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Killeen ISD Early College HS scores 98 — the highest in the state

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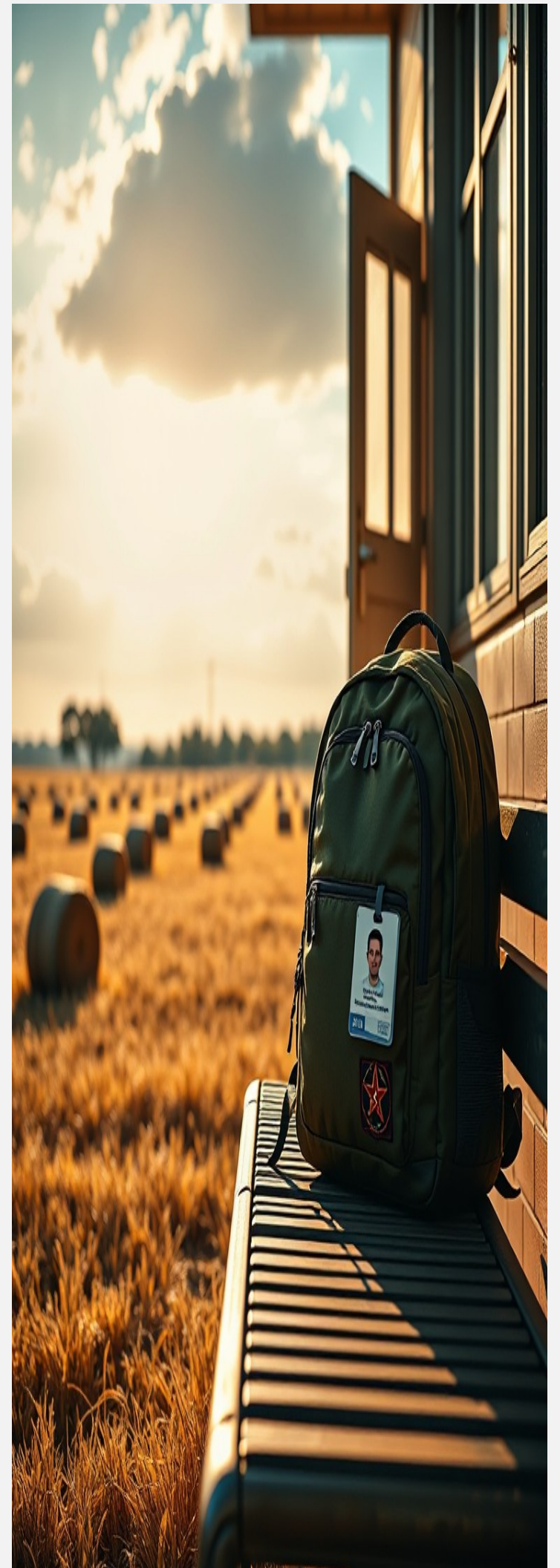
the school's overall accountability score (2025-26)

This is the highest score among all public high schools in Texas for the 2025-26 school year.

The 98 accountability score from the Texas Education Agency reflects exceptional performance across academic achievement, student growth, and graduation rates. This level of excellence is not incidental—it is systemically driven by targeted investment in early college pathways and military-connected student support programs. In the Killeen-Temple MSA, where Fort Cavazos anchors nearly 30% of the local workforce, this educational infrastructure directly supports military family retention and long-term residential stability.

Source: ALEX Intelligence

<https://alex-companies.com/data/2026-09-13-killeen-temple-tea-high-school-score>



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Top-tier schools drive retention

A 98 accountability score is not just a number—it is a signal of institutional strength that influences where military families choose to settle. With Fort Cavazos as the dominant employer, the presence of a top-ranked high school acts as a non-negotiable retention lever. Families with children are less likely to relocate when their children's education is secure. This directly supports housing demand and price resilience in Bell, Coryell, and Lampasas counties, especially in neighborhoods adjacent to high-performing campuses.

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Education anchors economic migration

The 98 score at Killeen ISD Early College H S is not an outlier—it is a magnet. As the military base expands its healthcare and logistics operations, new recruits and civilian employees are drawn not just by jobs, but by the promise of quality education for their children. This creates a virtuous cycle: stable schools attract families, families sustain demand for housing, and housing demand supports infrastructure investment. The real estate market in Killeen-Temple is not just growing—it is being shaped by educational excellence as a primary economic driver.



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