

Simpson named 2008 State Elementary Teacher of the Year

Hidden Lakes Elementary fourth-grade teacher Grant Simpson was named the 2008 State Elementary Teacher of the Year by the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

This is the second consecutive year that a Keller ISD teacher has won the state award. Fossil Ridge High School teacher Nika Maples was chosen last year as the 2006-07 State Secondary Teacher of the Year by TEA. Keller is one of only two school districts to ever have back-to-back winners.

Simpson was one of three elementary teacher semifinalists to be interviewed in Austin by a selection committee of 11 educators and administrators on Sept. 22. Prior to that, Simpson was chosen from a pool of 42 teachers representing 23 public school districts to become the Region XI finalist.