



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Top left photo: (l-r) Cierra Branch, Mikayla Sierra, Daisy Gonzalez, Aisiha Greene use the the charging station in the Robert E. Lee High School Commons. Bottom right photo: Students in Allison Higdon's Biology class work with the Lego Movie Maker app to create a stop motion animation demonstrating the stages of mitosis.

Robert E. Lee High School named Apple Distinguished School

Robert E. Lee High School is pleased to announce that it has been recognized as an Apple Distinguished School for 2015 - 2017 for making technology a major part of classroom learning. Students have direct access to innovative activities and build unique products with iPad.

The Apple Distinguished School designation is reserved for programs that meet criteria for innovation, leadership, and educational excellence, and demonstrate a clear vision of exemplary learning environments.

"At Lee High School, we are blessed that the GCCISD Board of Trustees and superintendent had the vision to implement the one-on-one iPad initiative. From there, Lee's staff has created a technology-rich learning environment," said Greg Lynd, Lee High School principal. "It is a daily occurrence to see teacher-student interactions utilizing instructional apps. Most of our Professional Learning Community sessions include presentations by enthusiastic teachers using the latest instructional apps or apps they created to impact student achievement and engagement. As a principal, I often dreamed of the day when students would have individual computers on their desks, making learning more interactive and fun. The future is now at Lee High School."

The recognition of Robert E. Lee High School as an Apple Distinguished School highlights the school's success as an innovative and compelling learning environment that engages students and provides tangible evidence of academic accomplishment.



(l-r) Katherine Estrada & Kenneth Cisneros use Make Belief Comix in Johan Richards' Spanish class for an assignment.

Through Weebly, students track class assignments and content and teachers design curriculum in a way that allows students to easily connect. Teachers at Lee High School have begun to implement project-based learning as a way of assessing student knowledge and understanding. Technology is integrated across all content areas for all grade levels.

Built to replace Goose Creek High School, Robert E. Lee High School opened its doors to students from Goose Creek, Baytown, and Pelly in September 1928. The traditions of the Gander mascot, the school colors of

At Robert E. Lee High School, iPad has allowed teachers to facilitate the design of an engaging curriculum. Students create stop motion videos, collect research data, and collaborate on projects. Using apps such as Weebly, Edmodo, and GarageBand, teachers reach students in new ways. For example, GarageBand is used in Abdulkader Mokhtari's technical writing class during the poetry unit. Students listen to music and read song lyrics, then write and record their own song for a formative grade.

maroon and white, and the saying, "Once a Gander, Always a Gander," have continued through the years, and April 27, 2013, a historical marker, sponsored by the Baytown Historical Preservation Association, was placed in front of the school. Located near the banks of Goose Creek in Baytown, Lee serves more than 1500 students. Goose Creek CISD and Lee High School received "Met Standard" ratings, the highest ratings possible from the Texas Education Agency for 2015, and Distinction Designations for Math, Science and Closing Performance Gaps.

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