

HECTOR P. GARCIA PHYSICIAN AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST

Hector P. Garcia was born in 1914 in Mexico. His family fled the country during the Mexican Revolution, settling in a Rio Grande border town. Garcia attended Edinburgh Junior College and The University of Texas at Austin, where he earned a degree in 1936. He was accepted into UT's medical program—a position given to only one Mexican-American a year—completing his studies in 1940.



After finishing his medical residency, Garcia set up his first medical practice in Corpus Christi. In 1942, he joined the Army, earning the rank of major as well as a Bronze Star and six Battle Stars. Following the war, he returned to Corpus Christi with his wife and child.

In 1948, Garcia formed the American GI Forum to help Mexican-American veterans who were being denied medical and financial benefits by the Veterans Administration. One year later, U.S. Senator Lyndon Johnson helped Garcia ensure that a Mexican-American World War II hero received services at a “whites only” funeral home and burial in Arlington National Cemetery.

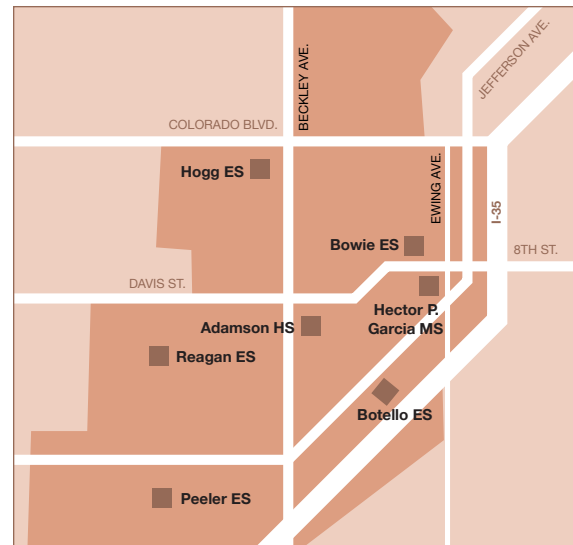
Garcia spent his life practicing medicine, devoting himself to improving the lives of Mexican-Americans, helping people overcome adversity, and inspiring them to learn. He fought for school desegregation and equal workplace opportunities and his efforts were recognized by presidents Kennedy, Johnson, and Reagan and by Pope John Paul II. He also received many honors, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian award in the United States, in 1984.

Garcia died in 1996 at the age of 82.

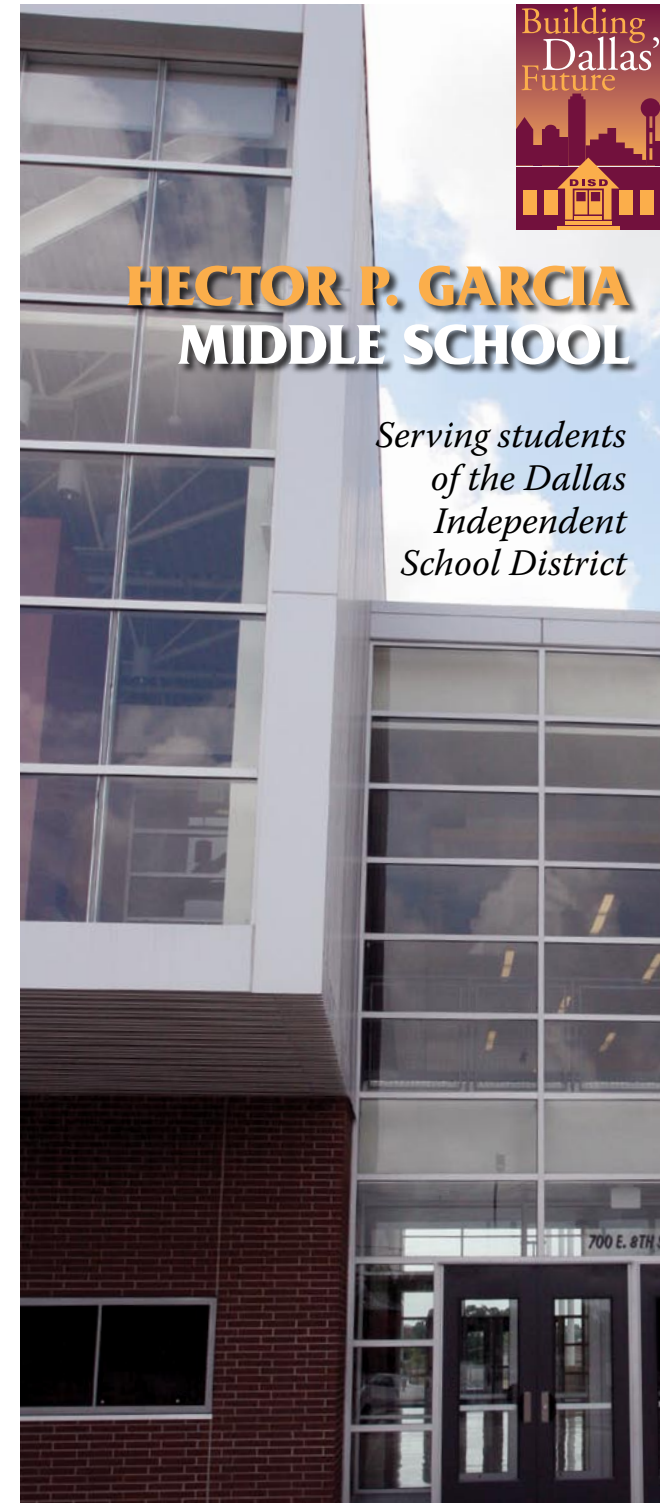
FEEDER PATTERN

Grades PreK–5	Grade 6	Grades 6–8	Grades 9–12
Felix G. Botello ES	Hector P. Garcia MS	Hector P. Garcia MS	W.H. Adamson HS
James Bowie ES	Hector P. Garcia MS	Hector P. Garcia MS	W.H. Adamson HS
James S. Hogg ES	Hector P. Garcia MS	Hector P. Garcia MS	W.H. Adamson HS
John F. Peeler ES	Hector P. Garcia MS	Hector P. Garcia MS	W.H. Adamson HS
John H. Reagan ES	Hector P. Garcia MS	Hector P. Garcia MS	W.H. Adamson HS

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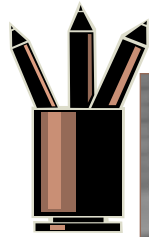


**Hector P. Garcia
Middle School**
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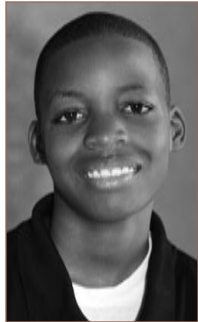


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INTRODUCTION

The new Hector P. Garcia Middle School serves about 800 students in north Oak Cliff. The school is located at the corner of E. Eighth Street and N. Lancaster Road and is receiving students from Felix G. Botello, James Bowie, James S. Hogg, John F. Peeler, and John H. Reagan elementary schools.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Hector P. Garcia Middle School is a three-story facility that has been designated a **green building** for meeting energy-efficient standards established by Leadership of Energy and Environmental Design, a system for certifying environmentally friendly building designs, construction, and operation. The school is recognized as a leading school building related to sustainability.

A combination of large windows, north facing classrooms, and an innovative design of interior corridors **allows daylight to reach 75 percent of the school's interior spaces.** Built using **recycled and local construction materials and resources,** the school's other green features include **high efficiency air-conditioning systems** and **water-efficient landscaping.**

The building has about 176,000 square feet and includes **27 core academic and special education classrooms,** as well as **science labs, a career education classroom, an instructional technology classroom, an alternative education classroom, a media center, and space for performing and visual arts.** A **500-seat auditorium** and a **10,000-square-foot gymnasium** round out the school's interior.

Students and neighborhood children have many opportunities for structured physical activity and play on the **baseball and football fields, running track, and tennis courts,** and in the **batting cages.**

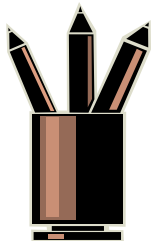
ACADEMIC FEATURES

Students are given an early start on college planning through the school's **synergistics lab.** Also known as an **integrated modular lab,** the specially designed room combines **technology education** with a **skills for living** curriculum. The setting provides students with an exceptional environment for learning **math, reading, and science** as they pertain to real-life experiences and future career paths.

Music, drama, and the expressive arts also are encouraged. Students are given ample room for self-expression throughout the school and, in particular, within the large auditorium. In addition, the school's "green" status makes it a unique teaching tool for concepts of **environmental sustainability.**

On each floor of the three-story facility, spaces are designated to house several **teams of teachers,** providing them with the space necessary to foster **educational collaboration and creativity.**

The school has an active and supportive PTA and **Site-Based Decision Making** organization. In addition, many parents, businesses, and community members participate in the school's **volunteer programs.**



Grade levels
Sixth through eighth grade

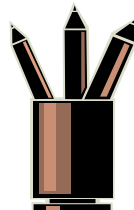
Enrollment
828 students

Size
176,000 square feet

Number of classrooms
27

Construction cost
\$21 million

Opened
August 2007



FACTS & FIGURES