cove Group Area provides a partially shaded site for groups of up to 50, which includes a large grill, picnic tables, and a large serving table. Hike or bike on a 4.5-mile multi-use trail connecting North Shore and South Shore parks.

Pine Forest Golf Club

pineforestgolfclub.com
2509 Riverside Dr | (512) 321-1181

Beautiful scenery, towering pines, rolling hills and the Colorado River work together to create the challenge of Pine Forest Golf Club

South Shore Park on Lake Bastrop

lcra.org/parks
375 South Shore Rd

South Shore Park offers on-site canoe rentals. Park guests can enjoy the shaded day use and swim areas for picnics, an expanded hiking and biking trail, tetherball courts, and a hall for group events.



Elgin Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center

elgintxchamber.com
114 Central Ave | (512) 285-4515

The Elgin Depot Museum

elgintx.com
14 Depot Street | (512) 285-2000

Elgin Memorial Park

1127 North Main, Elgin

Elgin Memorial Park is approximately 26 acres with hundreds of elm trees and green grass, small concession stand, restrooms, two sand volleyball courts, three tennis courts, horse shoe pits, one playground, covered and uncovered picnic tables, barbecue grills and scattered park benches. There is also a covered Pavilion that is popular for parties and events.

Elgin Parks & Recreation Foundation

elginparksfoundation.org

Morris Memorial Park

802 North Avenue C

This 14-acre park is located on the site of the former Morris Hospital. The park is complete with a swimming pool, fishing pond, basketball court, playground, hike and bike trail. Complete with picnic tables and benches, this park is a great place to bring the family and picnic.

Thomas Memorial Park

411 Madison Street

Thomas Memorial Park is a 12-acre park with baseball fields, playground, volleyball court, pavilion and picnic tables plus a nine-hole disc golf course.

Veterans Memorial Park

109 Depot Street

Located on Main and Depot streets, adjacent to the H&TC Freight Depot, Visitors Center, this park was constructed in 1930 in honor of veterans of World War I. A wood gazebo and 12 concrete memorial benches compose the focal point of the park and a row of large crepe myrtles separate the park from the railroad. The adjacent Houston and Texas Central Freight Depot, circa 1870, has been restored and houses the Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. A WWI cannon, memorial headstone and flagpole are located in the park. This popular downtown park is the site for many community events including the Saturday Farmer's Market, the Music in the Park series, annual Trick-or-Treat Trail and many more.

SMITHVILLE

The history of Smithville is tied to the coming of the railroad, which was the most important element in the founding of the town. Smithville was the dream of its entrepreneur founders who chartered the Smithville Town Company. The early residents of the town were industrious men who settled in the area to capitalize on the business the railroad would bring. The community was officially incorporated as the City of Smithville in 1895.

Recreational opportunities are abundant. On the bend of the Colorado River, Riverbend Park is the city's finest, offering walking trails, a fishing pier, an 18-hole disc golf course, and more. Popular destinations for bikers are the park roads of Buescher and Bastrop State Parks, connected by the winding, hilly 12-mile Park Road 1. Those who prefer more of a challenge look to Rocky Hill Ranch with more than 30 miles of world-class mountain biking trails. Buescher State Park is just over 1100 acres; activities include non-motorized boating, fishing, nature study, hiking and camping. The Smithville Recreation Center offers indoor recreation including a full-sized gymnasium, racquetball court, weight room, cardio room, lockers and showers. Just around the corner is the Power Plaza Skate Park, a concrete dream come true for those who skate. Smithville has always been a community minded town with a great quality of life and pure fun.

From the Front Room Wine Bar to the Back Door Café, Smithville's restaurant scene has much to offer, including the most recent additions of Honey's Pizza and Amy's Ice Cream. On the edge of town, the Smithville Crawford Municipal Airport is a publicly - owned airport managed by the City of Smithville. In addition, the community is home to Patricia Wolf Designs - a well-known designer of Western couture fashions - and the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center/Science Park Research Center. Its rural nature, small town quality, and artistic and eclectic personalities are key aspects of Smithville's character that residents value.

City leaders recognized the importance of education by creating the Smithville School District at the same time the town was incorporated. The exceptional Smithville Independent School District has five campuses and serves the community by equipping all students with the quality of education that prepares them to be successful in a changing society.



Bone Spirits Distillery
bonespirit.com
802 NE 1st St

"Farm-to-bottle" and "every drop from scratch," is how Bone Spirits of Smithville defines its liquor line. The tasting room is open 6 days a week (except Sundays). Walk-ins are welcome, and tours are available. The tasting room is located inside the distillery.

Buescher State Park
tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/buescher
100 Park Rd 1-C | (512) 237-2241

James H. Long Railroad Park and Museum
smithvillerrailroadpark.org
100 NW 1st St | (512) 237-2313

Whether you're a railroad aficionado, or just enjoy the charm of small, historic towns, the James H. Long Railroad Park and Museum in Smithville, Texas, welcomes you! With railroad history and artifacts dating from 1886, Smithville's Railroad Museum is fun for visitors of all ages. From Smithville's Main Street, the white Gazebo and the twenty-foot high 2006 Guinness World Record Gingerbread Man beckon you to Railroad Park and its special events area. Children will enjoy the playground, nestled between two actual railroad cabooses while you picnic in the park.

Rocky Hill Ranch
rockyhillranch.com
578 FM 153 | (512) 988-0988

Rocky Hill Ranch is the Mountain Biking and Outdoor Events Capital of Texas. The ranch has a main loop that is about 26 miles total and you'll encounter a wide variety of trails, from the straightforward jeep trails to ledges, short climbs, twists through the trees, bunny hops over logs and more. And Fat Chuck is one heck of a climb!

Smithville Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center
smithvilletx.org
100 NW 1st St | (512) 237-2313

Smithville Disc Golf Course
smithvillediscgolf.org
130 W SH 71 | (512) 237-3282

Riverbend Park is home to an 18-hole disc golf course. The course plays through the tall pecans, sycamores and oaks along the Colorado River.

Smithville Parks & Recreation Foundation
ci.smithville.tx.us

Smithville Powerplant Skatepark
106 Royston Street | (512) 237-3282

Here you will find hips, two stair cases, rails, hubbas, a bridge pyramid, grass gaps, wallrides, a snake run around the tree, and lots of ledges.

Vernon L. Richards Riverbend Park
ci.smithville.tx.us
107 TX-71 | (512) 237-3282

Located along the banks of the lower Colorado River on the outskirts of Smithville, Riverbend Park offers a wide variety of recreation facilities, including overnight campsites, a large pavilion, an indoor meeting facility, RV pads, rest rooms, picnic areas, a playground, potable water and river access. Riverbend Park is operated by the City of Smithville.

BASTROP CO. SCHOOLS

Bastrop ISD

bastrop.isd.tenet.edu	
Total Students	10,253
Total Staff (Teachers/Admin)	1,150.8
Students per Teacher	15.0
Attendance Rate	95.2%
Dropout Rate (Grades 9-12)	1.6%
% Tested - SAT/ACT	49.8%
Average SAT Score	1364
Average ACT Score	19.0
STAAR Test Participation (All Grades)	99.0%
STAAR All Subjects (All Grades)	67.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate without Exclusions	94.2%

Accountability Ratings

Bastrop High School	Met Standard
Achievement in Reading/ELA	Distinction Earned
Achievement in Social Studies	Distinction Earned
Bastrop Intermediate	Met Standard
Bastrop Middle	Met Standard
Bluebonnet Elementary	Met Standard
Cedar Creek Elementary	Met Standard
Achievement in Mathematics	Distinction Earned
Top 25% Student Progress	Distinction Earned
Cedar Creek High School	Met Standard
Achievement in Mathematics	Distinction Earned
Cedar Creek Intermediate	Met Standard
Achievement in Reading/ELA	Distinction Earned
Achievement in Science	Distinction Earned
Cedar Creek Middle	Met Standard
Top 25% Student Progress	Distinction Earned
Colorado River Collegiate Academy	Met Standard
Achievement in Science	Distinction Earned
Emile Elementary	Met Standard
Gateway School	Not Rated
Genesis High School	Met Standard
Lost Pines Elementary	Met Standard
Mina Elementary	Met Standard
Red Rock Elementary	Met Standard

Elgin ISD

elginisd.net	
Total Students	4,299
Total Staff (Teachers/Admin)	593.1
Students per Teacher	15.5
Attendance Rate	95.0%
Dropout Rate (Grades 9-12)	1.2%
% Tested - SAT/ACT	51.9%
Average SAT Score	1332
Average ACT Score	18.7
STAAR Test Participation (All Grades)	99.0%
STAAR All Subjects (All Grades)	63.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate without Exclusions	90.6%

Accountability Ratings

Bastrop County Juvenile Boot Camp	Not Rated
Booker T Washington Elem	Improvement Required
Elgin Elementary	Improvement Required
Elgin High School	Met Standard
Achievement in Reading/ELA	Distinction Earned
Postsecondary Readiness	Distinction Earned
Elgin Middle	Met Standard
Neidig Elementary	Met Standard
Phoenix High School	Improvement Required

Smithville

smithvilleisd.org

Total Students	1,781
Total Staff (Teachers/Admin)	258
Students per Teacher	12.9
Attendance Rate	95.8%
Dropout Rate (Grades 9-12)	0.2%
% Tested - SAT/ACT	53.8%
Average SAT Score	1412
Average ACT Score	20.8
STAAR Test Participation (All Grades)	100%
STAAR All Subjects (All Grades)	72.0%
4-Year Graduation Rate without Exclusions	97.5%

Accountability Ratings

Campus	Rating
Brown Primary	Met Standard
Smithville Elementary	Met Standard
Smithville High School	Met Standard
Achievement in Reading/ELA	Distinction Earned
Achievement in Mathematics	Distinction Earned
Achievement in Science	Distinction Earned
Achievement in Social Studies	Distinction Earned
Smithville Junior High	Met Standard
Top 25 Percent Student Progress	Distinction Earned

HELPFUL NUMBERS

Bastrop County Government & Services

City of Bastrop

cityofbastrop.org | (512) 332-8800

City of Elgin

elgintx.com | (512) 281-5724

City of Smithville

ci.smithville.tx.us | (512) 237-3282

Voter Registration

bastropvotes.org

Vehicle Registration

txdmv.gov

Texas DPS

txdps.state.tx.us

Animal Control

co.bastrop.tx.us | (512) 549-5160

Utilities

Phone, Internet & TV

AT&T

att.com | (800) 288-2020

HughesNet

hughesnet.com | (877) 570-2607

Smithville LiveAir Networks

liveair.net | (512) 360-4273

Time Warner Cable

timewarnercable.com | (877) 340-1275

Electric

Bluebonnet Electric Co-Op

bluebonnetelectric.coop | (512) 332-0274

City of Bastrop

cityofbastrop.org | (512) 332-8800

City of Elgin

elgintx.com | (512) 281-5724

City of Smithville

ci.smithville.tx.us | (512) 237-3282

Water

Bastrop Water Department

cityofbastrop.com | (512)332-8800

Elgin Utility Department

elgintx.com | (512) 285-5721

Smithville Utility Department

ci.smithville.tx.us | (512) 237-3282 ext. 1

Aqua Water Supply Corporation

aquawsc.com | (512) 303-3943

Bastrop County MUD #1

(281) 482-0216

Bastrop County WCID #3

(512) 581-7161

The Colony MUD 1E

(512) 581-7161

Gas/Propane

CenterPoint Energy

centerpointenergy.com | (800) 992-7552

Tex Propane

texpropane.com | (512) 308-9161

Sharp Propane

sharppropane.com | (512) 301-5094

Hospitals

St. David's Emergency Hospital

stdavids.com | 3201 Hwy 71, Bastrop | (512) 308-5900

Texan Urgent Care

texanurgentcare.com | 717 Hwy 71 W, #500, Bastrop | (512) 332-2273

Seton Smithville Regional Hospital

seton.net | 800 TX 71, Smithville | (512) 237-3214

Lone Star Circle of Care

lscctx.org | 605 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop | (877) 800-5722



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