



# BROWNSVILLE

## Independent School District



**J. Castaneda**  
is an overall  
**Exemplary Campus**  
under House Bill 5 Community and Student Engagement\*

At Castañeda we find inspiration through the arts.



## *Fine Arts Program rated Exemplary*



The Fine Arts program at Castañeda Elementary includes music, art and theatre instruction. Our students showcase their artistic talents throughout the school year. They perform in musicals, dances, and choir concerts. Our Crusaders compete at the district level in UIL Music and Art Memory and various art competitions. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grader Cynthia Cañas placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Kids Voting Art contest K-2 Division.





# At Castañeda we learn about healthy living.



## Wellness Program rated Exemplary

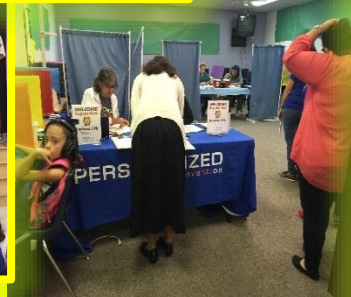


Photos of the Day

Castañeda Elementary won its second Hydration Station by enthusiastically participating in the Make Your Move Experience sponsored by the UT School of Public Health. Monica Vega, a 5th grade teacher, served as the school's Champion and won a Fitbit for her efforts. Castañeda previously won a Hydration Station in the Get Water Challenge and the school set a goal to win another one. Great job!



Around the District | Photos of the Day | Most Requested | Financial Transparency



Castañeda Crusaders have a strong belief that a healthy lifestyle encourages a positive school environment. Our students, parents and staff participate in various community challenges such as (walks/runs, Zumbathons, flag football) which promote fitness. The District's CATCH program teaches us about making better choices. The Garden Club teaches our students how to grow and harvest fruits and vegetables. Campus health fairs offer our community medical screenings and immunizations.

Healthy  
Living

J. Castañeda Elementary





At Castañeda we love our parents and our community.



## *Community and Parental Involvement rated Recognized*

Corroboration with our parents and community is key in forming successful learners. Our Care Buddy program connects a community member with our teachers and their students. The Care Buddies mentor our students throughout the year. We have a team of dedicated Parent Volunteers that assist in making the school flourish. Our students have also been involved in giving back to our community. They have donated fruit baskets and Christmas decorations (Adult Day Care) and also donated dog and cat food, and gently used to towels to B. A. R. C. C.



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# At Castaneda we dream big.



Career Day



Care Buddy



Border Patrol Careers



Community Helpers



Math Connections



Author Presentation

*21<sup>st</sup> Century Workforce  
Development rated  
Exemplary*

*Our Vision: At  
Castañeda Elementary  
School, we work as a  
team in a trusting  
environment with a  
determination to  
challenge students to  
become all they can be.  
This is provided  
through a unified and  
consistent focus on  
decisions that impact  
student education and  
preparation for  
continued success.*



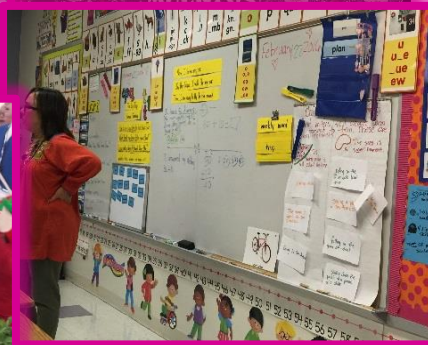




We may all be different, but at this school, we learn together and we work together.

## *Second Language Acquisition rated Exemplary*

Educating culturally diverse students at Castañeda includes hands-on classroom activities, flexible group learning, computerized programs, intense small group instruction and meeting with our parents to provide them with learning strategies they can use at home with their children. Our students also participate in various cultural activities such as our annual Veterans Parade, Christmas Program, and our Noche de Baile.







# Crusaders in digital learning environments

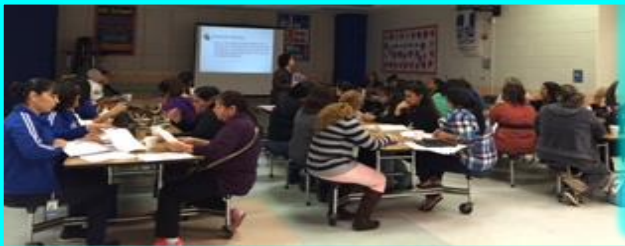
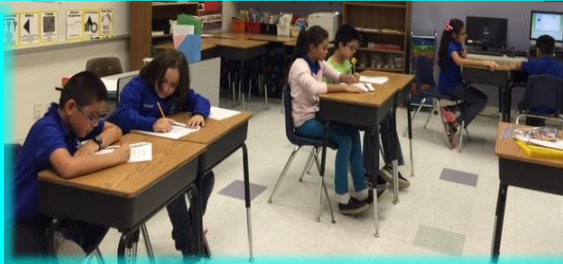
## *Digital Learning Environment rated Exemplary*

All Castañeda students are immersed in technology on a daily basis. The students use PCs, laptops, iPads, and Kindle Fires throughout the instructional day. In addition, the computer labs are used for technology education and the Living With Science Lab for hands on science resources linked to computer aided instruction.





► It takes a Village...

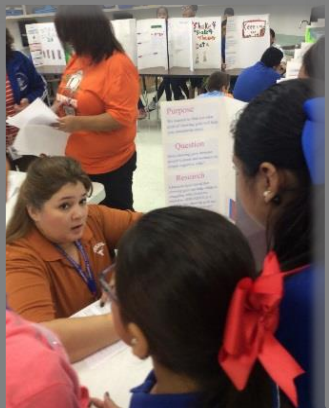
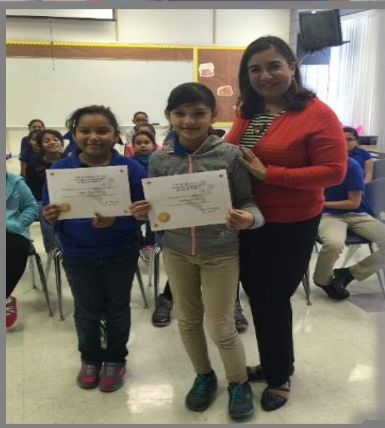


*Dropout Preventions  
Strategies rated  
Recognized*

State Compensatory Education, Special Services and 21<sup>st</sup> Century ACE Programs provide our students extended day learning opportunities. These programs give our students individualized instruction based on student need. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century ACE program also offers enrichment classes centered around college and career activities.



## A photograph of a classroom scene. A female teacher with glasses and a pink shirt is leaning over a large wooden table, assisting a group of students. The students, mostly wearing blue t-shirts, are focused on a large map of the United States spread out on the table. They are using small white and blue pieces, possibly representing snow or water, to complete the map. The classroom background is filled with educational posters, including a calendar for 2015, a Texas state flag, and various charts. A television is visible on the right side of the frame.



**Our Gifted and Talented students displayed their talents in many district and community activities. Destination Imagination, Chess, Science Fair, UIL, Art Contests, and Musical performances provided them the opportunity to challenge themselves and their peers.**

