Why Ector County ISD? Why Odessa?

Opportunities abound in one of the nation’s fastest-growing regions. Odessa, Texas is fueled by the growth of the oil and gas industries, Ector County ISD enrollment is at a record high and the need for high quality teachers who are ready to make a true impact on students and their families has never been greater. If you are considering a career in education, you must consider joining ECISD: an educational system committed to becoming the leader in public education.

There are many outstanding support systems in place to help ECISD achieve our mission including The Education Foundation of Odessa or Ed. Foundation. The Ed. Foundation offers grants for innovative teaching projects, coordinates the Bookworms reading initiative providing books to young students each month, and financially enhances many other programs each year. Another key supporter of education in Odessa is the Education Partnership of the Permian Basin (EPPB). This community group is driving work like the First Five program, an early childhood development, and AVID Leadership Coaching targeting character development for 6th grades throughout ECISD.

Odessa College, one of the top community colleges in the nation, provides college and career options through a wide variety of dual credit courses. The University of Texas Permian Basin is expanding rapidly and offers strong programs for professional and leadership development.

ECISD offers a starting teacher salary is $52,000 with stipends available for specialized areas with additional opportunities to earn additional income based on each school’s individual needs.

While some people refer to the Permian Basin as the middle of nowhere, in reality, we are in the middle of everything, just a few-hours’ drive from Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, El Paso, and Amarillo. Outdoor activities available year-round include hiking, boating, and fishing, and snow skiing, all available within a few hours’ drive.

Local business men have referred to this area as the “Silicon Valley of the energy industry!” That reality sparks the need for great schools, powered by great, highly-motivated teachers. This effort has been identified as one of the region’s top priorities.

Finally, Odessa is only 11 miles from the Midland International Air & Space Port, allowing easy access to flights to many locations throughout the world. In September 2014, Midland International Air & Space Port became the first U.S. facility licensed by the Federal Aviation Administration to serve both airline flights and commercial spaceflight.

Why Ector County ISD/Why Odessa? Because, the Sky is not the Limit in ECISD or Odessa!