



BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

**KELLER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**5E. Report**

**TO: BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

**DATE: June 14, 2004**

**SUBJECT: TEXAS SCHOLARS / DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM**

As part of the Academic Pathways Program, the Texas Scholars Program and the Distinguished Achievement Program (DAP) have become a focus along with the improvement of SAT/ACT scores and Advanced Placement participation and results. In the 2003-04 school year, KISD had 505 students (41.29%) who were awarded Texas Scholars recognition and just over 1% as distinguished (DAP) graduates. In an effort to promote these two opportunities to students, one Texas Scholar/DAP coordinator has been named at each high school campus: Gail Tunnel at CHS; Jennifer Isgitt at FRHS; and Shawna Lynch at KHS. All three coordinators are AP or Pre-AP teachers and will assume the responsibility of identifying, tracking and assisting students in attaining Texas Scholars and DAP recognition beginning in 2004-05.

In April and May several documents were created to assist the coordinators in their new role. The documents are attached for your review and include:

- Letter of Intent (sent out by the counseling department)
- DAP/Texas Scholars Flyer
- DAP Verification Form

This summer, the coordinators will develop a rubric for the panel presentation, present a portion of the Academic Pathways overview training on July 29<sup>th</sup> and develop a means of meeting with all students interested in pursuing either program.

During the school year, the coordinators will attend a portion of the lead counselor meeting held each month and will update the student records each nine weeks to track the progress of the students.

All documents will be verified by the Campus Texas Scholars/DAP coordinator and reports will be given to the Director of Secondary Curriculum on the status of students following each update.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Secondary Curriculum