

Ganado ISD Trivia



Love it or hate it, today is April Fools' Day! I know the jokester in me always enjoys a good "April Fool." According to Aliza Chasan of CBS News, "While historians are unsure of the exact source of the tradition, they do know the custom goes back centuries, at least back to Renaissance Europe and possibly back to Roman times."

In the spirit of the day, let's play a game about Ganado ISD called "Truth or April Fool." Thus, read each statement and decide which one it is! Here goes....

—1—Ganado ISD is the oldest independent school district in Jackson County, having started in 1900.....TRUTH

—2—A \$24 million bond was passed in 2016 by a vote of 219 to 52 to build our current elementary and secondary campuses.....TRUTH

—3—The prior campus was built in the late 1940s and housed both elementary and secondary students.....TRUTH

—4—Ganado has some of the most passionate and dedicated supporters of any school in this part of the Great State of Texas.....TRUTH

—5—Ganado softball fans start lining their trucks behind the outfield fence as early as sunrise on game days.....TRUTH

—6—Ganado won its first district championship in football in 1939 and has reached the state semifinals 5 times.....TRUTH

—7—Last week, the Pride of the Tribe won "Sweepstakes" at UIL for the second year in a row, having earned straight 1s in Sight-Reading, Concert, and Marching (Fall).....TRUTH

—8—One Act Play advanced to Area which will be held in Pflugerville later this month.....TRUTH

—9—Art students have been extremely successful, whereas 5 students advanced to State, top honors were won by several students at the Houston Livestock Show, and the work of one Ganado student was on display at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum.....TRUTH

—10—Both elementary and secondary students performed exceptionally well at their respective UIL Academic Meet.....TRUTH

—11—Some Ganado high school students were recently recognized for going "above and beyond" while assisting the Ganado Police Department....TRUTH

—12—Last December, the First Annual Fall Letterman Jacket Ceremony awarded 33 students with their jackets.....TRUTH

—13—Last month, a Ganado powerlifter finished 5th at the State Powerlifting Meet.....TRUTH

—14—As a 2024 recipient of the Strong Foundations Grant, Ganado ISD has partnered with the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching to support teacher growth and student achievement via high quality instructional materials, beginning in the 2024-25 academic year.....TRUTH

—15—The Class of 2024 will walk the stage next month.....TRUTH

—16—Last Fall, a Ganado cross country runner qualified for the UIL State Meet.....TRUTH

—17—The Ag Mechanics crew is developing a large number of certified welders.....TRUTH

—18—Ganado ISD will celebrate its 125 birthday on June 8, 2025.....TRUTH

Do you see a pattern? There is NOTHING to fool about when discussing Ganado ISD! The above are some quickly generated statements, mostly from this year. Can you imagine if I went back 124 years...wow!

I started with a quote, so I'll end with one from Will Durant: "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." Hence, the Ganado ISD slogan, "Excellence Since 1900."

Enjoy this first day of April and the forthcoming sprint to summer. Always maintain the highest of expectations!

Arrows Up,
Dr. Szymanski

