

# TEXAS – HOUSTON



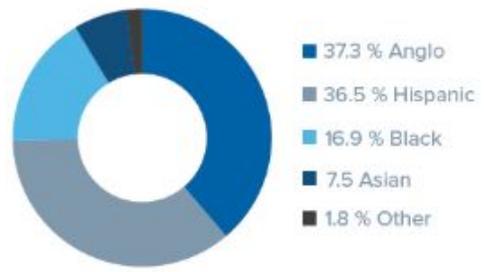
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# Houston- Highlights

## Race/Ethnicity: Houston MSA

Houston today mirrors the U.S. in 5 decades

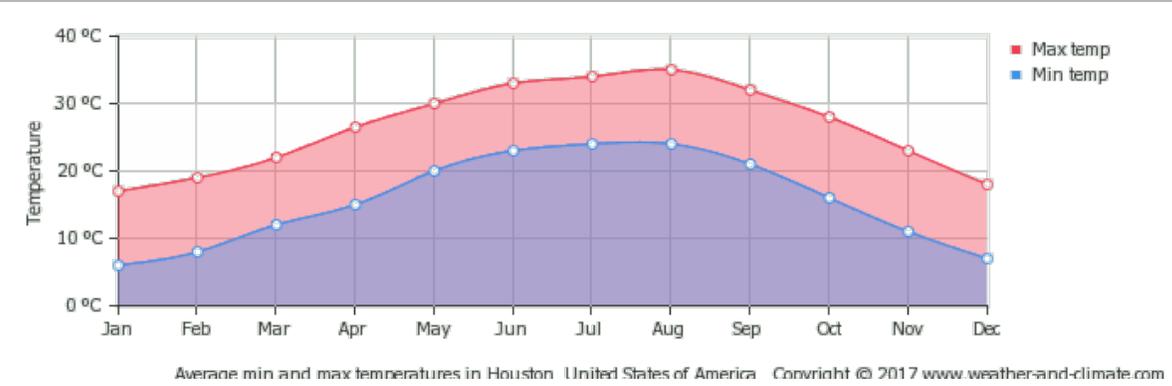


## Diversity

- Houston is one of the most diverse cities in the USA
- Houston has a thriving international community with a growing Asian population

## Weather

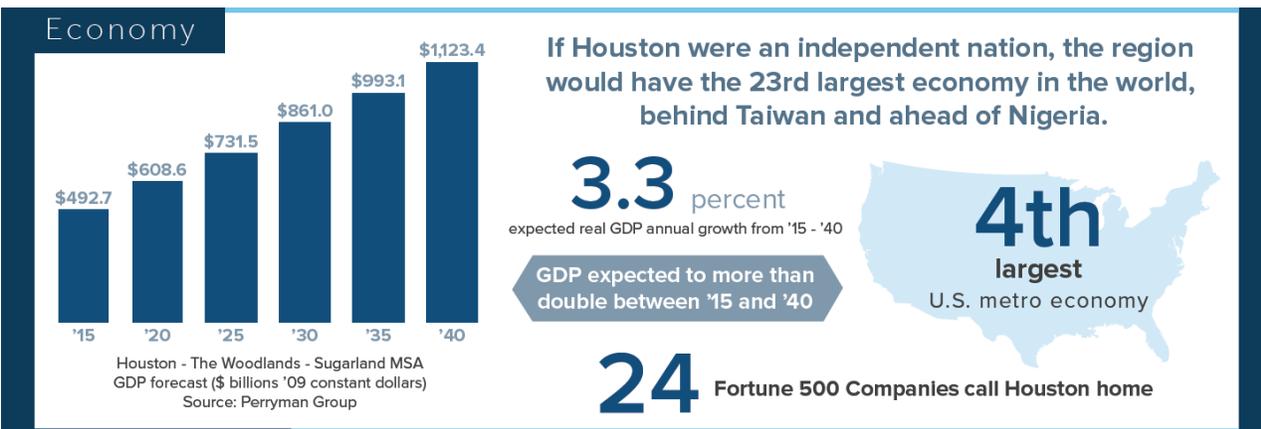
- Hot Summers and Mild Winters
- Average Low of 10 °C in the Winter
- Average high of 35°C in the Summer



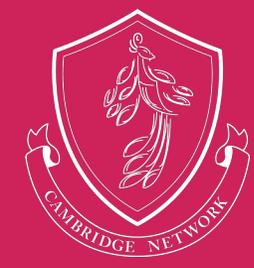
## Economy

Houston is recognized worldwide for its energy industry —particularly for oil and natural gas—as well as for biomedical research and aeronautics

\*In The USA only New York City is home to more Fortune 500 companies than Houston



**Houston has a population of about 2.3 million, making it the 4<sup>th</sup> most populous city in the USA**



# Houston- Fun!

## Sports

Houston is home to four professional sports teams

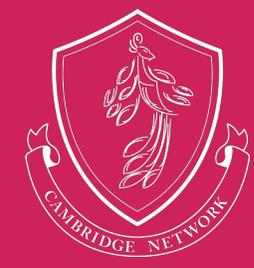
- NBA- Rockets
- MLB- Astros
- NFL- Texans
- MLS- Dynamo



## Entertainment

You can always find something fun to do in Houston!

- The Galleria- the 8<sup>th</sup> largest mall in the USA
- Space Center Houston
- Waterparks
- Concert venues
- Museums
- Outdoor activities
- And much more to do and see!



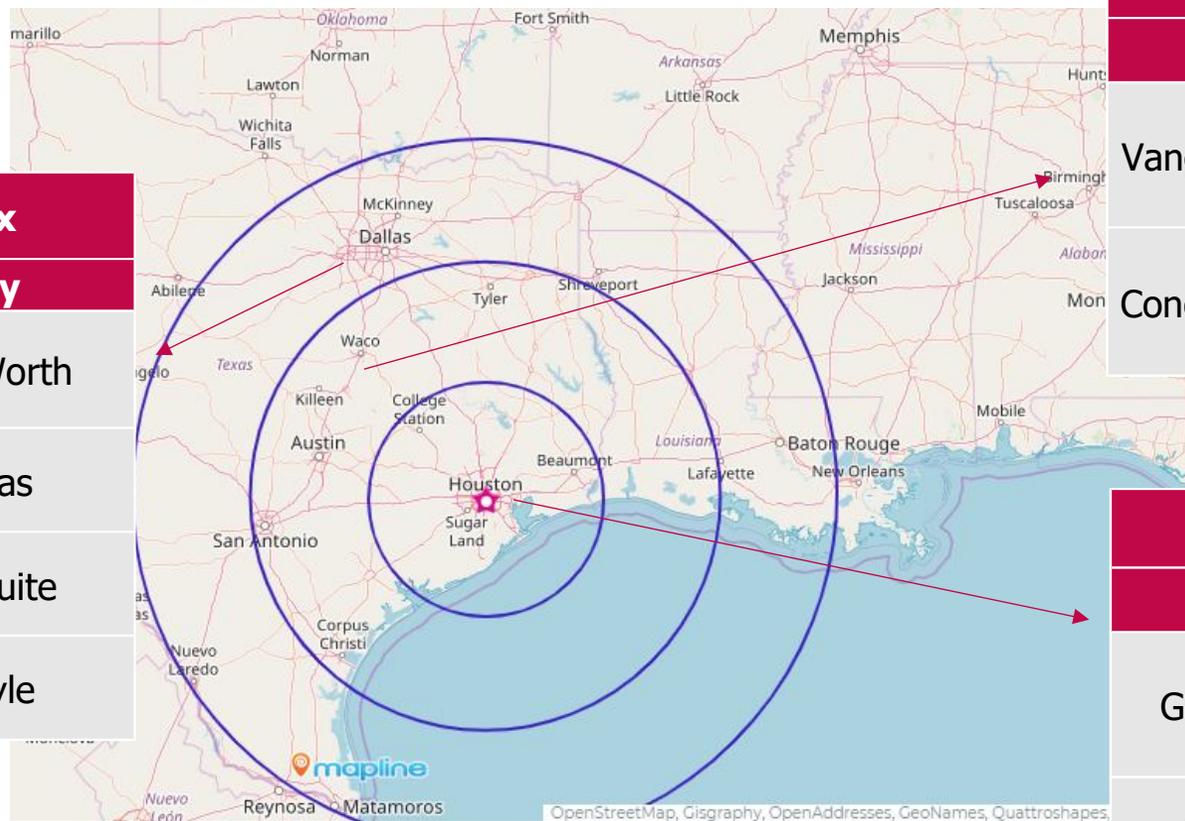
# Top Universities in the Houston Ring

- Rice University- Houston (16)
- The University of Texas- Austin (49)
- Southern Methodist University- Dallas (59)
- Texas A&M University- College Station (66)
- Baylor University- Waco (78)
- Texas Christian University- Fort Worth (80)





# Texas- Regions



Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex	
School	City
All Saints Episcopal	Fort Worth
Dallas Lutheran School	Dallas
Dallas Christian School	Mesquite
Liberty Christian School	Argyle

Central Texas	
School	City
Vanguard Preparatory School	Waco
Concordia High School Austin	Austin

Houston Metroplex	
School	City
Grace Christian Academy	Houston
St. John XXIII College Preparatory	Katy

# The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex

**Schools: All Saints Episcopal School, Dallas Lutheran School, and Dallas Christian School, Liberty Christian School**

- The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex is made up of many cities including: Arlington, Dallas, DeSoto, Fort Worth, Mesquite, and Plano
- The Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex has a total population of about 7,500,000 people, making it the 4<sup>th</sup> largest metropolitan area in the USA
- Home to two top 100 universities (according to US News): Southern Methodist University (#59) and Texas Christian University (#80)
- The DFW Metroplex is home to many great attractions: the world famous **Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park**, Several sports teams including the **Dallas Cowboys** (Football), **Texas Rangers** (Baseball), **Dallas Mavericks** (Basketball), **FC Dallas** (Soccer) and many world class museums including the **George Bush Presidential Library and Museum** and the **Dallas Museum of Art**



# Waco, Texas

## School: Vanguard College Preparatory School

- Waco has a population of about 140,000
- Home to Baylor University (#78 Ranked University in the USA)
- Very close to major cities: Dallas, TX and Austin, TX are both only a short 1.5 hour drive away
- Home of the Waco Mammoth National Monument, where fossils of 24 mammoths and other ancient mammals have been uncovered
- Waco's Cameron Park is one of the largest parks in Texas and a great place to hike, play frisbee golf, picnic and even has it's own zoo

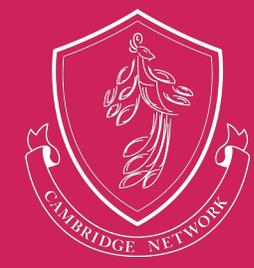


# Austin, Texas

## School: Concordia High School

- Austin is the Capital of Texas
- Austin is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest City in the USA, with a population of about 950,000
- Home to the University of Texas at Austin (#49 ranked University in the US)
- Close to major cities, Dallas, TX is 3 hours away and Houston, TX is 2.5 hours away, and San Antonio, TX is only 1.5 hours away
- Fortune 500 companies Dell and Whole Foods Market are headquartered in Austin
- Named by U.S. News as the #1 place to live in the United States two years in a row (2017 & 2018)

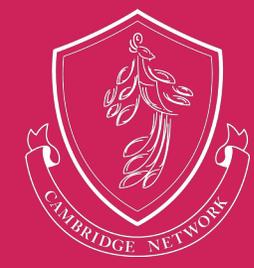




# Family Education Advisor – Ruobing (Ruby) Wang

- Ruby has worked with The Cambridge Network since 2013.
- Currently serves as a Family Education Advisor for Cambridge's West Region.
- While in college she majored in both English and Law.
- Previously worked with an international education agency, where she helped students apply to schools in the US and helped them obtain their Visa.
- Possesses a great understanding of the high school education systems in the US and China.
- Eager to help natural parents in supporting their students with a happy and successful middle school/high school journey.
- During her spare time, Ruby enjoys cooking and attending outdoor activities.

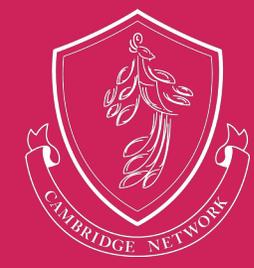




# Student Development Manager— Laura Cubos

- SDM for Concordia High School in Round Rock, Texas
- Business Degree in Management and Information Science as well as a Master Degree in Educational Psychology degree, both from Baylor University.
- While she was a stay at home mom when her daughter was young, she pursued her teaching certification.
- The past ten years she has merged her education into interests she enjoys. She teaches English and World Geography, writes grants, and blogs in her free time.
- Laura and her husband are long time advocates for life-long learning, and have helped a number of nieces, nephews, and friends to pursue their own educational dreams.
- They have hosted international students for four years, and continue to be in touch with their former students.

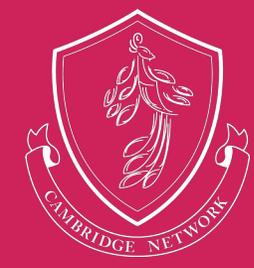




# Student Development Manager/Program Manager – Mathew Tilley

- SDM and PM for schools in Dallas and Waco.
- Received a Business Degree from California Baptist University in Riverside, California.
- Lived in Seoul, South Korea for 5 years while teaching and working as Head Instructor for one of the largest ESL academies in South Korea.
- Works part time as an online ESL Teacher.
- Living abroad was a life-changing experience for Mathew and he's excited to help international students have just as great of an experience while they live and learn in the USA.
- Mathew met his wife Hwajin while living in South Korea and they have one lovely daughter.
- Mathew is a passionate sports fan and loves attending all types of sporting events. One of his favorite sports memories was attending the 2014 Asian Games in Incheon, South Korea.

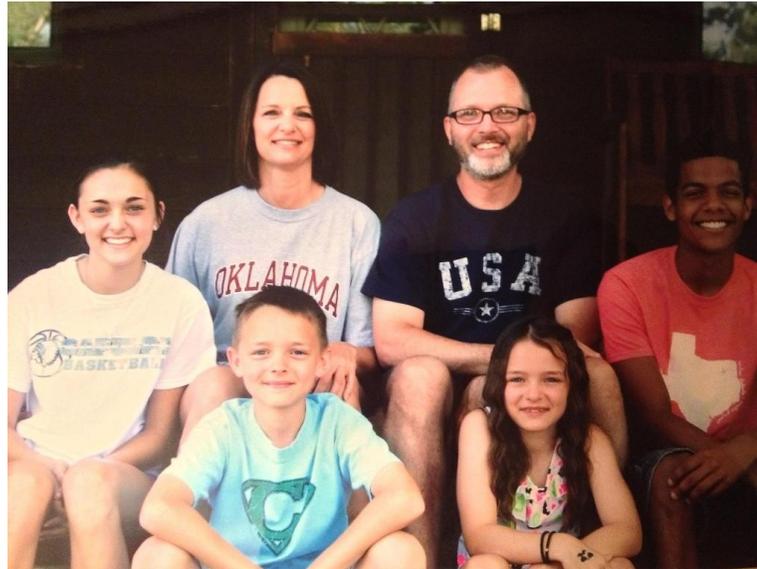




# Host Families

## Meet Caren!

Caren lives in a comfortable home in Plano, TX. The home is in a safe neighborhood with a library, recreation center, park, and walking trail nearby. There are also a couple of malls and stores like Walmart close to the home.



## Meet the Littleton Family!

The family is excited to host an international student at their home in Sachse, TX and to learn more about another culture. The family consists of Paul, his wife Vera, their daughters Jessica (18) and Kelsey (12), and son Wesley (15)

## Meet the Gigliotti Family!

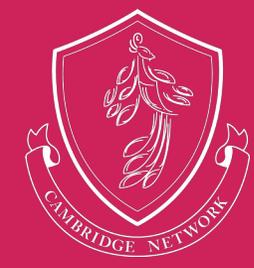
Jody and John are fun, creative, and caring hosts who are looking forward to opening up their beautiful home to an international student.





# Host Family Fun





# Student Events and Orientations



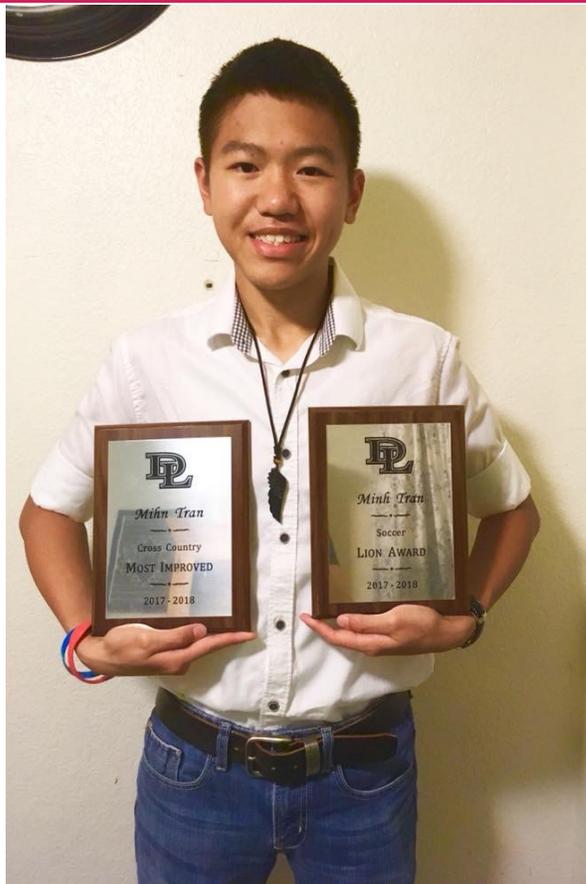
## 2017-2018 Events

- NBA Game
- Museum trip
- Host family/student Lunch
- College football game
- Bowling
- City tours
- End of year celebration

Many more fun events to come in 2018-2019!



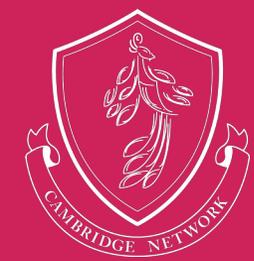
# Student Success Story



**Minh- Dallas  
Lutheran School**



- Minh is from Vietnam and is entering his 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Dallas Lutheran
- Plays on his school's cross country, soccer, and track and field teams
  - Was named captain of the soccer team his junior year
- Has volunteered and participated in many different activities at DLS
  - Prom committee member
  - Student leader of the schools new student ambassador program
  - Robotics team member
- Inducted into the National Honor Society his junior year (2018)



# GRACE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY- 131SC

- Location: **Houston, Texas**
- School Type: **Co-ed, K-12**
- Student Body Size: **224**  
**(98 in grades 9-12)**
- # of International Students: **59**
- Average Class Size: **15**
- Residential Type: **School Run Homestay**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$37,900**
- Niche Grade: **A-**



- College Success Program
- Strong College Dual Enrollment Program

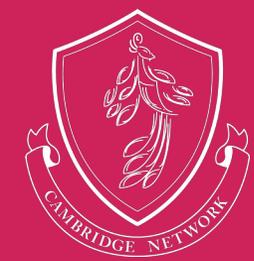


- Boys: 6 Sports
- Girls: 7 Sports
- All students are given the chance to participate



- 25 Minutes away from Downtown Houston
- 10 Minutes away from NASA's Johnson Space Center





# ST. JOHN XXIII COLLEGE PREPARATORY- 123MC

- **Location:** Katy, Texas
- **Closest Major City:** Houston, Texas
- **Founded:** 2003
- **School Type:** Co-ed, 9-12
- **Religion:** Catholic
- **Student Body Size:** 444
- **# of International Students:** 24
- **Average Class Size:** 19
- **Student to Teacher Ratio:** 12:1
- **Residential Type:** Cambridge Homestay
- **Niche Overall Score:** **A**



- Students are placed in "Houses" like schools in England
- The house system promotes school spirit, fellowship, spirituality, and academic achievement

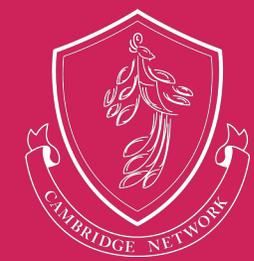


- 14 AP Courses
- ACT Prep Course
- 3 College Counselors



- Cultural ESL Course
- Weekly 1 on 1 meetings with international student Coordinator
- Cambridge Academic Services





# ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL SCHOOL- 323LC

- Location: **Fort Worth, Texas**
- School Type: **Co-Ed**
- Student Body Size: **1,015 (360 in 9-12)**
- # of International Students: **12 (10 from China and 2 from Vietnam)**
- Average Class Size: **12**
- Residential Type: **Cambridge Homestay**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$56,320**
- Niche Grade: **A+**



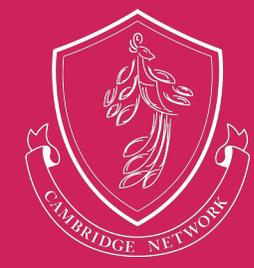
- 14 AP & 35 Honors Courses
- Extensive College Counseling Program
- SAT Average: 1210
  - Top 10%: 1460



- Language Support
- TOEFL/ACT/SAT Prep



- R.A.N.G.E.
- Honors Classics Diploma
- Solar Car Program



# DALLAS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL- 343LC



- Dual Enrollment
- SAT Averages
  - Top 25%: 1354
  - Top 10%: 1423
- Nursing Program



- Clubs
- Sports
- Travel Opportunities

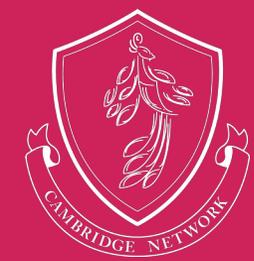


- Visual Arts
- Performing Arts
- Fine Arts Competitions



- Location: **Mesquite, Texas**
- School Type: **Co-Ed**
- Student Body Size: **550**
- # of International Students: **4 (3 from China, 1 from Mexico)**
- Average Class Size: **18**
- Residential Type: **Cambridge Homestay**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$49,952**
- Niche Grade: **A**





# DALLAS LUTHERAN SCHOOL- 332SC



- Location: **Dallas, Texas**
- School Type: **Co-Ed**
- Student Body Size: **178 (134 in 9-12)**
- # of International Students: **12**
- Average Class Size: **16**
- Residential Type: **Cambridge Homestay**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$42,050**
- Niche Grade: **A-**



- 9 Advanced Courses
- College Prep
- Top College Acceptances



- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip
- Senior Trip To Disney World
- International And Domestic Missions Trips



- 10 Sports
- 10+ Clubs
  - Robotics Club





# LIBERTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL- 332LC

- **Location:** Argyle, Texas
- **Closest Major Cities:** Fort Worth and Dallas
- **Founded:** 1983
- **School Type:** Co-ed, PK-12
- **Religion:** Christian
- **Student Body Size:** 1,100 (9-12: 450)
- **# of International Students:** 35
- **Student to Teacher Ratio:** 17:1
- **Residential Type:** Cambridge Homestay
- **Niche Overall Score:** **A**



- 16 AP Courses
- Unique Courses: Game Development & Design, Applied Engineering, Aerospace Science



- Large, Safe Campus
- Top of the line Athletic facilities
- Newly built/remodeled classrooms and facilities



- Competitive Solar Car Team
- Competitive Science Teams
- 15 Science Courses
- Eight Science Labs including Forensics, Robotics, and a Solar Car Garage.





# VANGUARD PREPARATORY SCHOOL- 212SC



- Location: **Waco, Texas**
- School Type: **Co-ed**
- Student Body Size: **194 (136 in grades 9-12)**
- # of International Students: **20**
- Average Class Size: **14**
- Residential Type: **Cambridge Homestay**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$45,740**
- Niche Grade: **A+**



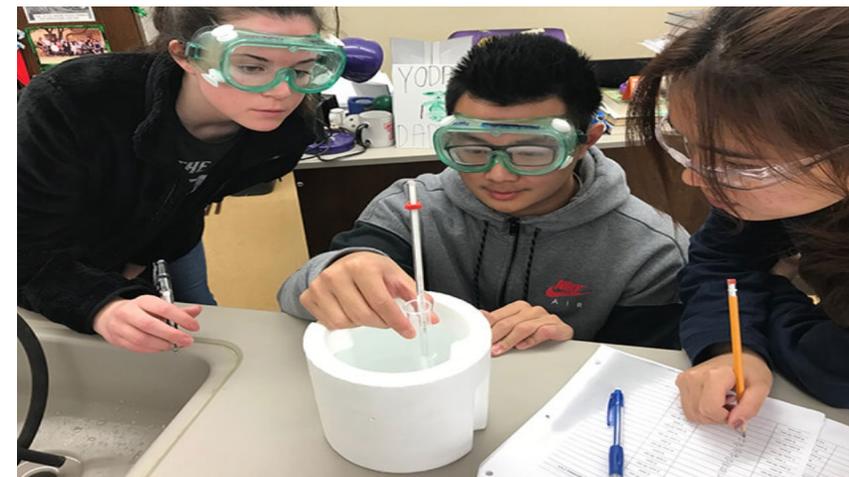
- 9 AP Courses
- College Prep Class
- SAT Average: 1310
  - Top 10%: 1470

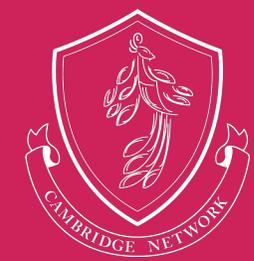


- After School Support
- Language Support
  - Cambridge Academic Services



- Robotics
- Sports
- Travel Opportunities





# CONCORDIA HIGH SCHOOL- 231SC

\*Korea and Vietnam Only\*



- College Counseling
- Distinguished Diploma
- Dual Credit



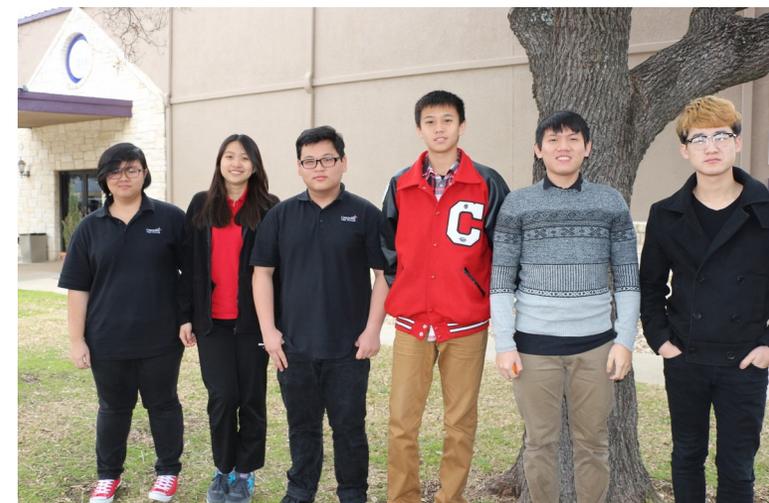
- STEM
- Unique Electives
- Pre-Engineering Program



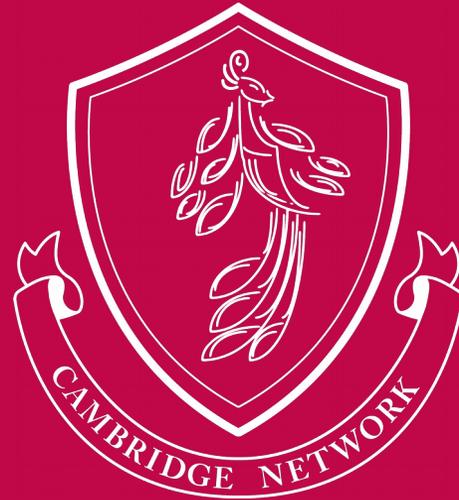
- Freshman Retreat
- Clubs
- Technology



- Location: **Round Rock, Texas (Near Austin)**
- School Type: **Co-Ed**
- Student Body Size: **121**
- # of International Students: **2**
- Average Class Size: **19**
- Residential Type: **Cambridge Homestay**
- **Academic Services by Cambridge**
- 18-19 Tuition: **\$36,180**
- Niche Grade: **A-**



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