



UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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United Independent School District garners TEA Gold Performance Acknowledgements

The United Independent School District (UISD) recently received Texas Education Agency's (TEA) final Gold Performance Acknowledgments (GPA) for the 2008-2009 school year. The release of the information confirms UISD continues to remain on the right path of student and district success.

“On behalf of the Board of the Trustees, I would like to congratulate all of our schools who received Gold Performance Acknowledgements from TEA,” said UISD Superintendent Roberto J. Santos. “These acknowledgements reflect the work that is being done at our campuses. I would like to thank our campus principals, teachers, all faculty and staff, for working together to make student achievement our number one priority,” he stated.

“I commend these schools for a job well done. Our district is working towards receiving more of these achievements next year,” said UISD Associate Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Pamela R. Juarez.

GPA is a system under TEA that recognizes school districts and campuses for their high performance level on the basis of several performance indicators. These are different than the ones used to determine accountability ratings. At the district level there are 13 indicators to be earned while at the campus level there are 15. The 15 campus level GPA indicators that are given for high performance include: Advanced Course/Dual Enrollment Completion, Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Results, Attendance Rate, College-Ready Graduates, Commended Performance: Reading/English Language Arts, Commended Performance: Mathematics, Commended Performance: Writing, Commended Performance: Science, Commended Performance: Social Studies, Comparable Improvement: Reading/English Language Arts, Comparable Improvement: Mathematics, Recommended High School Program/Distinguished Achievement Program, SAT/ACT Results (College Admissions Tests), Texas Success Initiative–Higher Education Readiness Component: English Language Arts, and Texas Success Initiative–Higher Education Readiness Component: Mathematics. Each of these indicators are awarded to schools separately.

At the district level and for the sixth time in a row, UISD received a GPA for *Recommended High School Program*. To receive this acknowledgement, school districts must have 85% of its 2008 graduating class meet or exceed the graduation requirements for the Recommended High School Program or Distinguished Achievement Program. UISD has continuously received this acknowledgement since the GPA system began in 2004.

At the campus level, 32 of the district's 40 campuses received several GPA acknowledgements for a combined district wide total of more than 90 GPA's. More impressively, seventeen schools received a

GPA for *commended math* and 14 schools received a GPA for *commended science*. For these acknowledgments, a campus must have 30% or more of its examinees scoring at or above the commended performance standard. Also, seventeen campuses received acknowledgement for *attendance*. For this GPA, elementary to high school campuses had to have a 95% to 97% overall attendance rate.

The following campuses and their number of 2008-2009 GPA's are as follows:

- United High School, 4
- United South High School, 3
- John B. Alexander High School, 2
- Lyndon B. Johnson High School, 2
- United Middle School, 2
- George Washington Middle School, 1
- Clark Middle School, 3
- Los Obispos Middle School, 1
- Trautmann Middle School, 3
- Nye Elementary School, 2
- Clark Elementary School, 2
- Newman Elementary School, 2
- Trautmann Elementary School, 5
- Perez Elementary School, 3
- Finley Elementary School, 2
- United DD Hachar Elementary School, 6
- Gutierrez Elementary School, 3
- Ruiz Elementary School, 1
- Matias De Llano Elementary School, 5
- Kazen Elementary School, 4
- Juarez-Lincoln Elementary School, 3
- Prada Elementary School, 1
- Borchers Elementary School, 2
- Kennedy Zapata Elementary School, 4
- Col. Santos Benavides Elementary School, 6
- Zaffirini Elementary School, 1
- Cuellar Elementary School, 4
- Muller Elementary School, 6
- Arndt Elementary School, 4
- Centeno Elementary School, 2
- Malakoff Elementary School, 3
- Fasken Elementary School, 3

For more information on Gold Performance Acknowledgements visit the TEA website at www.tea.state.tx.us.

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