



GOOSE CREEK

CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

More than 500 students compete in UIL junior school events

Goose Creek's annual junior school UIL Academic meet was held on February 19-20 at Highlands Junior School. More than 500 sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from every junior school campus competed in 16 academic events with each campus represented among the winning teams or individual events.

Individual medals were awarded in prose reading, group improv, impromptu, poetry reading, number sense, general math, calculator skills, dictionary skills, listening skills, social studies, science, spelling, writing, music memory, art memory and maps, graphs and charts. Schools also received first place trophies for overall points in each event. First through third place trophies were awarded to Gentry, Horace Mann, and Cedar Bayou Junior Schools for having the highest cumulative points scored by students in all events.

The district wide competition was hosted by Highlands Junior School assisted by individual campus coordinators and event coaches as well as volunteer monitors, judges and graders. Winning students and teams were personally congratulated at the awards ceremony by Dr. Toby York, superintendent of schools, and executive directors, Suzanne Heinrich and Diana Cox.

Here is a list of the winners:

Dictionary Skills – eighth grade

First place: Garrett Barton, Horace Mann
 Second place: Alex Vasquez, Horace Mann
 Third place: Ricardo Medina, Horace Mann
 Fourth place: Bianca Quinones, Baytown Junior
 Fifth place: Alyssa Garza, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Alexis Davila, Baytown Junior
 Dictionary Skills – seventh grade
 First place: Jaime Rodriguez, Horace Mann
 Second place: Michael Hernandez, Horace Mann
 Third place: Aysa Patel, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Juan Perez, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: Celeste Nyrobi, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Iliana Banda, Baytown Junior
 Dictionary Skills – sixth grade
 First place: Levi Torres, Horace Mann
 Second place: Dominique Palmer, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Shruti Bam, Horace Mann
 Fourth place: Suhani Bhakta, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Brenda Garcia, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Akila Patel, Gentry Junior

Listening Skills – eighth grade

First place: Raven Jenkins, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Elizabeth Keyes, Highlands Junior
 Third place (tie): Shelby Sylvester, Horace Mann
 Third place (tie): Kris Gibbs, Gentry Junior
 Third place (tie): Andrea Garcia, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Aryn Clift, Highlands Junior
 Listening Skills – seventh grade
 First place: Megan West, Highlands Junior
 Second place: Kelsey West, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Lauren Corbett, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Samantha Duran, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Natalie Martin, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Sabrina Munguia, Baytown Junior
 Listening Skills – sixth grade
 First place: Slavash Zamirpour, Gentry Junior
 Second place (tie): Sean McCafferty, Baytown Junior
 Second place (tie): Kaitlyn Jones, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place (tie): Suhani Bhakta, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place (tie): Dominique Palmer, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Delaney Palstra, Cedar Bayou

General math – eighth grade

First place: Madeline Eschberger, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Christian Mendoza, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Evan Situ, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Crystal Huerta, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Andrea Cole, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Lorenzo Rodriguez, Highlands Junior
 General math – seventh grade
 First place: Kayla Stears, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Darian Magness, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Pooja Bhula, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place: Chris Prox, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Budy Pulido, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Brenda Garcia, Cedar Bayou
 General math – sixth grade
 First place: Nathan Kelley, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Astrid Guevara, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Siauash Zamirpour, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Ariel Pratt, Baytown Junior
 Fifth place: James Landry, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Jasiel Alvarado, Cedar Bayou

Number sense – eighth grade

First place: Christian Mendoza, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Bryce Benskin, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Kursten Jamie, Horace Mann
 Fourth place: Presley Lundquist, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Sasha Ramjattan, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Briana Madox, Baytown Junior
 Number sense – seventh grade
 First place: Darian Magness, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Tara Bevers, Horace Mann
 Third place: David Collier, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place: Chris Prox, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Kayla Stears, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Caren Sanchez, Gentry Junior
 Number sense – sixth grade
 First place: Divanti Shukla, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Caroline Fess, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Ruchir Pipalia, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Shruti Bam, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: James Weber, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place: Nathan Kelley, Gentry Junior

Ready writing – eighth grade

First place: Sage Hadley, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Morgan Miles, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Paige Selensky, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Shelby Blackwell, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Genni Butts, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place: Leslie Price, Gentry Junior
 Ready writing – seventh grade
 First place: Kathy Torres, Highlands Junior
 Second place: Ashley Brown, Gentry Junior
 Third place: MaKenna Leatherwood, Baytown Junior
 Fourth place: Ayzha Webb, Highlands Junior
 Fifth place: Sterling Milner, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Cameron Adams, Gentry Junior
 Ready writing – sixth grade
 First place: Kimberly Williams, Baytown Junior
 Second place: Rachel Brown, Highlands Junior
 Third place: Madison Garcia, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Astrid Guevara, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Taylor Almendarez, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Isis Alfred, Baytown Junior

Impromptu speaking – eighth grade

Gold medal: Alesha Ponce, Baytown Junior; Luis Espinoza, Baytown Junior; Gabi McCune, Gentry Junior; Derek Robinson, Highlands Junior; Taelor Harris, Horace Mann; and Sasha Ramjattan, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Angela Serrano, Baytown Junior; Sage Hadley, Cedar Bayou; Savannah McDaniel, Cedar Bayou; William Hutchison, Highlands Junior; and Angel Guzman, Highlands Junior
 Bronze medal: Donald Craig III, Cedar Bayou; Alyse Munroe, Gentry; and Susana Madrigal, Horace Mann
 Impromptu speaking – seventh grade
 Gold medal: Dejah Anatole, Gentry Junior; Cade Welch, Highlands Junior; Myra Yado, Horace Mann; and Samantha Gonzalez, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Natalie Martin, Cedar Bayou; Thomas Butcher, Cedar Bayou; Chloe O'Brian, Gentry Junior; and Johnny Turner, Highlands Junior
 Bronze medal: Herman Hopson, Horace Mann
 Impromptu speaking – sixth grade
 Gold medal: Diego Sierra, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Abigail Briscoe, Gentry Junior; Ashton Cole, Gentry Junior; and Tanner Stephens, Highlands Junior
 Bronze medal: Gerrod Baldwin, Gentry; Tyler Spell, Highlands Junior; and Jose Pulido, Horace Mann

Science 2– eighth grade

First place: Yeswant Deverakonda, Gentry Junior
 Second place (tie): Pablo Chavez, Horace Mann
 Second place (tie): Sid Torres, Baytown Junior
 Second place (tie): Donald Craig, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Victoria Rosas, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place: Samantha Post oak, Cedar Bayou
 Science 2– seventh grade
 First place: Chris Prox, Cedar Bayou
 Second place (tie): Darian Magness, Gentry Junior
 Second place (tie): Marcos Gonzales, Baytown Junior
 Fourth place: Samantha Duran, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Nathan Sheffield, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place: David Minson, Gentry Junior

Music memory – eighth grade

First place: Azalia Sprecher, Horace Mann
 Second place: Neil Hernandez, Horace Mann
 Third place: Angela Rios, Baytown Junior
 Fourth place: Darian Hernandez, Highlands Junior
 Fifth place: Cynthia Ponce, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Monica Ozuna, Baytown Junior
 Music memory – seventh grade
 First place: Desirae Gonzalez, Horace Mann
 Second place: Lilliana Flores, Baytown Junior
 Third place: Jolene Crawford, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Megan West, Highlands Junior
 Fifth place: Tyrae Ihonvbere, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Gabby Overhaul, Gentry Junior
 Music memory – sixth grade
 First place: Matthew Broussard, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Jaisiel Sprecher, Horace Mann
 Third place: Cassidy Pesudes, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Rachel King, Highlands Junior
 Fifth place: Elizabeth Lara, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Miriam Heredia, Baytown Junior
 Seventh place: Genesis Torres, Baytown Junior

Art – eighth grade

First place: Abraham Sanchez, Baytown Junior

Prose – eighth grade

Gold medal: Madii Poirot, Baytown Junior; Lauren Ailles, Baytown Junior; Landon Mathieu, Highlands Junior; Elizabeth Keyes, Highlands Junior; and Katrina Compton, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Eliseo Garcia, Baytown Junior; Cheyenne Davis, Gentry Junior; and Jose Mendez, Horace Mann
 Bronze medal: Kursten Jaime, Horace Mann; Alise Mena, Gentry Junior; and Derek Robinson, Highlands Junior
 Prose – seventh grade
 Gold medal: Katherine McKay, Cedar Bayou; Allie Guy, Cedar Bayou; Johnny Turner, Highlands Junior; Elissa Witt, Horace Mann; and Alyssa Salinas, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Cedric Godfrey, Baytown Junior; Catherine Young, Baytown Junior; Marshall Cooke, Cedar Bayou; Jayla Watkins, Gentry Junior; Itzel Carrasco, Gentry Junior; and Samantha Gonzalez, Horace Mann
 Bronze medal: Maria Torres, Baytown Junior; Jessica Stiegler, Gentry Junior; and Cade Welch, Highlands Junior
 Prose – sixth grade
 Gold medal: Nicole Poirot, Baytown Junior; Javonne Ladet, Gentry Junior; Siiya Zuniga, Horace Mann; Isaac Lewis, Horace Mann; and Jose Pulido, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Erendida Hernandez, Baytown Junior; Micah Pierce, Gentry Junior; and Siavash Zamirpour, Gentry Junior
 Bronze medal: Ahleena Lugo, Cedar Bayou; Mario Hurtado, Cedar Bayou; Jordan Averitt, Highlands Junior; Kaitlyn Sammarco, Highlands Junior; and Jonathan Cauthan, Highlands Junior

Poetry – eighth grade

Gold medal: Jordan Manuel, Baytown Junior; Shelby Blackwell, Gentry Junior; Perla Saavedra, Horace Mann; Katrina Compton, Horace Mann; and Kursten Jaime, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Eliseo Garcia, Baytown Junior; Madii Poirot, Baytown Junior; Samantha Post oak, Cedar Bayou; Ruth Francis, Cedar Bayou; Ashley Casey, Cedar Bayou; Conner Clegg, Gentry Junior; Gerrod Baldwin, Gentry Junior; Angel Guzman; Highlands Junior; and Aryn Clift, Highlands Junior

Poetry – seventh grade

Gold medal: Katelyn Burns, Highlands Junior; Alyssa Salinas, Horace Mann; and Elissa Witt, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Brittany Mathis, Cedar Bayou; Landon Earnest, Gentry Junior; Jessica Crawford, Gentry Junior; and Karen Chavez, Horace Mann
 Bronze medal: Maria Torres, Baytown Junior; Catherine Young, Baytown Junior; Katherine McKay, Cedar Bayou; Tristen Truitt, Gentry Junior; and Ericka Johnson, Highlands Junior

Poetry – sixth grade

Gold medal: Nicole Poirot, Baytown Junior; Cierra Ward, Highlands Junior; Vivian Monasterio, Horace Mann; Jaime Ponce, Horace Mann; and Karina Rojas, Horace Mann
 Silver medal: Kaylee Stewart, Baytown Junior; Olga Lombrana, Baytown Junior; De ricka Lewis, Gentry Junior; Jessica Jones, Gentry Junior; Tanner Stephens, Highlands Junior; and Kaitlyn Jones, Highlands Junior
 Bronze medal: Karma sample, Cedar Bayou; Katherine Russell, Cedar Bayou; Brooke Lundquist, Cedar Bayou; and Abby Buggs, Gentry Junior

Group improvisation – eighth grade

Gold medal: from Baytown Junior – Jordan Manuel, Colson Shepherd, Maddie Herrera, Priscilla Jones and Kimberly Aranda; from Cedar Bayou – Brianna Jason, Sierra Wheeler, and Mason Lewis; from Gentry – Amber Hodge, Brandon Reinersten, Shelby Schlesselman; Conner Clegg, Gabby McCune and Alyse Munroe; from Highlands Junior – Darian Hernandez, Alan Cauthan, and Maddie Walker; from Horace Mann – Armando Morfin, Jose Mendez, and Carmen Ochoa.
 Silver medal: from Baytown Junior – Rosa Vasquez, Jocelyn Martinez, and Luis Espinoza; from Gentry Junior – Roque Gonzalez, Wayne Wood, and Stephen Jackson; from Highlands Junior – Landon Mathieu, Angel Guzman, William Hutchison, Elizabeth Keyes, Aryn Clift, and Drayton Guillory; from Horace Mann – Sasha Ramjattan, Eva Castellanos, and Katrina Compton
 Bronze medal: from Cedar Bayou – Meagan Briggs, Ruth Francis, and Tori Smith; and from Horace Mann – Taelor Harris, Susana Madrigal, and Perla Saavedra

Group improvisation – seventh grade

Gold medal: from Gentry Junior – Landon Earnest, Chris Arabia, Abby Lalumandier, Jose Ayala, Sydnee Land, and

Spelling – eighth grade

First place: Bedford Umezulike, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Jeremiah Bolivar, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Nathan Tharp, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Destiny Somerville, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Leslie Price, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Kaylon Flores, Highlands Elementary

Spelling – seventh grade

First place: Jan Castro, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Ayscha Webb, Highlands Junior
 Third place: Cassidi Pape, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Brandon Dunbar, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Maria Ortiz, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Killian Flavien, Highlands Junior

Spelling – sixth grade

First place: Rachel King, Highlands Junior
 Second place: Cassandra Mouton, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Breanna Runnells, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Shruiti Bam, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: Astrid Guevera, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Ciara Thitoff, Highlands Junior

Calculator skills – eighth grade

First place: Erik Chavez, Baytown Junior
 Second place: Nick Garcia, Cedar Bayou
 Third place: Crystal Huerta, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Ginnie Berg, Baytown Junior
 Fifth place: Jeremiah Bolivar, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Stormy Boyd, Gentry Junior

Calculator skills – seventh grade

First place: Lauren Corbett, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Desirae Gonzalez, Horace Mann
 Third place: Julian Reyna, Horace Mann
 Fourth place: Shelby Bond, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Frankie Hernandez, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Juan Villegas, Gentry Junior

Calculator skills – sixth grade

First place: Caroline Fess, Cedar Bayou
 Second place: Nancy Morfin, Horace Mann
 Third place: Matthew King, Cedar Bayou
 Fourth place: Katy Arabie, Baytown Junior
 Fifth place: Nikita Nance, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Sierra Thompson, Baytown Junior

Social studies – eighth grade

First place: Azalia Sprecher, Horace Mann
 Second place: Lauren Bernal, Horace Mann
 Third place (tie): Christian Carpio, Horace Mann
 Third place (tie): Cameron Rock, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Yaswant Deverkorda, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Evan Situ, Gentry Junior

Social studies – seventh grade

First place: Kaelyn Anaya, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Geovanna Arguellas, Highlands Junior
 Third place (tie): Juan Villegas, Gentry Junior
 Third place (tie): Iram Halquin, Highlands Junior
 Third place (tie): Zachary Blackman, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Paige Searcy, Highlands Junior

Social studies – sixth grade

First place: Miguel Morales, Baytown Junior
 Second place: Trey Davis, Highlands Junior
 Third place: Cheyenne McBay, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Juan Aguilera, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: Jonathan Viel, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place: Jennifer Caltzeron, Gentry Junior

Second place: Genni Butts, Highlands Junior
 Third place: Marcus Collins, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place: Brett Jones, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Abraham Irias, Horace Mann
 Sixth place (tie): Stephen Tate, Highlands Junior
 Sixth place (tie): Monica Martinez, Gentry Junior

Art – seventh grade

First place: Christian Gonzalez, Highlands Junior
 Second place: Yareli Juarez, Baytown Junior
 Second place: Kevin Trejo, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place: Ayscha Patel, Gentry Junior
 Fifth place: Kiara Francis, Baytown Junior
 Sixth place: Geoffrey Glaspie, Highlands Junior

Art – sixth grade

First place: Rachel Brown, Highlands Junior
 Second place: Laura Macedo, Cedar Bayou
 Third place (tie): Drake Collins, Highlands Junior
 Third place (tie): Sueyzen FongBaeza, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Jaime Ponce, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Alyssa Cantu, Gentry Junior

Maps & graphs – eighth grade

First place: Yaswant Devrokonda, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Andrea Cole, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Rishab Gadi, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Abraham Gomez, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: Pablo Chavez, Horace Mann
 Sixth place: Sage Hadley, Cedar Bayou

Maps & graphs – seventh grade

First place: Caren Sanchez, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Clay Kogut, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Rudy Pulido, Gentry Junior
 Fourth place: Tara Bevers, Horace Mann
 Fifth place: Marshall Cooke, Cedar Bayou
 Sixth place: Frankie Hernandez, Cedar Bayou

Maps & graphs – sixth grade

First place: Dhvani Shukla, Gentry Junior
 Second place: Ruchir Pipalia, Gentry Junior
 Third place: Joshua Sanchez, Highlands Junior
 Fourth place: Delaney Dalstrom, Cedar Bayou
 Fifth place: Alexander Moyers, Gentry Junior
 Sixth place: Charlie Flint, Highlands Junior

Morgan Allen; from Highlands Junior – Cade Welch, Kaitlyn Burns, Johnny Turner, Ericka Johnson, Ayzha Webb, and Kathy Torres; from Horace Mann – Aisha Isaac, Alyssa Salinas, Karen Chavez, Elissa Witt, Samantha Gonzalez, and Herman Hopson
 Silver medal: from Baytown Junior – Catherine Young, Eric Ramirez, Cedric Godfrey, Devin Spell, Alyssa Flores, Victoria Martinez, Meredith Gibson, Jessica Hayes, and MaKenna Leatherwood; from Cedar Bayou – Thomas Butcher, Brittany Mathis, Jordan Prater, Chelsea Rubin, Atova Coper, Kimbra Tippen; from Gentry Junior – Robyn Floyd, Abigail Vernier, and Symone Scott
 Bronze medal: from Horace Mann – Myra Yado, Jasmine Juarez, and Ashley Rayon; from Cedar Bayou – Andrew Wahl, James Prescott, and Hannah Weaver

Group improvisation – sixth grade

Gold medal: From Highlands Junior – Jumar Magtibay, Casie Russell and Alex Rodriguez; from Horace Mann – Isaac Lewis, Nancy Rangel, and Norma Diaz
 Silver medal: from Highlands Junior – Hunter Hamm, Daniel Stone, Hayden Sanders, Tyler Spell, Raven Pitre, and Sierra Quiroga
 Bronze medal: from Baytown Junior – Elizabeth Rios, Nancy Vega, and Nicole Poirot; from Cedar Bayou – Payton Adams, Ethan Hanson, Carl Spell, Parker Watson, Ernie Beard, and Jerat Parrino; from Gentry Junior – Javonne LeDet, Taylor Rivera, Micha Pierce, Maddie Snyder, Addie Brown, and Cody Lager; From Horace Mann – Diego Sierra, Luis Martinez, Angel Torres, Jose Pulido, Karina Rojas, and Vivian Monasterio

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