

**Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2006**

Schools receive top ratings from TEA

Seven elementary schools and one middle school have been named Recognized by the Texas Education Agency. The schools were among only 3,380 public schools in Texas to earn a higher state rating.

To achieve "Recognized" standing, a school must receive 70 percent passing rates on all TAKS areas or 65 percent passing rate with required improvements, plus an 85 percent high school completion rate, 70 percent SDAA II passage rate, and a .7 percent or less dropout rate in seventh and eighth grades.

The eight schools named "Recognized" include:

E.P. Rayzor Elementary School – Lisa Glenn, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal

Hawk Elementary School – Susannah O'Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal (Mary Helen Martin was principal for 2005-06 school year)

McNair Elementary School – Sean Flynn, principal, and Kaylene Tierce, assistant principal. (Dr. Dean Anthony was principal for the 2005-06 school year.)

Pecan Creek Elementary School – Aleta Atkinson, principal, and Emily McLarty, assistant principal

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

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

Wilson Elementary School – Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Romeo Munguia, assistant principal

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

Gold Awards

Several schools received special recognition from TEA for their significant gains on different portions of the TAKS and/or other accountability areas.

Sixteen schools received at least one Gold Performance Acknowledgement. They include:

Ryan High – Comparable Improvement in Math - Vernon Reeves, principal; Kristi Strickland, associate principal; Angela Ricks, Fernando Natividad, Francisca Ryan, and Carl Long, assistant principals.

Crownover Middle – Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts and Commended Performance: Social Studies - Dianne Blair, principal; Kathleen Carmona and Pam Shaw, assistant principals

Calhoun Middle - Commended Performance: Reading/Language Arts; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Social Studies; Comparable Improvement in Math - Anthony Sims, principal; Joy Dill and Shawn Simmons, assistant principals

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

Borman Elementary - Comparable Improvement in Math - Ruben Molinar, principal, and Becky Lloyd, assistant principal

Evers Elementary - Comparable Improvement in Reading - Tricia Bolz, principal, and Cathy Finch, assistant principal

Hawk Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Comparable Improvement in Math - Susannah O'Bara, principal, and Sandra Brown, assistant principal (Mary Helen Martin was principal for 2005-06 school year)

Hodge Elementary - Commended Performance: Writing; Comparable Improvement in Reading - Sam Kelly, principal, and Kelly Francis, assistant principal (Rod Southard was principal for the 2005-06 school year)

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

Lee Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science - Laura Rodriguez, principal, and Cecilia Holt, assistant principal

McNair Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Science - Sean Flynn, principal, and Kaylene Tierce, assistant principal (Dr. Dean Anthony was principal for the 2005-06 school year.)

Pecan Creek Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science; Comparable Improvement in Reading; Comparable Improvement in Math - Aleta Atkinson, principal, and Emily McLarty, assistant principal

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

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

E.P. Rayzor Elementary - Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Lisa Glenn, principal, and Eric Harting, assistant principal

Wilson Elementary - Commended Performance: Reading; Commended Performance: Math; Commended Performance: Writing; Commended Performance: Science - Audrey Staniszewski, principal, and Romeo Munguia, assistant principal.