



Grand Prairie Schools Media Advisory

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GPISD Parents Spoke, the District Listened

Changes to “School of Choice” Program Include New Features at the 3rd Annual GPISD Experience, Total Online Registration

Grand Prairie – January 6, 2014 – On Saturday, the Grand Prairie Independent School District will host the 3rd annual GPISD Experience. Last year’s event attracted approximately 5,000 people from across the Metroplex who were interested in finding out more about the District’s schools and programs of choice. Parents are encouraged to join us for a fun day experiencing all that a GPISD education has to offer. From student performances, demonstrations, and interactive events your family can spend a day focused on education at this FREE event.

As a result of feedback following last year’s event, the District is making additions and revisions to the event and the registration process that directly follows.

At this year’s Experience, in addition to schools and programs of choice, parents and students can find out about traditional schools and support programs for students in GPISD. Attendees last year asked to learn more about the “quality of life” in Grand Prairie so representatives from Grand Prairie Parks and Recreation, Grand Prairie Police, local realtors, GPISD Council of PTAs, the GP YMCA, the GPISD Education Foundation, and many others will be in attendance as well.

Parents who attended last year requested an online guide or app so the District has [created a free app](#) in GUIDEBOOK for families to experience as many of the events and activities this day has to offer.

Additionally, there will be sessions specifically for parents in an area called Mom 2 Mom. Topics presented are listed in the Guidebook app.

What: The Third Annual GPISD Experience

When: Saturday, January 11, 2014
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Dubiski Career High School
2990 S. Hwy 161, Grand Prairie, TX 75052

The District also heard from parents asking if there was a better way to register for schools and programs of choice than lining up and camping out. **The answer is yes.** Over the past year, the District has developed a process for applying to schools and programs of choice and transfer applications for traditional schools. This year, the process is completely electronic. No waiting in line, no camping out at the District’s Education Center. Parents

and students across GPISD will have the power to choose the educational programming that best meets the needs of their student.

Applications will be accepted beginning Monday, January 13, at 8:00 a.m. through Friday, January 31, at 5:00 p.m. More information about the process can be found at www.gpisd.org/choice.

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