

We are Innovation

Brenham ISD provides cutting-edge instruction that fosters a love of learning and supports the social and emotional growth of each student.

Gateway Program - Gateway is a self-contained gifted and talented program that began in the 2016-2017 school in response to parents expressing a need for more opportunities for gifted and talented students to learn and grow together. Gateway is designed to promote an in-depth study of the state curriculum through project-based learning and cross-curricular instruction. The Gateway program is offered in third and fourth grades at Alton Elementary School and in fifth grade at Brenham Middle School.



STEAM Academy - The Brenham ISD STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) Academy begins in first and second grades at each elementary campus. Each campus has a STEAM teacher that has been specially trained in Project Lead The

Way (PLTW), a training that is focused on project-based learning and infusing STEAM lessons into every content area. First and second-grade students attend the Brenham ISD STEAM Academy each week, while remaining students in grades kindergarten, third and fourth grade attend the STEAM Club every six weeks.

Outdoor Education - Drawing on community experts, Brenham ISD Outdoor Education (Brenham ISD Outdoors) provides support to teachers through standards-based lessons that promote environmental literacy, an appreciation of the natural world, and stewardship of our land and natural resources. Connecting their local environment to academic content, students learn alongside their teachers and community volunteers while beginning their own personal investigations. Current Partnerships include:

- Bluebonnet Garden Club
- Gideon Linecum Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists
- Texas Brigades
- Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Washington County AgriLife
- Washington County Wildlife Society

Brenham U - Brenham U is a two-day professional development conference offering sessions in multiple strands including instruction, technology, new teacher, leadership, safety & behavior, and policies and procedures. This conference is open to all professional and support staff in Brenham ISD. The conference began in 2017 and will continue to be the district's main avenue for offering district professional development.

Challenging Scientific Investigations (CSI) - Challenging Scientific Investigations (CSI) serves over 80 students in second through sixth grades who are identified by Brenham ISD as Gifted and Talented. Students served by CSI participate in engaging and thought-provoking scientific activities that entail research, development of a product, a presentation and often a culminating field trip.

Coordinator of Social and Emotional Learning - In an effort to be proactive and ensure that students have an opportunity to speak with a highly-skilled professional in the area of social and emotional issues, Brenham ISD has added the position of Coordinator of Social and Emotional Learning. During the school year, students will have opportunities to speak with a licensed professional counselor about personal issues they may be experiencing. Parents will also have opportunities to learn how to address emotional issues with adolescents and teens during parent nights.