

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
April 19, 2016**

DENTON ISD

McMath of one seven schools named a Texas School to Watch

The Texas Middle Schools Association recently named Denton Independent School District's McMath Middle School as one of just seven Texas Schools to Watch for 2015-16, bestowing the prestigious honor for the school's academic excellence.

Each year, the Texas Schools to Watch list highlights high-performing schools that the program identifies as "academically excellent, developmentally responsive, socially equitable and structured for success." Texas is one of only 19 states involved in the National Forum's Schools to Watch program, which honors top middle schools from across the country.

Schools in the program are selected to serve as exemplars for other middle schools across the state and nation. As a member of the Texas Schools to Watch list, McMath will be used to teach academic best practices to other middle schools and school administrators and teachers will visit Washington D.C. to share information about their campus and practices at the National Schools to Watch Conference in June.

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District students grab 36 top-10 finishes at State German Contest

Denton ISD students accounted for 36 top-10 finishes and Denton High School a seventh-place team showing at the 34th annual Texas State German Contest that was held at Texas State University in San Marcos in February.

The Texas State German Contest brings hundreds of students from across the state in a variety of academic and cultural categories highlighting the German language and culture. The state competition allows German Club students and sponsors to share what they've learned throughout the year in a fun and festive atmosphere, while providing scholarship opportunities for students and grant opportunities for teachers.

Denton High grabbed the bulk of the accolades with nine students claiming one win and 34 top 10 finishes. The school's winners included:

Logan Maltz, who finished with a victory in sight reading, as the runner-up in grammar, vocabulary and extemporaneous speaking, took third spelling, fifth in culture and 6th in reading comprehension;

Kolt Bundy, who finished as the runner-up in skit and took fifth in Einzelplatter;

Ellie Halbert, who finished as a runner-up in skit, took fifth in German Club album and ninth in reaserch paper, sight reading, prose reading, vocabulary and gingerbread house;

Jason Howard, who finished as a runner-up in skit and took eighth in spelling and prose reading;

Annika Keesecker, who placed fifth in Eizelplatter, ninth in varsity pau auf and 10th in doll costume;

Ty Major, who finished as a runner up in skit and took ninth in pau auf;

Lupita Montoya, who finished a runner-up in skit and took ninth in varsity pau auf;

Daria Moore, who took fifth in German Club album and gingerbread house;

Kat Ricardo, who finished as a runner-up in skit and took ninth in varsity pau auf;

Ethan Reynolds, who finished as a runner-up in skit and took ninth in grammar and varsity pau auf.

Alexis Helal was Guyer High's lone top 10 finisher, placing seventh in reading composition.

Sandra Dieckman is the German Club sponsor at Denton High. **Daniel Kline** is the German Club sponsor at Guyer High.