

FRANK GUZICK BELOVED EDUCATOR

Frank Guzick was born in Houston, Texas, in 1915. He received bachelor's and master's degrees in Business Administration from Texas Tech University.



After graduation, Guzick spent three years as a teacher and coach at Electra High School in Electra, Texas, before joining the Navy. He served as chief petty officer on the battle cruiser *USS Guam* until 1945. That experience led Guzick to Dallas and Crozier Tech High School, where he taught soldiers returning from the war.

In 1946, he became a teacher and coach at W.H. Adamson High School. In 1956, he was named assistant principal at Sunset High School, and by 1963, he had been named principal at Rylie Junior High School. In 1970, he went back to Crozier Tech and two years later became principal of one of the nation's first magnet schools, Skyline High School.

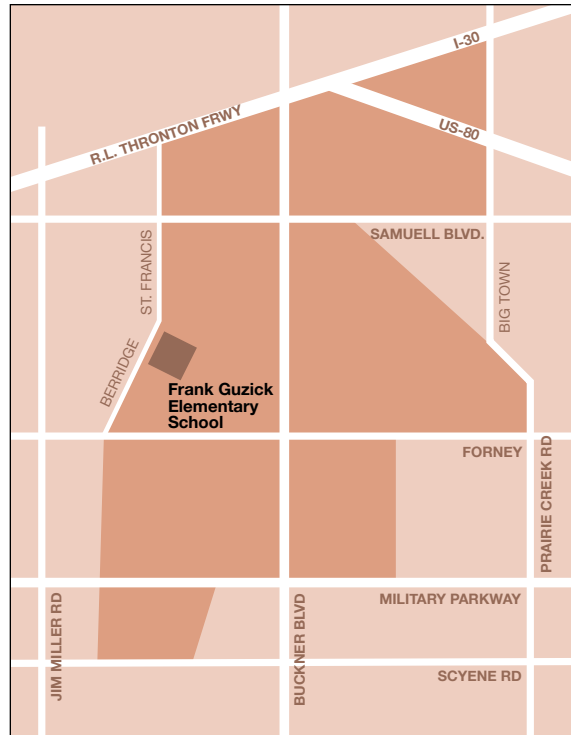
While at Skyline, Guzick dealt with many serious community issues, including the busing of hundreds of students and a federal-court-ordered desegregation plan. Guzick did everything with a passion for perfection. Teachers who worked with him at Skyline say he had the temperament and understanding to communicate with everyone. He was always available to guide his staff through difficult situations, and he was firm, fair, and friendly to students.

At the age of 70, Guzick retired from the Dallas ISD. He continued to work as a consultant for the district and judged debate competitions. Frank Guzick died in 1996 at the age of 81.

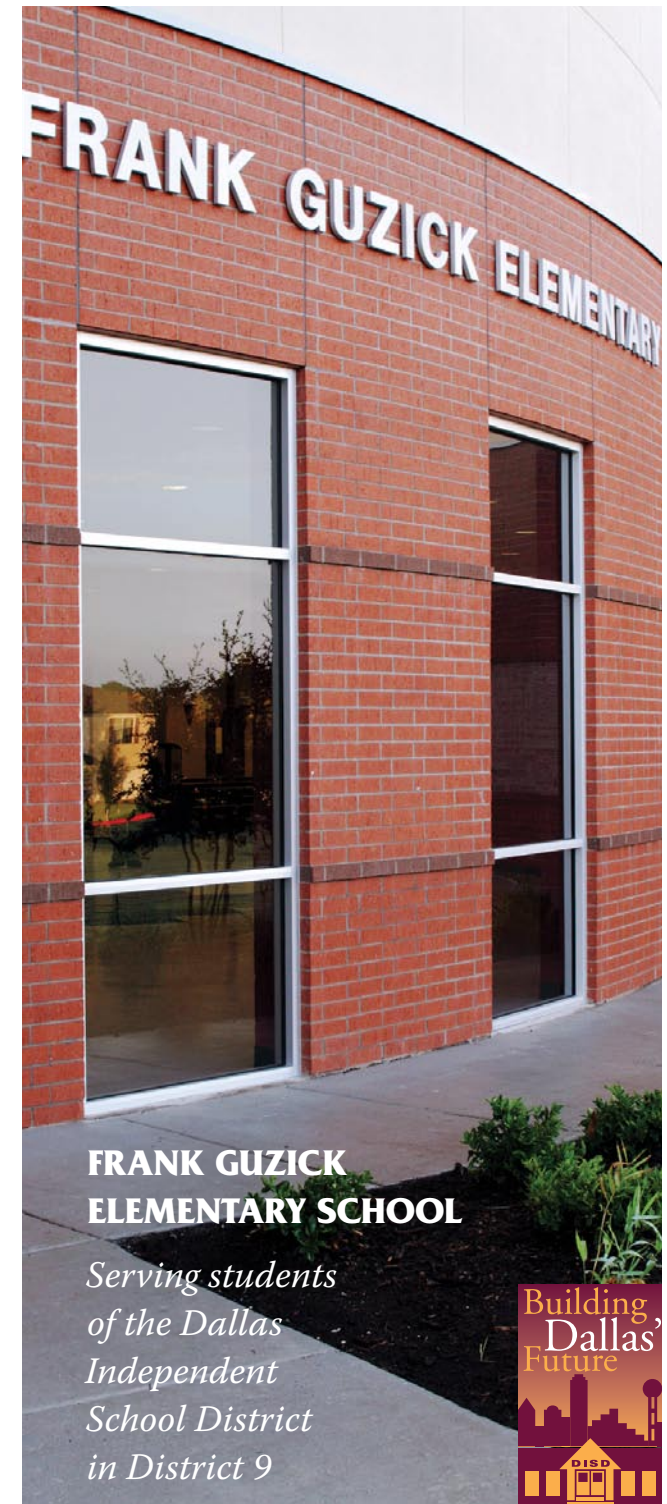
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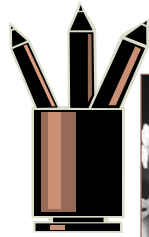
Grades PreK-5	Grade 6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Frank Guzick ES	Edna Rowe ES, Ascher Silberstein ES, or Urban Park ES	John B. Hood MS	Skyline HS

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Frank Guzick
Elementary School
5000 Berridge Lane
Dallas, TX 75227





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GUZICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



INTRODUCTION

The new Frank Guzick Elementary School will serve about 750 students from the southeast Dallas community of Pleasant Grove. The school is located on Berridge Lane near the City of Dallas' Everglade Park and adjacent to Skyline High School, where Frank Guzick served as principal for 13 years. The school is receiving students from Edna Rowe and Urban Park elementary schools.

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SPECIAL FEATURES

Frank Guzick Elementary School is a one-story brick facility, the front of which is **rounded to follow the curvature of the site** and provide drive access from the surrounding streets. Indoor public areas of the school are at the front of the building, separate from the classrooms, so visitors and students can gather at the school without disturbing classroom instruction.

The building has about 90,000 square feet and includes **33 classrooms**, a **state-of-the art computer lab**, a **science lab**, an **art room** with a kiln for ceramics, a **media center**, a **cafeteria** and **food service area**, a **gymnasium** with hardwood floors, and a **400-seat auditorium**. Classroom areas are divided into **four wings**, three of which house **two grade levels each** and one is for **special needs classrooms**. Each wing has its own **courtyard area**.

Classroom 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. **Three Smart Board interactive** (touch-sensitive) **whiteboards** engage students in interactive learning. In addition, all classrooms are equipped with **wireless Internet access**.

The school's **outdoor basketball court** and **playground**, combined with access to playing fields at the adjacent Skyline High School, give students and neighborhood children many opportunities for structured physical activity and play.

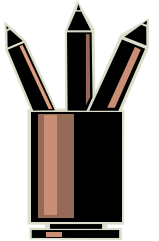
ACADEMIC FEATURES

Students began the 2006–2007 school year at **Camp Guzick**. The program encourages students to come to school a week early to learn about their new school and the experiences they will have, instills awareness that the campus is an environment of excellence, and lays the groundwork for character-building education.

Some classes will include students from two or three grade levels to encourage leadership skills in the older children as they provide assistance to the younger students. **Special education programs** are available for students who require additional support in developing social and academic skills. **Character-building** and **leadership skills** are further enhanced through **inclusive playtime** when regular education and special education students play together.

The school offers **two prekindergarten classes**, where students are prepared to enter elementary school ready to read and to learn.

In keeping with Frank Guzick's love of public school education, the new school not only is a model school in which students learn but also one in which future teachers can benefit from a **comprehensive student teacher program**. In addition, the **Guzick Institute** will consist of a period each day when all teachers may collaborate with one another on curriculum issues and student concerns and share their ideas for instructional programs in the classroom. All teachers are laptop computer certified.



Grade levels
Prekindergarten
through fifth grade

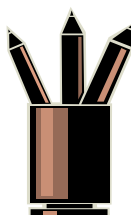
Enrollment
785 students

Size
90,000 square feet

**Number of
classrooms**
33

**Construction
cost**
\$12 million

Opened
August 2006



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