

Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
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Board of Trustees name Region XI Outstanding School Board

The Denton Independent School District Board of Trustees has been named the 2011 Region XI Outstanding School Board.

The presentation to the board will be made by Dr. Clyde Steelman, interim executive director for Region XI Educational Service Center. The honorees include Mia Price, president; Dr. Glenna Harris, vice president; Rudy Rodriguez, secretary; Dr. Jim Alexander, Dr. Curtis Ramsey, Dr. Jeanetta Smith and Charles Stafford.

The Honor Board Award was created in 1971 to recognize school boards that have demonstrated outstanding dedication and have rendered ethical service to the children of Texas. The criteria emphasized evidence of support for the improvement of educational performance.

The application process involves creating a notebook of information and documentation that address the following topics related to board activities:

- Functions as a policy-making body
- Adherence to adopted board policies
- Support for educational performance
- Support for educational improvement projects
- Commitment to a code of ethics
- Provision of financial support for the school system
- Participation in workshops and other performance improvement programs
- Placement of the welfare of children served by the school system above personal or political motives
- Public relations efforts, including community awareness
- Maintenance of harmonious and supportive relationships among board members

Denton ISD's application has been forwarded to Austin to be considered for the state award. The TASA selection committee is reviewing all of the regional entries and will announce five finalists, which are designated as "Honor Boards."

Each of the five honor boards will then be interviewed by the state selection committee and the state winner will be announced at the TASA/TASB Annual Convention in Austin on Sept. 30-Oct. 2. Denton ISD was named a state Honor Board in the competition in 2003.

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Denton ISD named among Best Communities for Music Education

The Denton Independent School District was recently named one of Best Communities for Music Education in America by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. Richard Gore, a member of NAMMF, will be making the presentation to the board.

Denton ISD was one of just 13 school districts in the state afforded the nationwide honor and the only one predominantly based in Denton County. The distinction marks the fifth consecutive year that Denton ISD has been recognized by the NAMM Foundation as one of the best music education communities in the country.

The NAMM Foundation annually announces its honorees after surveying various districts nationwide to determine their commitment to support and grow music education throughout their

communities. Survey results included detailed information regarding each district's music participation, instruction time, program support, access to facilities, graduation requirements and other pertinent statistics regarding music education.

Denton ISD was first named among the country's best music education communities in 2004 and again in 2006, starting its current streak of five consecutive school years on the NAMM Foundation's list. The district offers various styles of choir, band and orchestra to students in its secondary schools and is among the elite 11 percent of schools nationwide that offer orchestra to elementary students.