

Overview of Bobby Summers Middle School

Bobby Summers Middle School is a middle school located in Fate, Texas, serving approximately 1100 students in grades 6 through 8. As part of Royse City Independent School District, the campus reflects the district's commitment to fostering student growth, leadership, and achievement. The school is named after Bobby Summers, a long-time advocate for education and a champion for the Royse City community.

My name is Melissa Harvey, and I have had the privilege of serving as the principal of Bobby Summers Middle School for the last five years. I began my career in education in 2002, bringing with me over two decades of experience dedicated to empowering students, supporting teachers, and fostering a positive school culture. Since I attended Principal's Institute in 2022, I set a professional goal based on the principles outlined in *The Texas Visioning Document for Public Education*, a framework that we studied and drives education in Texas Public Schools.

Last year, our campus focus was on amplifying **student voice and choice**. We introduced initiatives such as student panels, student-led clubs, and opportunities for students to take ownership of their educational experiences. This year, my goal centers on **student leadership development**. Our primary focus is improving common areas and fostering kindness throughout the school. To achieve this, I have challenged students to create and lead clubs that positively influence their peers and promote more respectful behavior.

This challenge has sparked amazing initiatives. For example, Mia, a seventh-grader, founded the Kindness Club to spread positivity and encourage small acts of kindness that make a big impact. Similarly, Elias, a sixth-grader, established the Guys for God club, which provides a space for students to grow in faith and build strong character. These clubs, along with others created by our students, exemplify how leadership and kindness can transform a school environment.

Campus Data and Impact

- **Enrollment:** Approximately 1100 students
- **Student Clubs Created:** We have 22 clubs, 3 are students led that have begun this year
- **Kindness Initiative Participation:** In the 3 new student-led clubs, we have a total of 68 students.

By empowering students to lead, Bobby Summers Middle School is fostering a sense of ownership, responsibility, and community.

Final Reflection

Bobby Summers Middle School continues to embody the principles of *The Texas Visioning Document for Public Education*. By empowering students to lead and fostering a culture of kindness and respect, we are preparing the next generation to not only meet the challenges of tomorrow but to lead with integrity. The best thing about these two groups is that their impact goes beyond any single individual. No matter who sits in the seat of the leader, these clubs will remain—continuing to inspire kindness. Thank you for supporting our journey in building a legacy of leadership at Summers Middle School.

Video

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