



# GOOSE CREEK

## CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



The Goose Creek CISD Board of Trustees recently recognized the campuses responsible for earning a record 18 Gold Performance Acknowledgements. Front row from left are De Zavala Elementary Assistant Principal Betty Baca, Highlands Elementary Principal Ruth Perrin, Hopper Primary Principal Brenda Gongora, Travis Elementary Principal Karen Thomas, San Jacinto Elementary Principal Becky Robins, Lamar Elementary Principal Rachelle Ysquierdo, Cedar Bayou Junior Principal Greg Lynd, and Hyland Center Principal Michelle Verdun. In the back row are Walker Elementary Principal Renee Meyer, Crockett Elementary Principal Susan Griffin, Austin Elementary Principal Laura Smith, Alamo Elementary Principal Dr. Ron Wyatt, Highlands Junior Principal Kevin Foxworth, Gentry Junior Principal David Gillings, Sterling High Principal Dr. Don Beck, Memorial High Principal Al Richard, Baytown Junior Principal Michael Wahl, and IMPACT ECHS Principal Karen Smithson.

## 18 Campuses Earn Top Commendations from State

Goose Creek CISD and 18 of its campuses have received 2011 Gold Performance Acknowledgements from the Texas Education Agency.

Gold Performance Acknowledgments are awarded to districts and campuses for high academic performance on various indicators, such as commended performance on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, college admissions tests, and Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate examinations. These acknowledgments reflect areas of academic performance and growth that go beyond state accountability ratings.

"These acknowledgements are important to our campuses and district," Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York said. "They reflect a commitment to high expectations for our students and staff and achievements relating to improved performance."

The majority of the acknowledgements awarded to Goose Creek CISD campuses were based on the percentage of students achieving the level of Commended on their TAKS scores, for performance above the state standard. To receive a Commended Gold Performance Acknowledgement, 30 percent or more of students in all sub-populations had to score at the Commended level in one of the areas tested.

Also, several campuses were recognized with Gold Performance Acknowledgements for Comparable Improvement, based on improved student performance on the TAKS. This honor is achieved when a campus ranks in the top 25 percent of schools of similar size and student demographic makeup.

Of the 18 campuses earning acknowledgment, nine received acknowledgment on more than one indicator.

### The Gold Performance Acknowledgments for Goose Creek CISD campuses were:

- Sterling High School – Commended Performance: Social studies.
- Memorial High School – Commended Performance: Social studies; Recommended High School Program/Distinguished Achievement Program (for acknowledgment, 85 percent of all 2010 graduates reported must meet or exceed the requirements for the Distinguished Achievement Program).
- IMPACT Early College High School – Commended Performance: Reading and math.
- Peter E. Hyland Center – Texas Success Initiative: ELA. This indicator shows the percent of grade 11 students who are considered ready to begin college-level work, based on their performance on the TAKS exit-level examination.
- Baytown Junior – Comparable Improvement: Reading and math.
- Cedar Bayou Junior School – Commended Performance: Social Studies; and Comparable Improvement: Math.
- Gentry Junior School – Comparable Improvement: Math.
- Highlands Junior School – Commended Performance: Social Studies; and Comparable Improvement: Math.
- Alamo Elementary School – Commended Performance: Science.
- Ashbel Smith Elementary School – Commended Performance: Science.
- Austin Elementary School – Commended Performance: Reading, math, writing, and science.
- Crockett Elementary School – Commended Performance: Reading, math, writing, and science; Comparable Improvement: Math.
- De Zavala Elementary School – Commended Performance: Writing and science; Comparable Improvement: Reading and math.
- Highlands Elementary School/Hopper Primary School – Commended Performance: Reading, math, and science.
- Lamar Elementary School – Commended Performance: Science.
- San Jacinto Elementary School – Commended Performance: Science.
- Travis Elementary School – Commended Performance: Science.
- Walker Elementary School – Comparable Improvement: Math.
- Goose Creek CISD – Commended Performance: Social studies; and Recommended High School Program/Distinguished Achievement Program.

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