

**HENRY B. GONZALEZ
TEXAS HERO**

Henry B. Gonzalez was born Enrique Barbosa Gonzalez in San Antonio in 1916. He graduated from St. Mary's University School of Law and received honorary doctorates from St. Mary's, Our Lady of the Lake University, University of the District of Columbia, and St. Edward's University.



Gonzalez launched his political career in 1953, winning election to the San Antonio City Council, where he succeeded in repealing various segregation laws and other regulations unfair to minorities. In 1956, Gonzalez was the first Mexican-American elected to the Texas Senate. He served five years and made history again in 1961 as the first Mexican-American elected from Texas to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Gonzalez was a member of the House for 37 years, serving on the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs and as the ranking member of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services. He also chaired the Committee on Banking and the Sub-Committee on Housing and Community Development.

One of his most significant legislative accomplishments brought a world's fair to San Antonio. *HemisFair '68* served Gonzalez' district well, producing an exhibit hall, a convention center, a theatre, and restaurant district, along with hotels and shops along the river.

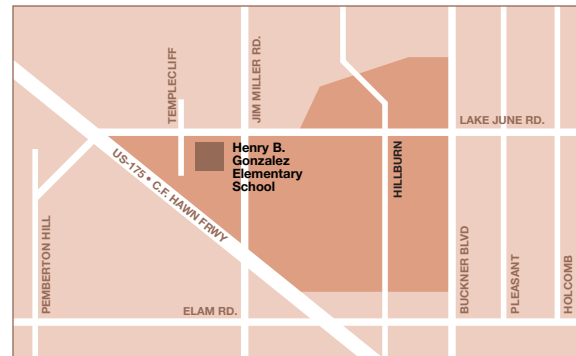
During his career of public service, his passion was helping people. Gonzalez was honored with many awards, including the Texas Civic Leadership Award, the Texas Hero Award, and the first annual Defender of True National Security Award.

Henry B. Gonzalez died in 2000 at the age of 84.

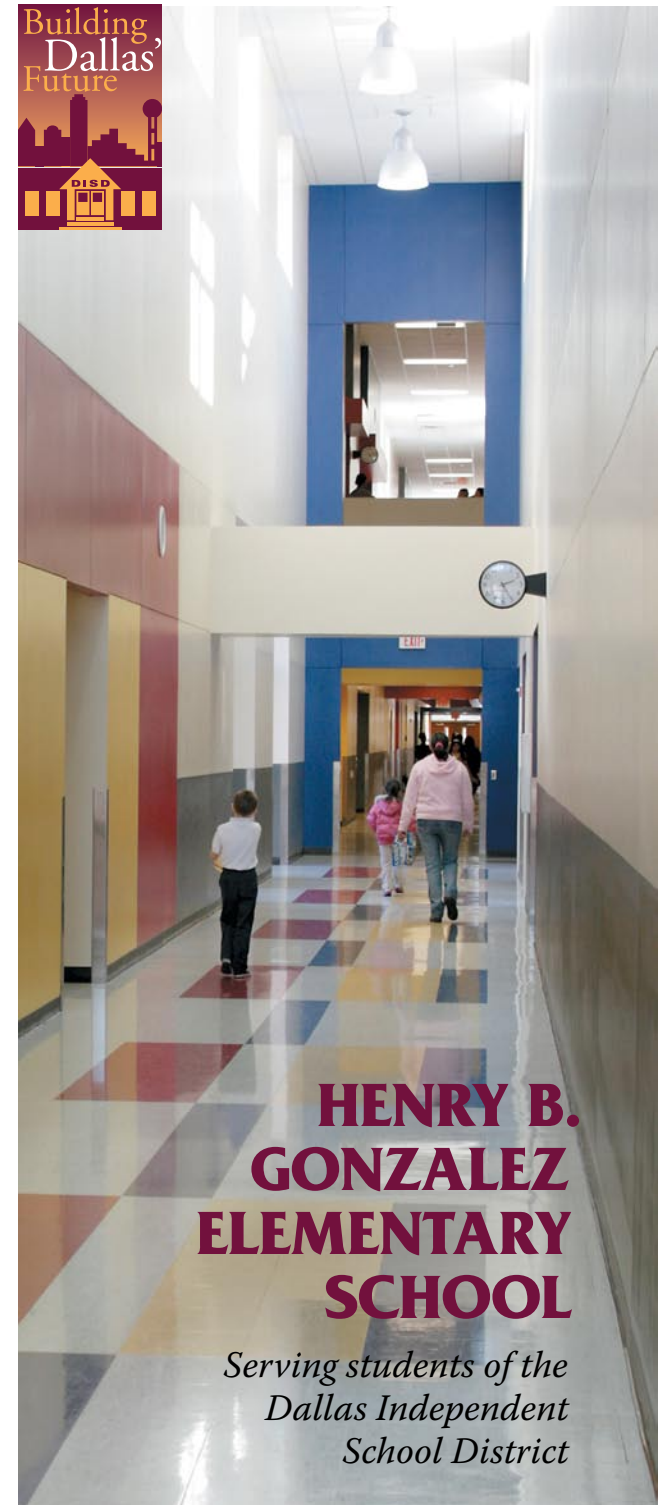
FEEDER PATTERN

Grades PreK-5	Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
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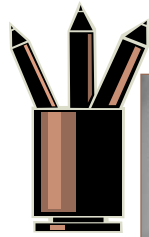


**Henry B. Gonzalez
Elementary School**
6610 Lake June Road
Dallas, TX 75217



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ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

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INTRODUCTION

The new Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary School serves about 800 students in the southeast Dallas community of Pleasant Grove, which is experiencing new neighborhood growth. The school is located on Lake June Road near the City of Dallas' Devon-Anderson Park. The school is receiving students from John Quincy Adams, Nathaniel Hawthorne, and John Ireland elementary schools.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Henry B. Gonzalez Elementary School is a two-story brick facility that uses **natural light throughout** the public spaces to give students, staff, and visitors a welcome feeling. Inside, the school is a **crayon box of color**, and **hallways are color coded** so that students and parents easily can find their way to classrooms and public areas. Indoor public areas are separated from the classrooms, so visitors and students can gather at the school for meetings, special events, and activities without disturbing classroom instruction.

The building has about 90,000 square feet and includes **34 classrooms, a fully equipped computer lab, science lab, art room with a kiln, music room, media center, cafeteria and food service area, gymnasium, and auditorium.** The school also has a **special education suite with special needs and speech classrooms.**

Outside, a **courtyard** is available for **outdoor instructional activities**, and a **landscaped plaza** provides a safe place for children to be dropped off and picked up from school. Students and neighborhood children enjoy many opportunities for **structured physical activity and play** on the school's **outdoor basketball court and playground** and **soccer and baseball playing fields.**

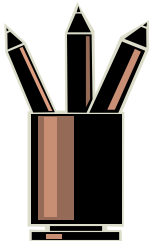
ACADEMIC FEATURES

Students are given many opportunities to explore their creativity in the school's **computer and science labs** and through the **music and art programs.** **Talented and gifted programs and activities** like **science fair** also enrich the core curriculum.

Technology includes **videoconferencing facilities** where students can learn and discuss lessons with their peers from other schools in and outside of Texas and receive instruction from a variety of experts. In addition, **all classrooms will have wireless Internet access.**

Extended-day enrichment programs include **student council; chess club, Boy and Girl Scouts; dance; art; competitive sports; tutoring in reading, writing, science, and math; and Dallas SCORES soccer and poetry program.**

There are many opportunities for **parental involvement** through the school's PTA, **Site-Based Decision Making Team**, and **volunteer program.** *Meet the Teacher Nights* are held throughout the school year so parents can find out what their children are learning and how they can support the learning process at home.



Grade levels
Prekindergarten
through sixth grade

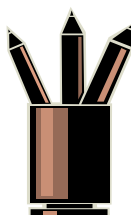
Enrollment
800 students

Size
90,000 square feet

**Number of
classrooms**
34

**Construction
cost**
\$13 million

Opened
August 2006



FACTS & FIGURES