

Denton Independent School District
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Certificates of Recognition
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DENTON ISD

Crownover, Guyer counselors recognized as state's best for 2011

Two Denton ISD counselors have each been named Counselor of the Year by the Texas School Counselors Association.

Jennifer Carter: Lead counselor at Crownover Middle was recently named the 2011 Middle School Counselor of the Year by TSCA.

Ms. Carter was recognized for building a positive climate at Crownover, helping assist the transition of fifth-grade students to middle school and for developing a anti-bullying and cyber-bullying prevention program. She is a member of the Crownover Campus Leadership Team and is in her 10th year as a student counselor.

Amy Lawrence: Counselor at Guyer High School, was named the TSCA's 2011 High School Counselor of the Year.

Mrs. Lawrence was recognized for writing and incorporating a counseling plan of action to benefit Guyer students, helping create a program for students struggling academically and identifying various ways to provide student guidance for parents and staff. She is the lead counselor at Guyer and recently had much of her current work at the school highlighted in an online webinar.

The two counselors will be honored at the TSCA's annual Professional Growth Conference in Fort Worth in November.

District elementary counseling program earns national honor

The district's Elementary Career Guidance Program was recently recognized by the National Guidance Consortium with its annual ABC Award.

Denton ISD's program tied with Madison Middle School of Seattle for the honor. It is the first national honor for the elementary career program.

The program helps develop students' career awareness and exploration at a young age. Students are taught personal and social skills that help them understand the labor market, life planning and the role education plays in their future.

Lead career counselor Jeanie Bragg coordinates the program with the help of counselors and teachers on each elementary campus. Melanie Lewis is the director of counseling for Denton ISD.

HAWK ELEMENTARY

Hawk named to state comptroller's Texas Honors Circle

Hawk Elementary was recently named to the state comptroller's 2011 Texas Honors Circle.

Hawk was one of only 313 campuses in the state to meet the strict requirements established by the comptroller's office for the annual Financial Allocation Study for Texas, known as FAST. The FAST study evaluates spending practices as they relate to academic performance.

Hawk received a five-star rating - the highest possible score - by increasing its academic progress while spending less than most of its comparable campus peers.

Ten Denton Independent School District campuses finished with ratings of four stars or better, just missing the Texas Honors Circle. The other schools receiving four stars or higher include: E.P. Rayzor, Houston, Lee, McNair, Nelson, Pecan Creek, Providence, Wilson Elementary schools and Crownover Middle School.