

**Board Recognition**  
**February 10, 2026**

**CREST Award Recognition**

The Counselors Reinforcing Excellence for Students in Texas (CREST) Award is a prestigious statewide distinction that honors school counseling programs demonstrating excellence in supporting students' academic, social, and emotional development. Presented by the Texas School Counselor Association, the award recognizes programs that excel in curriculum planning and delivery, collaboration with stakeholders, and responsive support services that meet the needs of the whole child.

For the 2024–25 school year, Denton Independent School District is proud to recognize the school counseling programs at **Hodge Elementary School** and **Rodriguez Middle School** as CREST Award recipients. This honor reflects the dedication, professionalism, and impact of Denton ISD counselors who work daily to ensure students feel supported, connected, and prepared for success.

Denton ISD is proud to recognize the following counselors for this outstanding achievement:

**Hodge Elementary School**

- Armandina Austin
- Nuzmerida Landa

**Rodriguez Middle School**

- Misty Bennett
- Page Darragh
- Michael Rooney

This recognition highlights the continued excellence of Denton ISD's counseling programs and their vital role in fostering student well-being and success across the district.