



The Parent's Guide to Middle School, Built for Girls

What makes The Texas Girls School different, and
how to know if it is the right fit for your daughter

**A tuition-free public charter STEM school for girls
grades 6 to 8 in Austin, Texas**

A Welcome from Our Founder

Dear Parents,

Middle school is the moment when a girl decides who she is going to be. Research tells us it is also the moment when many girls quietly step back, from math, from science, from raising their hand. We built The Texas Girls School so that never happens to your daughter.

Here, girls take up all the space. Every leadership role, every lab bench, every microphone belongs to a girl. Our academics are rigorous, our classes are small, and our mission is simple: to graduate confident young women who are ready for high school, college, and everything after.

This guide walks you through what makes our school different. When you finish reading, I hope you will come see it in person. A tour tells you more than any brochure ever could.

Warmly,

Dana Stuart Browning

Founder and Superintendent, The Texas Girls School



Why an All-Girls School?

Families often arrive skeptical about single-gender education and leave convinced. Here is why.

Girls participate more. In all-girls classrooms, girls speak up more often, take more academic risks, and are more likely to pursue advanced coursework in math and science.

Confidence in STEM holds. Nationally, girls' interest in STEM drops sharply in middle school. Girls' schools are designed to interrupt that drop at exactly the age it happens.

Every leader is a girl. Student council president, robotics captain, exhibition emcee. When every role model and every leadership seat is filled by a girl, leadership stops feeling like an exception and starts feeling like the default.

Fewer distractions, stronger friendships. Students consistently describe girls' schools as places where they can focus, be themselves, and build deep friendships.

Graduates of girls' schools report higher confidence in math and science and are more likely to consider STEM careers than their peers at coed schools.

Source: research compiled by the National Coalition of Girls' Schools.

7 Things That Make TTGS Different

1 Flex Friday

Every Friday, the routine changes. Flex Friday is our dedicated day for field trips, hands-on projects, and learning that happens outside a textbook. One week it is a museum or a working lab. The next it is a team design challenge on campus. Your daughter will never ask what the point of school is on a Friday.



2 A Daily Leadership Class

Most schools say they teach leadership. We put it on the schedule. Every student takes a dedicated Leadership class every day, where she practices the real-world skills that never show up on a standardized test: public speaking, collaboration, time management, conflict resolution, and self-advocacy. These are the skills that carry a girl through high school interviews, college applications, and her first job.

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STEAM, with a Real A

We are a STEM school that refuses to drop the arts. Our girls code, build, and experiment, and they also create. Art is woven through our program because design thinking, creativity, and technical skill belong together. The engineers and scientists of the future will be the ones who can imagine, not just calculate.

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Exhibitions of Learning

At TTGS, learning is something you can walk into. Through project-based learning, students spend weeks digging into real problems, then present their work at public Exhibitions of Learning. As a parent, expect to be invited to campus often to see your daughter and her classmates present, defend, and celebrate what they have built. You will not have to wonder what she is learning. She will show you.



5 Two Math Pathways

Girls do not arrive at middle school in the same place in math, so we do not teach them as if they do. Our advanced Math Lab lets a student accelerate as far as her ability takes her, with no ceiling. Our on-level pathway pairs grade-level content with intensive, targeted support for girls who need more time to build a strong foundation. Every girl is challenged. No girl is left to struggle alone.

6 Rigorous, College-Prep Academics

Our academic program is built backward from college readiness, and our results show it. On the most recent STAAR assessments, 100% of our students tested met grade level in Reading, and 37% of students tested achieved Masters level in Math, the highest performance category the state awards.

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7 Small Classes, by Design

We keep our classes intentionally small so that every teacher knows every girl: how she learns, where she shines, and when she needs a nudge. Your daughter will never be a face in the crowd here. She will be known by name, by strength, and by goal.

And We Are Just Getting Started

A young school has one advantage no established school can match: your daughter gets to help build it. Here is what is growing right now.



Spanish. Our Spanish program is expanding, beginning with Spanish Club and building toward immersive experiences, including future travel opportunities.



Extracurriculars. Clubs and activities are growing every semester, shaped directly by what our students want to pursue.

Founding families do not just enroll in a school. They shape one.



Fast Facts

Who we serve: girls in grades 6 to 8

Tuition: free. We are a public charter school, open to all.

Focus: STEM and college preparation, with arts and leadership built in

Campus: 10321 Boulder Lane, Austin, TX 78726

How to apply: complete the [application](#) on our website, then [schedule a tour](#) or [discovery call](#)

Your Next Step: Come See It

A guide can describe our school. Only a visit can show you the energy of a campus where every seat, every lab, and every leadership role belongs to a girl.



[Book a campus tour and watch classes in action](#)



[Schedule a discovery call with our admissions team](#)



[Ready now? Go straight to the application](#)

Seats are limited and filled in order of completed enrollment.