

Board Recognition
November 11, 2025

Braswell High School Student Wins Third Consecutive UIL State Cross Country Championship

Denton ISD proudly celebrates Macy Wingard, a senior at Braswell High School, who captured her third consecutive UIL State Cross Country Championship on November 2 at Old Settler's Park in Round Rock, Texas. Competing in the 5K race, Wingard crossed the finish line in an outstanding time of 16:45.7, becoming the first female athlete in Texas to win three straight individual cross country titles in the UIL's largest classification.

Wingard's historic achievement reflects years of dedication, discipline, and exceptional performance. Throughout her high-school career, she has demonstrated remarkable consistency and competitiveness, establishing herself as one of the most accomplished distance runners in Texas and a proud representative of Denton ISD athletics.

Her success also highlights the strength of Braswell's cross country program and the supportive environment that has helped her excel both on and off the course. Wingard's leadership, humility, and work ethic have inspired teammates, coaches, classmates, and student-athletes across the district, reinforcing the positive culture of perseverance and excellence at Braswell High School.

Denton ISD extends its congratulations to Macy Wingard and acknowledges the outstanding guidance of Head Coach Gary Brown and the support of Principal DeCorian Hailey, whose leadership and commitment have contributed to this remarkable accomplishment. Wingard's achievement stands as a testament to the power of determination and serves as an inspiration for future student-athletes across the district.

Denton ISD Theatre Programs Earn Highest Statewide Distinction

Denton Independent School District's Fine Arts Theatre Departments have earned Exemplary status, the highest designation in the Texas Educational Theatre Association's (TxETA) Award of Distinction Program. This honor places Denton ISD among the top theatre education programs in Texas and recognizes exceptional achievement in performance, student participation, technical theatre development, and support for fine arts education.

The Award of Distinction program evaluates districts on excellence in theatre programming, including UIL participation, theatrical design, production quality,

community engagement, and access to strong instructional and technical theatre opportunities. Exemplary status reflects Denton ISD's ongoing commitment to providing students with high-quality, transformative arts experiences.

The following theatre directors were recognized for their contributions to student learning and theatre excellence across Denton ISD:

- Calhoun Middle School – Jillian Milligan
- Cheek Middle School – Jaime Joyce, Chelsea Chappell
- Crownover Middle School – Wyatt Kaiser, Brandi Paige
- Harpool Middle School – Amanda Hirsch, Andrea Hinojosa
- McMath Middle School – Kristen Ray
- Myers Middle School – Jennifer Brockette
- Navo Middle School – Patrick O'Neil
- Rodriguez Middle School – Marc Weaver
- Strickland Middle School – Amanda Nixon
- Braswell High School – Christopher Rogers, Ben Parker
- Denton High School – Kerri Peters, Erica Cole
- Guyer High School – Eleshia Crotwell, Chris Crotwell
- Ryan High School – Scott Thompson, Vicki Kirkley

Denton ISD Named 2025 Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction

Denton ISD has been named a 2025 District of Distinction by the Texas Art Education Association (TAEA), placing the district among the top 8 percent of visual arts programs statewide. This honor recognizes districts that provide exemplary visual arts programming, foster student creativity, support social-emotional learning, and build strong connections between students, schools, and the community.

More than 1,200 districts and learning institutions were eligible for this recognition, with only 109 meeting the rigorous 14-point rubric required for selection. Denton ISD's designation reflects its comprehensive visual arts curriculum, student exhibitions and showcases, community partnerships, arts advocacy, and commitment to supporting student growth and creative expression at all grade levels.

This achievement highlights the dedication and excellence of Denton ISD's visual arts educators, who create inspiring learning environments and provide students with meaningful opportunities to develop artistic skills, think creatively, and engage with the world around them. Denton ISD will be formally honored at the 2025 TAEA District of Distinction Awards Ceremony during the TAEA Fall Conference on November 21 in Round Rock, Texas.

The district extends its appreciation to all visual art educators for their expertise, creativity, and commitment to student success. The list of Denton ISD art teachers and their campuses is included below:

Elementary School

- Adkins Elementary – Jamie McCormick
- Alexander Elementary – Henry Sanchez
- Bell Elementary – Shane Pevehouse
- Blanton Elementary – Paige Richard
- Borman Elementary – Casey Golden
- Cross Oaks Elementary – Stacy Bzdok
- E.P. Rayzor Elementary – Carleen Michener
- Evers Park Elementary – Rosie Waring
- Hawk Elementary – Stephanie Ndolo
- Hill Elementary – Ericka Pomponio
- Hodge Elementary – Brian Gomez
- Houston Elementary – Lindsey Dykes
- McNair Elementary – Jodi Dallas
- Martinez Elementary – Haley Glover
- Nelson Elementary – Denise Clyne
- Newton Rayzor Elementary – Amanda Gibson
- Paloma Creek Elementary – Amanda Lasiter
- Pecan Creek Elementary – Jennifer Diaz
- Providence Elementary – Erica Lease
- Reeves Elementary – Maggie Burnett (Scoggins)
- Rivera Elementary – Taylor Lymbery
- Sandbrock Ranch Elementary – Delaney Harp
- Savannah Elementary – Chelsea Spinks
- Shultz Elementary – Lilianna O'Connor
- Stephens Elementary – CreaShunee Greene
- Union Park Elementary – Sam (Samantha) Wylie
- WS Ryan Elementary – Shayla Kovarik

Middle School

- Calhoun Middle School – Katie Kernan, Victoria Romero
- Cheek Middle School – Scott (Robert) Hughes, Meghan Hemming
- Crownover Middle School – Travis Drake
- Harpool Middle School – Carol (Julia Stoecker) Lytle, Brett Moore
- McMath Middle School – Megan Bennett, Matt Sallack
- Myers Middle School – Megan Trammell, Joshua Ward

- Navo Middle School – Yara Jones
- Rodriguez Middle School – Connie Daniels
- Strickland Middle School – John Thompson, Rhiannon Laxalt, Shannon Bieniek

High School

- Braswell High School – Angelia Ford, Kiba Jacobson, Austin Johnson, David Villegas, Oasis Williams
- Denton High School – James Rosin, Martha Slack, Addison Eaton, Etienne Illy, Andrew Smith
- Guyer High School – Jeremy Sale, Christian Reid, Tiffany Fitzsimmons Alfonzo, John Mooney, Piper Santillan
- Ryan High School – Aimee Foutch, Jayden Johnson, Caroline Kinlaw, Ariel Chantry
- Sparks Campus – Elizabeth Cook, Brandi Nowiki
- Fred Moore High School – Jacqueline Davis