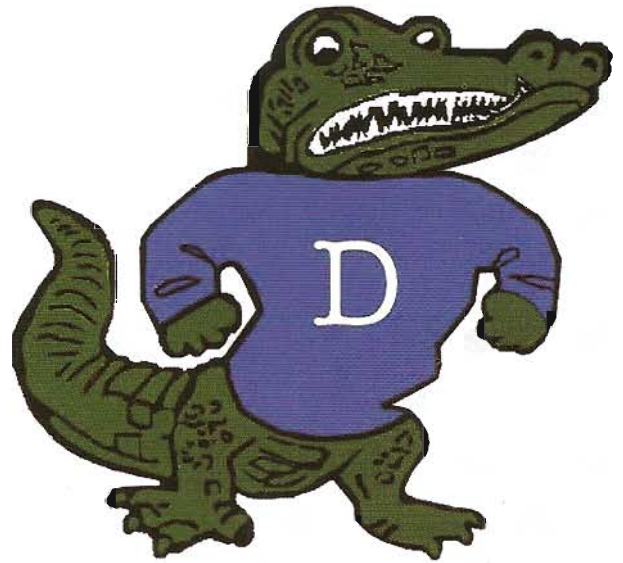
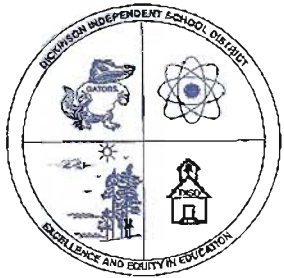


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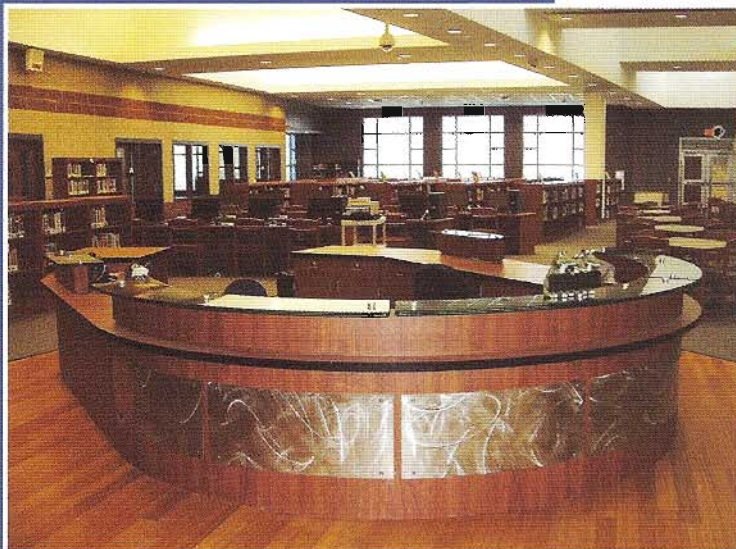
Junior High School

DICKINSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



DOING IT THE GATOR WAY

The new McAdams Junior High School opened its doors February 23, 2009 to an estimated 1,150 seventh and eighth grade students in the Dickinson Independent School District. With a staff of more than 100 teachers, administrators and support personnel assisting them, students walked into the doors of a brand new campus full of possibilities and new amenities for both students and staff. However, in addition to the new surroundings, students and staff carried with them to the new campus the same Gator pride that has been developing for more than 70 years in the first McAdams Junior High campus.



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DESIGNING IT THE GATOR WAY

Dickinson ISD has been preparing for the new junior high campus for two years, having first broke ground in May 2007. The \$31,095,699 junior high campus was part of the bond issue approved by voters in April 2005. Architect SHW Group, LLP worked with district administrators, school staff and students to design a campus to meet the needs of today's student, taking into account additional room for expanded fine arts offerings, growing technology needs, advancing requirements for science classes, needs for additional safety and security of students as well as the district's growing student population.

Drymalla Construction carried out the task of building the 230,000 square foot, two-story facility which features wide hallways, a large staircase near the front entrance and several areas of stone-accented walls. The school is designed to have all seventh graders on the first floor and all eighth graders on the second floor for academic classes. Elective classes, fine arts and athletics are all located on the first floor.

A focal point of the new campus is a 640-seat auditorium with a large stage and a sound booth to assist in school drama productions, as well as band and choir programs. In addition, the auditorium provides a meeting place which will hold approximately half of the students for school assemblies.

Athletics classes have two large air-conditioned gymnasiums which are located side-by-side. A weight room similar to those on high school campuses and dressing areas are also included, as well as sections of pull-out bleachers for those attending sporting events.

Upgraded security features are included throughout the facility with the front office located directly after you enter the front doors to the new campus. All classrooms, gymnasiums, the auditorium and other school amenities are located in one large campus, with students not having to leave the building to access another part of the school.

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Students and staff are "Doing it the Gator Way" at McAdams Junior High as part of a new slogan developed for the campus. What is "The Gator Way?" Principal Traci Goodwin says, "I tell the students they can do things one of two ways – 'The Gator Way,' which is the right way, or they can choose the wrong way."

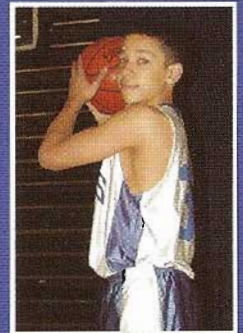
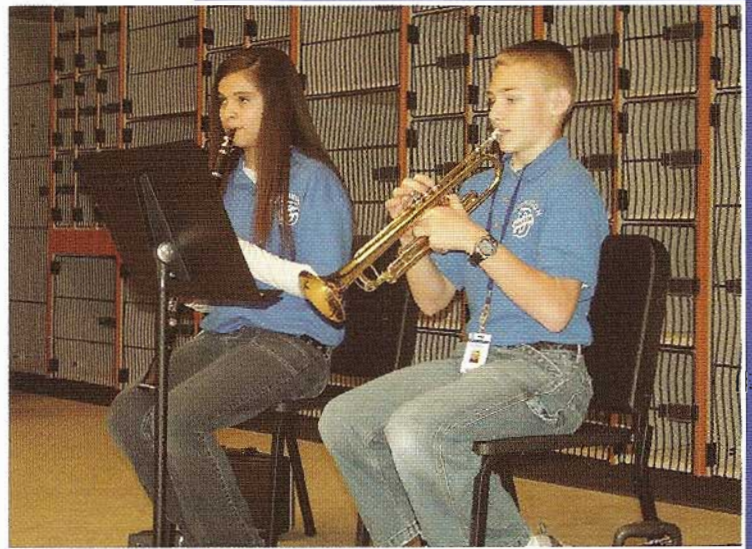
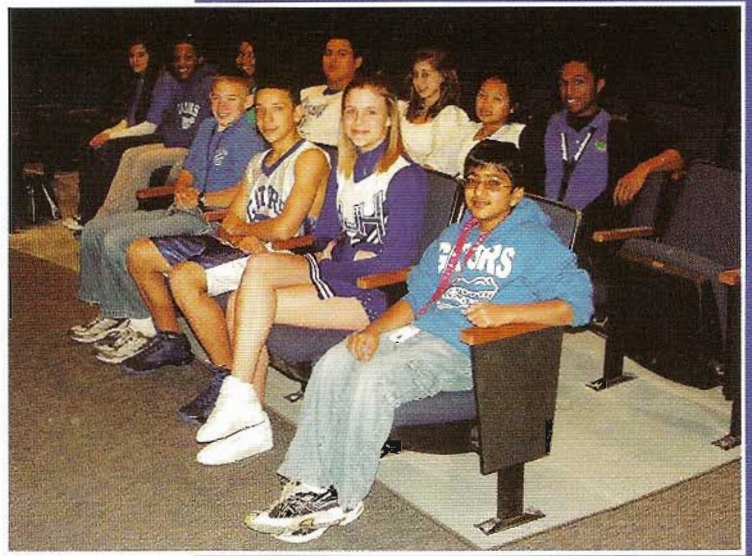
Academics and other classes are designed to get students ready to advance to high school. Students are encouraged on a daily basis to make wise decisions, pay attention in class, complete all assignments, participate in extracurricular activities and practice good citizenship because these are the attributes we strive to instill in all students, said Goodwin.

"It is my belief that students must be engaged and inspired in their learning environment, in order for them to reach their highest academic potential. It is our goal at McAdams Junior High to provide quality instruction and the necessary resources to students, so that they reach a high level of academic achievement," said Goodwin.

HONORING THE GATOR HERITAGE

The old McAdams Junior High was built in 1938 to serve students in grades 7-11. Over the years, additional buildings were constructed to accommodate the growing student population. The school was named McAdams Junior High School in the late 1960's in honor of R.D. McAdams, a 25-year employee of the Dickinson Independent School District. McAdams came to Dickinson ISD in 1942 and served for 10 years as a teacher at Dickinson High School, before stepping up to the principal role in 1952. He was later promoted to Dickinson ISD Curriculum Coordinator in 1961, where he served until his death in 1967. After his death, the Board of Trustees approved naming the school in his honor. Some 40 years later, it was decided to carry on the heritage and legacy of the district's only junior high campus by keeping the name McAdams Junior High for the new replacement junior high campus.

The new McAdams campus marks completion of the \$85 million bond issue approved by voters in April 2005. The bond issue also included a new San Leon Elementary, which opened in August 2007; a new Sam Vitanza Stadium in September 2007; and a new John and Shamarion Barber Middle School, which opened in August 2008.



GATOR WAY

District Mission Statement

The mission of the Dickinson Independent School District is to ensure that all students have successful learning opportunities that help them reach their full potential and add quality throughout their lives.

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School Administration

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Principal

Gerardo Ramirez
Associate Principal

Wendy Chide
Assistant Principal

Kenna Cotton
Assistant Principal

School Mission Statement

McAdams Junior High School is committed to provide quality instruction and the necessary resources to students so that they reach a high level of academic achievement through rigorous and relevant content, ensuring students exceed state and national standards.

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