

**Recognition**  
**Board of Trustee Meeting**  
**June 13, 2017**

**Denton ISD**

**GOAL recognized by NSBA as Magna Award honoree**

Guys/Girls Operating As Leaders was recently named an honorable mention in the prestigious Magna Awards by the National Association of School Boards. NASB carefully selects Magna Award recipients based on their advancement of student learning, promotion of the district's mission, collaboration between school board and district staff and capability of being replicated by other districts.

GOAL is a proactive enrichment program aimed at getting students to develop leadership skills in and out of the classroom through academic exercises, team work activities and soccer. Since its inception, GOAL has also encouraged more interaction between family members and their sons and daughters as well as their program mentors and teachers.

The program features at least one chapter on every district middle school campus and has expended to also feature leadership clubs in the Gainesville, Lake Dallas, Lewisville, Little Elm and Sanger school district.

Chris Ice, co-founder of the program and a teacher at Braswell High School, oversees GOAL at the district level and relies on the support of campus sponsors to maintain its momentum in the classroom and the community. Those sponsors include: Adriana Cavazos-Giillian, Biri Ordonez and Manny Ordonez, Strickland; John Sinor, Myers; Andrew Vahlenkamp, Crownover; Mary Dorwalt, Newton Rayzor; and Jake Arnold, North Central Texas College.