



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

# GC Memorial

HIGH SCHOOL



**Elementary Schools:** Alamo | Bonnie P. Hopper Primary | David Crockett | George Washington Carver | Harlem | Highlands  
James Bowie | Lorenzo De Zavala | Mirabeau B. Lamar | San Jacinto | Stephen F. Austin | Ashbel Smith | Victoria Walker | William B. Travis

**Junior Schools:** Baytown | Cedar Bayou | Gentry | Highlands | Horace Mann

**High Schools & Others:** Goose Creek Memorial | Impact Early College High School at Lee College | John M. Stuart Career Center  
Peter E. Hyland Center | Robert E. Lee | Ross S. Sterling | School Community Guidance Center

## 6001 E. Wallisville Road

Goose Creek Memorial High School was built in 2008. It is located at the intersection of North Main Street and Wallisville Road in Baytown, Texas. It was named Memorial to pay tribute to "all individuals who dedicated their lives to their community and the nation through service."

It officially opened on August 25, 2008, as a Class 4A high school serving approximately 1,300 students in grades 9 through 11. In Goose Creek Memorial's second year, the school served students in grades 9 through 12, with the first graduation ceremony for 269 students in June 2010.

### Construction

The Goose Creek Memorial building was an impressive site even during construction and after completion was written up in the American School and University magazine for its stunning and effective learning-community architecture.

### Notable and Famous Alumni

Sunayana Yadav – Gates Millennium Scholar 2010

Eight decades after Goose Creek CISD opened Robert E. Lee High School in 1927 and 41 years after the opening of Ross S. Sterling High School in 1967, the school district prepared for the debut of a third high school, Goose Creek Memorial. Ground breaking ceremonies occurred in the winter of 2007 and the school welcomed its first students in August, 2008. Al Richard, a 30-year veteran teacher and administrator with 25 years of service in GCCISD, was named as the school's first principal in the summer of 2007.

The opening of Goose Creek Memorial was an important event because it signified the growth and development of the Baytown area. GCM's initial attendance zone served students of GCCISD who reside north of Archer Road all the way to FM 2100. The campus had an initial capacity to serve 1,800 with plans for an expansion to serve 2,400 students as enrollment grows.

With the addition of Goose Creek Memorial, Goose Creek CISD developed feeder pattern schools for its three high schools. GCM is the eventual home for students attending Victoria Walker Elementary and Highlands / Hopper Elementary, Highlands Junior School, and portion of Gentry Junior School and Baytown Junior School.

This feeder pattern allowed GCM students to interact with future Patriots through programs such as Peer Assistance Leadership (PALs) and provided opportunities to incoming eighth grade students to participate in school-spirit building events such as pep rallies, choir and band concerts, and sporting events.

Goose Creek Memorial immediately placed community involvement as a high priority with annual participation in community events such as the VFW Essay Contest, Easter Hop-Hop-Hop Scavenger Hunt, Relay for Life, and numerous blood drives for the Regional Gulf Coast Blood Center. The school organized three student service organizations through partnerships with local Kiwanis, Rotary, and Lions Clubs. Goose Creek Memorial's strong community commitment was reciprocated in 2009 when the GCM cheerleaders earned enough votes from the community to win a school concert with country legend Clay Walker.

A long-anticipated addition to Goose Creek CISD, all eyes were on Goose Creek Memorial as it opened and the school did not disappoint. Within the first three years GCM students achieved many goals and earned numerous awards for their achievements. GCM Band, Choir, and Orchestra students advanced to All-Region and All-State, the Dazzlers Drill Team was a top performing group at contest, GCM Art students won awards at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, and almost every boys and girls athletic team made it to playoffs.

The crowning achievement for GCM was in April 2009. Due to the positive, hardworking Patriot students and staff, Goose Creek Memorial reached its goal of being a Recognized campus in the State of Texas within two years of opening its doors.

Goose Creek Memorial High School 2008  
Inaugural Faculty of Goose Creek Memorial High School 2008

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