

**ARTURO SALAZAR
A CHAMPION FOR
CAREER EDUCATION**

Arturo Salazar was born in McAllen, Texas, in 1942. In 1964, he received a bachelor's degree from Pan American University and began his teaching career in the distributive education program at Weslaco High School. He received his master's degree and



doctorate certification from Texas A&M University while serving as director of vocational education in the Edcouch-Elsa Consolidated School District.

Salazar moved to Dallas in the mid-1970s and worked as a facilitator for the Occupational Education Department in the Dallas Independent School District. Over the next 26 years, he served as assistant principal at Justin F. Kimball High School and principal at Anson Jones and Robert E. Lee elementary schools and Thomas J. Rusk Middle School. In 1992, he was named director of the Dallas ISD Occupational Education Department. He ushered in a name change for the program and a dedicated focus for the new Career and Technology Education Department.

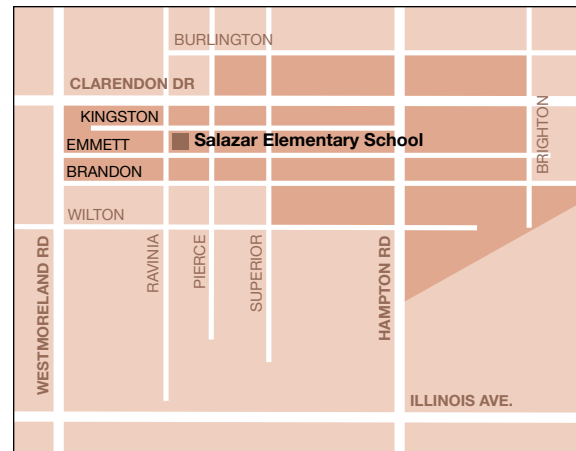
Salazar was instrumental in securing funding for career and vocational programs throughout the district and fought for technology improvements in Dallas ISD secondary schools. When not helping children, Salazar was helping adults file citizenship papers, improve their English skills, and get their general education degrees through the district's Adult Basic Education Program.

Salazar was a leader in many organizations, including the Dallas School Administrators Association, Dallas Association of Hispanic School Administrators, and Dallas Association of Bilingual Education. Salazar died on Nov. 17, 2002, at the age of 59.

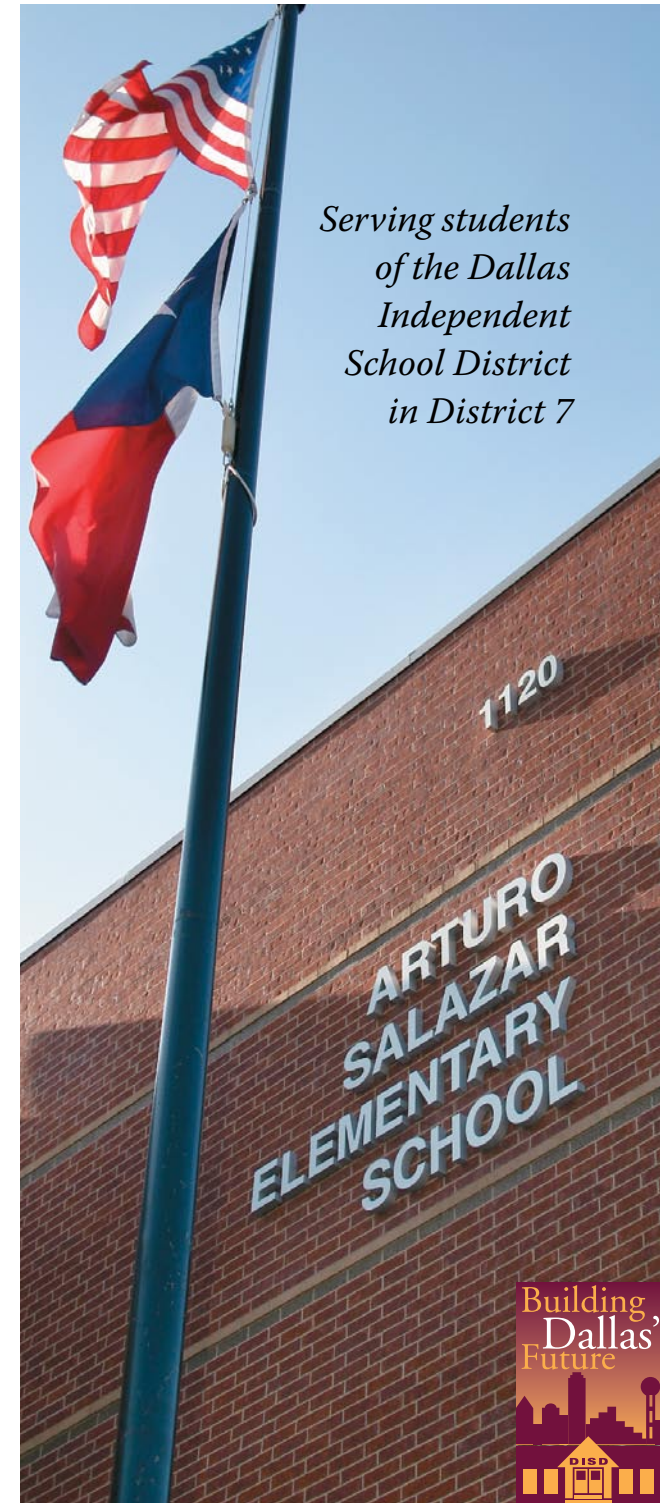
FEEDER PATTERN

Grades PreK-5	Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Arturo Salazar ES	Arturo Salazar ES	L.V. Stockard MS	Sunset HS

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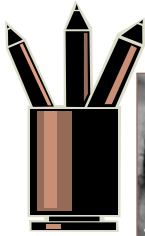


**Arturo Salazar
Elementary School**
1120 S. Ravinia Dr.
Dallas, TX 75211



*Serving students
of the Dallas
Independent
School District
in District 7*





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SALAZAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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SPECIAL FEATURES

Arturo Salazar Elementary School was designed with its friendly and thriving community in mind. Natural light is used throughout the two-story building, particularly at the **skylighted entry**, ensuring that students, parents, and community volunteers feel welcome. A corridor separates the “loud spaces” from the classrooms, so students and visitors can gather and meet at the school without disturbing classroom instruction. The building steps down to the height of the adjacent homes to bring the building into a harmonious relationship with the neighborhood.

The building has about 90,000 square feet and 46 classrooms. In addition, there are **special classrooms and laboratories for science, computer technology, art, music, and talented and gifted programs**; a **media center**; **375-seat auditorium**; **gymnasium**; **cafeteria and food service areas**; and **administration and guidance offices**.

The school’s recreational facilities, which include a **playground with a variety of equipment**; a **hard court for basketball**; and **athletic fields for softball, baseball, and soccer**, will give students and neighborhood children many opportunities for structured physical activity and play.

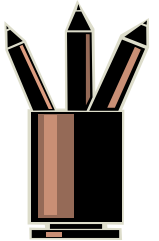
ACADEMIC FEATURES

In honor of Arturo Salazar’s contributions to career and technology education in Dallas, the school is technologically advanced, with **four computers in every classroom** and a **fully equipped computer lab**.

In addition to the core curriculum offered at Arturo Salazar Elementary School, **reading above grade level** and **increasing vocabulary** will be stressed.

Enrichment camps and **after-school programs** will include a **student newspaper**; **folklorico dancing** and **fitness** that will be taught by an area high school coach; **tutoring**; **walking for fitness**; **band, art, and music**; an **oratorical club**; and a **gardening club**, in which parents also will be encouraged to work.

Throughout his career, Salazar was able to raise high school graduation rates by demonstrating the relevance of education to his students. Students at the elementary school also will be shown that relevance through **field trips to high school graduation ceremonies and area college campuses** like Mountain View College, University of North Texas System Center at Dallas, and Southern Methodist University.



INTRODUCTION

The new Arturo Salazar Elementary School will serve about 825 students from west Oak Cliff. The school is located off Ravinia Drive between Davis Street and Clarendon Drive, about a half mile from Martin Weiss Recreation Center and Park. The school is receiving students from Leila P. Cowart, Lida Hooe, Maria Moreno, and Winnetka elementary schools.

Grade levels
Prekindergarten
through sixth grade

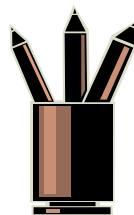
Enrollment
825 students

Size
90,000 square feet

**Number of
classrooms**
46

**Construction
cost**
\$12 million

Opened
August 2006



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