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More than half of all District schools ranked high performing

Students and staff at 46 District campuses will have cause for celebration when the 2010-11 school year starts Aug. 23.

According to accountability test results just released by the Texas Education Agency, their schools are rated among the state's top academic

Districtwide, there are now 12 exemplary schools, while the number of recognized campuses is 34.

Last year, a total of 40 SAISD schools were ranked high performing, 11 exemplary and 29 recognized.

Each year since the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test - the state's more rigorous accountability system - was implemented in 2003, SAISD has experienced a steady increase in the District's number of exemplary and recognized campuses.

This year's scores also reflect the most gains in math since 2004 and in science since 2005 on statewide achievement tests in the TAKS era.

In addition to the academic highlights of those outstanding gains, social studies is now at the exemplary level, while reading and writing are rated recognized.

Looking across campuses:

- 85 percent had gains in science, 36 percent in the double digits
- 77 percent had gains in reading and social studies
- 72 percent had gains in math, 24 percent in the double digits



2010 exemplary schools

Travis Early College HS

Austin Academy

Baskin Academy

Briscoe Academy

Hawthorne Academy

Young Women's Leadership Academy

Arnold ES

J.T. Brackenridge ES

Kelly ES

Maverick ES

Wilson ES

Woodlawn Hills ES

Congratulations to our exemplary and recognized schools!



2010 recognized schools

Burbank HS

Barkley-Ruiz Academy

Bonham Academy

Harris Academy

M.L. King Academy

Lowell Academy

Mission Academy

Whittier Academy

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Longfellow MS •••••

Beacon Hill ES Cameron ES

Crockett ES

Forbes ES

Franklin ES Graebner ES

Herff ES

Highland Park ES

Lamar ES

Miller ES

Ogden ES

Washington ES

Rogers ES

Bowden ES

Cotton ES Fenwick ES

Foster ES

Gates ES

Green ES

Highland Hills ES

Japhet ES

Margil ES

Neal ES

Rodriguez ES

Steele ES

School Board considering bond election

Trustees are expected to soon decide whether to call for a bond election this November to fund renovations to schools across the District.

A vote - which is expected to come at the Aug. 16 School Board meeting - would follow work done by a 35-member community-based committee to assess the priorities for a possible bond package.

Their recommendation for a \$502 million bond proposal was presented to the Board on July 16, and is currently being reviewed by Trustees and District administrators who will make final adjustments.

The committee's work began

after approval by the School Board last April to move forward with the first phase of implementation of the long-range restructuring plan, which also was developed by a community committee over the last couple of years.

The committee's recommendation includes funds for classroom renovations and major infrastructure repairs to a number of schools, as well as additional funds for safety, security and technology enhancements.

More information will be shared as soon as details of the bond proposal are finalized.



District 1 Trustee Rubén D. Cuero presents community committee member Steve Lecholop with a certificate of recognition for his service to SAISD. The committee members were honored during the July 19 School Board meeting.

SUMMER, SAISD style!

From availing themselves of fun learning opportunities and sharing their knowledge with others, to taking time to improve health and fitness and preparing for back-to-school, staff, students and parents are making the most of summer 2010.

These are just a few examples. Photos of more summer activities, along with other important news and information, also can be found in the summer issue of the Vision community newspaper, which has been delivered via pony to every SAISD school and is being mailed to all addresses in the District. Vision also is available online in the newsroom section of www.saisd.net.



Bethany Corpus (left) and Clarissa Barba get a traffic comptroller's- like view of the San Antonio International Airport high atop the facility's observation deck. The YWLA students and some of their classmates spent part of their summer learning the principles of flight including physics, engineering and mechanical engineering through Aviation Camp. This was one of several educational adventures students at San Antonio's only all-girls public school are being afforded this summer.



Briscoe Academy data clerk Pauline Rosa assists Ivan Hernandez with enrolling his son Ivan Hernandez Jr. into pre-kindergarten. Hernandez was one of hundreds of parents entering their children into pre-k and Head Start programs during July registration sessions.

Burbank repeats Newsweek list

Their *recognized* rating isn't the Bulldog's only cause for celebration.

For the fifth consecutive time Burbank also has been named one of "America's Top Public High Schools" by Newsweek magazine.

The approximately 1,600 high schools selected for inclusion are considered to comprise the nation's top 6 percent.

Burbank - rated 612 - is one of 15 in Bexar County to make this list.





SAISD parents check out the White House while in Washington, D.C., for the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships GEAR UP summer conference. Pictured are: (back row, I to r) Robert Martinez, Augustine Morales, and Barbara Hines; and (middle row I to r) Alejandra Lopez, Bibiana Morales, and Maria Moreno; and (front row, I to r) Jesus Hernandez, Judith Bautista, Margaret Nombrana, and Grace Paez.

Student Health Services
Department clerk Rachel Valadez
learns about the benefits of an
energy juice drink at the SAISD
Health Fair. Employees also
could take advantage of health
screenings and services including
dental care, cancer awareness,
diabetes education, and heart
health. The fair was among
ongoing health and wellness
opportunities the District offers.



VISIONO



David Udovich, executive director of secondary initiatives, speaks to elementary principals about the Positive Behavior Support program during the July 23-26 Leadership Summit. He and speakers representing a variety of SAISD departments provided principals with an overview of programs and services to help them prepare for the upcoming school year. The Leadership Summit is an annual summer event.

New District appointments and assignments announced

Dorothy Holt Carreon, planning & budget director

Jason Pirruccello, human resources employee relations director

Mary E. Alvarez-Garcia, Margil ES principal

Lanore Cantu, Briscoe Academy principal

Michael Cole, Arnold ES principal

Miguel Elizondo, Lanier HS principal

Venus Medina, Wilson ES principal

Delia Montelongo-McLerran, YWLA principal

Sharon Robinson, Lamar ES principal

Dr. Maria Graciela Setien, Cotton ES principal

Kathleen St. Clair, Pershing ES principal

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