

**Denton Independent School District  
Board of Trustees  
Certificates of Recognition  
Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2007**

**Schools receive top ratings from TEA**

One elementary school in Denton ISD received the highest rating of Exemplary for the 2006-07 school year.

To gain “Exemplary” status, a school must have received a 90 percent passage rate in all accountability areas. Plus, the SDAA II, which is a state-developed assessment for special education students, must have a 90 percent passing rate.

The school named “Exemplary” is:

**Providence Elementary School** – Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal.

There were six elementary schools and one middle school that were named “Recognized:”

To achieve “Recognized” standing, a school must receive 75 percent passing rates on all TAKS areas or 70 percent passing rate with required improvements, 70 percent SDAA II passage rate, and a .7 percent or less dropout rate in seventh and eighth grades.

The seven schools named “Recognized” include:

**E.P. Rayzor Elementary School** – Happy Carrico, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal. (Lisa Glenn was principal for the 2006-07 school year.)

**Hawk Elementary School** – Susannah O’Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal.

**Houston Elementary School** – Teresa Andress, principal, and Les Mandeville, assistant principal.

**McNair Elementary School** – Sean Flynn, principal, and Rachel Brown, assistant principal. (Kaylene Tearce was assistant principal for the 2006-07 school year.)

**Ryan Elementary School** – Dalton Gregory, principal, and Zan Austin, assistant principal.

**Wilson Elementary School** – Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Lorena Salas, assistant principal. (Romeo Munguia was assistant principal for the 2006-07 school year.)

**McMath Middle School** – Dr. Debra Nobles, principal, and Kristin Andrews and Terry Ashby, assistant principals.

**Gold Awards**

Thirteen schools – three middle and 10 elementary schools - received special recognition from TEA for their significant gains on different portions of the TAKS and/or other accountability areas.

The following schools received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgement:

**Crownover Middle** – Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts; Comparable Improvement in Reading - Dianne Blair, principal; Pam Shaw and Tonya Gelsthorpe, assistant principals.

**McMath Middle** - Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts, and Attendance Rate - Dr. Debra Nobles, principal; Kristin Andrews and Terry Ashby, assistant principals.

**Navo Middle** - Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts; Commended Performance: Social Studies; Comparable Improvement in Reading; Comparable Improvement in Math – Shaun Perry, principal; Marty Stewart and Paul Martinez, assistant principals.

**Ginnings Elementary** - Comparable Improvement in Reading – Debi Lokey, principal, and Michael Brinkley, assistant principal.

**Hawk Elementary** - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science; Comparable Improvement in Reading; Comparable Improvement in Math - Susannah O’Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal

**Houston Elementary** - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science - Teresa Andress, principal, and Les Mandeville, assistant principal.

**McNair Elementary** - Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science - Sean Flynn, principal, and Rachel Brown, assistant principal. (Kaylene Tearce was assistant principal for the 2006-07 school year.)

**Pecan Creek Elementary** - Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Aleta Atkinson, principal, and Emily McLarty, assistant principal.

**Providence Elementary** - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Susan Bolte, principal, and Trey Spalding, assistant principal.

**E.P. Rayzor Elementary** - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science – Happy Carrico, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal. (Lisa Glen was principal during the 2006-07 school year.)

**W.S. Ryan Elementary** - Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science; Comparable Improvement in Reading - Dalton Gregory, principal, and Zan Austin, assistant principal.

**Savannah Elementary** - Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science – Rod Southard, principal, and Chris Rangel, assistant principal.

**Wilson Elementary** - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Lorena Salas, assistant principal. (Romeo Munguia was assistant principal for the 2006-07 school year.)