

Denton Independent School District
Board of Trustees
Certificates of Recognition
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HAWK AND RYAN ELEMENTARY

Schools selected as Higher Performing

Hawk and Ryan Elementary schools recently have been selected for the 2008 Just for the Kids: "Higher Performing Schools" in Texas.

Both schools were selected as "Higher Performing" based on analyses conducted by the National Center for Educational Achievement, sponsor of the Just for the Kids Campaign.

Hawk Elementary, an Exemplary campus, was selected as Higher Performing in Mathematics and Writing. Hawk Elementary's principal is Susannah O'Bara and the assistant principal is Sandy Brown.

Ryan Elementary, which is rated Recognized, was selected as Higher Performing in Writing. Gary Miller is the Ryan Elementary principal and Zan Austin is the assistant principal. The principal for the 20007-08 school year was Dalton Gregory.

Hawk Elementary received Gold Performance Awards for Commended Performance in Reading, Math, Writing and Science, and Comparable Improvement in Math.

Ryan Elementary received Gold Performance Awards for Commended Performance in Math, Writing and Science.

Just for the Kids provides schools, districts and other education leaders with best practices information. The campaign's primary focus is to find and help fulfill every school's potential for reaching excellence in student achievement.

WILSON ELEMENTARY

School recognized for outstanding performance

Woodrow Wilson Elementary has been recognized by the Division of No Child Left Behind Program Coordination for "outstanding performance."

It is the only Title 1 school in the Denton Independent School District to receive the Exemplary rating in 2008.

To receive this designation, the campus had to meet the following criteria:

- Title I Part A Campus for three school years including 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09;
- 40 percent or more of the students had to meet low-income standards for the current school year;
- Met Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in 2007 and 2008.
- Other criterion being Exemplary in 2008 and Exemplary or Recognized in 2006 and 2007.

Besides attaining Exemplary status, Wilson Elementary received Gold Performance Awards for Commended Performance in Reading, Math, Writing and Science and Comparable Improvement in Reading.

Audrey Staniszewski is Wilson Elementary's principal and Lorena Salas is the assistant principal.