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News Release

Comal ISD receives record 72 Gold Performance Awards

Comal ISD received a record 72 Gold Performance Acknowledgement (GPA) awards from the Texas Education Agency for outstanding academic performance in 2011.

Comal ISD received three of the 72 GPAs in Commended Performance in Social Studies, College Ready Graduates and the Texas Success Initiative (TSI) in Math. A total of 22 campuses received acknowledgements.

GPAs recognize schools for high performance and/or improvement in areas critical to the academic success of students. GPAs can be earned in different categories at the district or campus level. The categories include areas such as attendance rate, commended performance, comparable improvement in reading and math, college ready graduates and advanced placement courses.

The majority of Comal ISD's GPAs were earned for "commended performance" on TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) in 2011, which is the highest

performance level set by the State Board of Education on the TAKS. Commended performance GPAs are earned if 30 percent or more of all students and student subgroups at the school scored at the TAKS commended performance level.

"We are extremely proud of the performance of our students," said Tammy Lind, Comal ISD director of staff development and accountability. "The gold performance acknowledgements indicate that the teachers in Comal ISD continue to educate our students in ways that lead them to a higher level of learning."

The following are the Comal ISD schools that earned GPAs for **Commended**

Performance:

Arlon Seay Elementary—Reading, Science

Bill Brown Elementary—Math, Reading/ELA, Science

Clear Spring Elementary— Math, Writing, Science

Freiheit Elementary—Science

Garden Ridge Elementary—Reading/ELA, Math, Writing, Science

Goodwin Frazier Elementary—Math, Science, Reading/ELA

Hoffmann Lane Elementary—Reading/ELA, Math, Writing, Science

Johnson Ranch Elementary— Reading/ELA, Math, Writing, Science

Morningside Elementary— Reading/ELA, Math, Science

Oak Creek Elementary—Science

Rahe Bulverde Elementary—Writing, Science

Rebecca Creek Elementary—Reading/ELA, Science

Specht Elementary—Math, Reading/ELA, Science

Timberwood Park Elementary— Math, Reading/ELA, Science

Canyon Middle—Social Studies

Church Hill Middle— Reading/ELA, Social Studies

Mountain Valley Middle—Writing, Science

Smithson Valley Middle— Reading/ELA, Writing, Social Studies

Spring Branch Middle—Reading/ELA, Science, Writing, Social Studies

Canyon High—Social Studies

Canyon Lake High—Social Studies

Smithson Valley High—Social Studies

Schools received GPAs in several other categories. Those included: **Comparable**

Improvement awards:

Arlon Seay Elementary—Reading/ELA

Bill Brown Elementary— Reading/ELA

Clear Spring Elementary— Reading/ELA

Garden Ridge Elementary—Reading/ELA

Goodwin Frazier Elementary—Reading/ELA

Morningside Elementary— Reading/ELA, Math

Rahe Bulverde Elementary— Reading/ELA

Rebecca Creek Elementary— Reading/ELA

Church Hill Middle— Reading/ELA

Texas Success Initiative (TSI):

Canyon High—Math

Canyon Lake High—Math

Smithson Valley High—Math

College-Ready Graduates (based on 2010 graduating class):

Canyon Lake High

Smithson Valley High

Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (AP/IB):

Smithson Valley High

To read more about Comal ISD's GPA acknowledgements, please visit:

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2011/manual/index.html> or

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2011/district.srch.html>.

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