



Brownsville Independent School District

Agenda Category: Conference Presentation Board of Education Meeting: 04/1/2025

Item Title:	<u>Recognition of the Purchasing Department</u>	<u> </u>	Action
	<u>for the TASBO Award of Merit for</u>	<u> X </u>	Information
	<u>Purchasing Operations (AOM) 2025</u>	<u> </u>	Discussion

BACKGROUND:

The AOM award recognizes Texas school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education service centers that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services. The Texas Association for School Business Officials Purchasing and Supply Management Research Committee evaluated the award criteria to ensure that it represented the latest best practices. For 2025, only 80 recipients in the State met the stringent criteria to qualify for this prestigious award. This award was presented to a Team of Purchasing staff at the TASBO 2025 Annual Conference.

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Submitted by: Chief Officer

Approved for Submission to Board of Education:

Recommended by: Asst. Supt./Exec. Dir.

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Dr. Jesus H. Chavez, Superintendent

When Necessary, Additional Background May Follow This.



Brownsville ISD Honored with State-Wide Award
Purchasing Department earns prestigious Award of Merit

Brownsville, TX – **Brownsville Independent School District** is proud to be recognized by The Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) with a 2025 Award of Merit for Purchasing Operations. The Award of Merit was established in 2009 to recognize Texas school districts, open-enrollment charter schools, and education services centers that are committed to following professional standards in the acquisition of goods and services.

Each year, volunteers with the TASBO Purchasing & Supply Management Research Committee evaluate the award criteria to ensure it represents the latest best practices. They then review new and recertification applications. For 2025, only 80 recipients met the stringent criteria to qualify for the award. With 1,200 School Districts in the State of Texas, this is truly a prestigious award.

"We're proud of the work our honorees do to streamline school purchasing operations, comply with regulations, and set the standard for how to utilize taxpayer dollars," said Tracy Ginsburg, TASBO Executive Director. "These organizations have not only demonstrated their professional acumen by documenting their districts' policies and procedures, but have also shared these best practices with colleagues throughout Texas."

Members of the district's purchasing team were honored at an awards reception sponsored by BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative in Austin on February 26 during the 2025 TASBO Annual Conference. For more information, please call: 956-548-8361.