

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Comal ISD schools and district earn 39 GPAs**

Thirteen of Comal Independent School District's schools received 38 acknowledgements under the Texas Education Agency's Gold Performance Acknowledgement (GPA) system. The district received a GPA in one category.

The GPAs recognize schools for high performance and/or improvement in areas critical to the academic success of students.

There are 12 different categories in which a GPA can be earned at the district level and 14 different categories at the campus level. Categories range from attendance rate to commended performance in reading/ELA, writing, science, and other subjects, to advanced course enrollment completion.

"We are really proud of our schools that have earned these special state awards from the TEA," says Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent. "The number of GPAs continue to show that the quality of teaching and learning is excellent in Comal ISD."

The majority of Comal ISD's GPAs were earned for "commended performance" on TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills). Commended performance is earned on a TAKS test if 20 percent or more of all students and student subgroups at the school scored at the Commended Performance level, essentially meaning each student could not have missed more than two questions on the specific test.

Other GPAs were earned for Comparable Improvement (CI). These acknowledgements depend on comparisons of a school's performance to a group of 40 similar schools.

The following are the Comal ISD schools that earned GPAs for

**Commended Performance:**

Comal ISD — Reading/ELA

Bill Brown Elementary — Reading/ELA

Canyon Intermediate – Math  
Canyon Middle — Writing  
Comal Elementary -- Reading/ELA, Math  
Frazier Elementary -- Reading/ELA  
Hoffmann Lane Elementary -- Reading/ELA, Math, Writing, Science  
Mt. Valley School — Reading/ELA, Math  
Rahe Bulverde Elementary -- Reading/ELA, Math, Writing  
Rebecca Creek Elementary -- Reading/ELA, Math, Science  
Arlon Seay Intermediate -- Reading/ELA, Math  
Smithson Valley Middle -- Reading/ELA, Writing, Social Studies  
Specht Elementary -- Reading/ELA, Math, Writing  
Spring Branch Middle -- Reading/ELA, Writing, Social Studies

Schools receiving **Comparable Improvement** awards are:

Bill Brown Elementary — Reading/ELA  
Canyon Intermediate – Reading/ELA  
Hoffmann Lane Elementary – Reading/ELA  
Mt. Valley School — Reading/ELA, Math  
Rahe Bulverde Elementary – Math  
Arlon Seay Intermediate — Reading/ELA  
Smithson Valley Middle — Reading/ELA  
Specht Elementary – Math