

Board Recognition

October 27, 2026

Denton ISD, Crownover Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School Earn Texas Educational Theatre Association Award of Distinction

Denton ISD has once again earned exemplary status, the highest tier of recognition in the Texas Educational Theatre Association (TxETA) Award of Distinction program. Crownover Middle School and Rodriguez Middle School also earned exemplary status, the highest tier for middle school campuses. To reach this level, the district and both campuses went through a rigorous evaluation. It looked at production quality, access to scripts and facilities, administrative support, use of theatrical technology and student participation in competitive events.

These statewide awards celebrate district and campus programs that raise the standard for theatre through student performance, use of resources and inclusive programming. Earning exemplary status at both the district and campus levels shows a commitment to arts education at every grade level. It also reflects the dedication of the drama educators who build these programs every day.

Denton ISD proudly recognizes its drama directors and educators:

- Jillian Milligan – *Calhoun Middle School*
- Jaime Joyce – *Cheek Middle School*
- Madeleine Broseh – *Crownover Middle School*
- Wyatt Kaiser – *Crownover Middle School*
- Kalexis Broomfield – *Harpool Middle School*
- Madison Young – *Harpool Middle School*
- Hannah Fuller – *McMath Middle School*
- Jennifer Brockette – *Myers Middle School*
- McKenzie Hinderer – *Navo Middle School*
- Marc Weaver – *Rodriguez Middle School*
- Rachel Martin – *Strickland Middle School*
- Ben Parker – *Braswell High School*
- Christopher Rogers – *Braswell High School*
- Erica Cole – *Denton High School*
- Kerri Peters – *Denton High School*
- Kelly Fiore-Watson – *Fred Moore High School*
- Chris Crotwell – *Guyer High School*
- Eleshia Crotwell – *Guyer High School*
- Dr. Vicki Kirkley – *Ryan High School*
- Scott Thompson – *Ryan High School*

This recognition reflects Denton ISD's commitment to world-class performing arts programs that help students build creativity, confidence and critical thinking.

Denton ISD Student Artwork Featured in Texas Art Education Association Exhibition at txEDCON

Artwork by six Denton ISD students was featured in the 2026 txEDCON Exhibition, which the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) presents through its Youth Art Month program. txEDCON is the annual state convention of the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). It was held October 8–11 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston. The exhibition displays artwork by Pre-K through 12th grade students from across Texas, chosen to represent their school districts. It runs alongside an art advocacy booth, where school leaders and trustees from across the state learn about the importance of strong visual arts programs.

Three Denton ISD students had their original works selected for display in the TAEA booth in the Exhibition Hall. Three more students had their works shown in the Exhibit Hall's digital display. Having their work seen by education leaders from across Texas reflects both the students' talent and the dedication of the art teachers who guide them.

Denton ISD proudly recognizes the following students, whose works were on display in the TAEA booth:

- Favour Kalu – *Guyer High School, “Like father, like daughter,” Teacher: Mr. Reid*
- Sophia Ramirez – *Strickland Middle School, “Wrapped Self-Portrait,” Teacher: Mr. Thompson*
- Olivia Sparks – *Harpool Middle School, “A Moment in Paradise,” Teacher: Ms. Lytle*

Denton ISD also recognizes the following students, whose works were featured in the digital display:

- Quinn Carter – *N. Rayzor Elementary School, Teacher: Ms. Gibson*
- Harper Stone – *Sandbrock Ranch Elementary School, Teacher: Ms. Harp*
- Kamryn McClendon – *Ryan High School, Teacher: Ms. Chantry*

This honor reflects Denton ISD's commitment to giving students opportunities to share their creativity and talent beyond the classroom.