

THE BEST ARE IN THE EAST – HISD EAST REGION SCHOOLS



The **Houston Independent School District’s East Region** is made up of 43 schools throughout Houston’s East Side. The East Region serves more than 32,000 students in Pre-K through grade 12. Students from across the Houston area travel to East Region schools to participate in innovative programs in engineering, oil industry technology, early college preparatory, dual credit courses as well as gifted and talented and Magnet programs. East Region schools offer challenging academic curriculum that supports the college-bound culture of HISD.

Recovering from IKE



East Region schools and families pulled together to recover from Hurricane IKE. Campus principals, staff and custodians worked long hours and through the weekend to repair damage and restore

campuses to operating condition. While classes were not in session, students from East Region middle and high schools worked with community organizations and FEMA personnel to help distribute ice and food to residents in their area. **Milby, Chavez, Austin, East Early College** and **Eastwood Academy** students manned distribution lines. **Deady** middle school hosted a spaghetti dinner to feed families and to assist parents in filling out FEMA forms. Way to Go East!

East Region Value-Added

East Region students showed unprecedented growth in the 2007 – 2008 school year under the district’s “**ASPIRE**” educational improvement model. The program’s four components: informing practice, improving teaching and learning, developing human capital, and recognizing excellence, are the basis for improving academic outcomes for all HISD students. The focus for student outcomes has shifted from one that measures only achievement to one that measures the individual progress of each student.

Value-Added Summary Comparison 2008 Mean NCE Gain		
	HISD	East Region
Science	3.0	4.3
Math	2.9	4.1
Social Studies	2.2	3.4
Language	2.9	3.3
Reading	2.3	2.8

Kudos and Accolades

- The number of East Region Schools rated “Exemplary” by the Texas Education Agency increased from one to seven! This number includes **De Zavala, J.P. Henderson, Lantrip,** and **Oates** elementary schools, **Project Chrysalis Middle School, Eastwood Academy,** and **East Early College High School.**
- The number of East Region schools rated “Recognized” by the Texas Education Agency increased from seven to fifteen! This number includes the following elementary campuses: **Briscoe, Burnet, Cage, Carrillo, Crespo, Davila, Gallegos, J.R. Harris, R.P. Harris, Lewis, Park Place, Patterson, Port Houston, Rucker,** and **Sanchez.**

The Texas Business & Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll recognizes schools for academic performance. TBEC Honor Roll schools have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on every TAKS test for three consecutive years. TBEC Honor Roll schools have the highest percentage of students performing at the state’s most rigorous standard, “**Commended**” in every subject. Being named a TBEC Honor Roll school is the most prestigious academic award given in Texas. East Region schools that have been named to the TBEC 2008 Honor Roll include: **Oates Elementary, De Zavala Elementary,** and **Eastwood Academy.**

Austin High School

MAGNET PROGRAM FOR TEACHING AND COACHING PROFESSIONS

The **Austin High School** Magnet for Teaching Professions now offers a coaching strand for students who are interested in becoming teachers/coaches. Students enrolled in the coaching strand will have the opportunity to learn how to coach a sport in addition to learning how to become effective classroom teachers. In

their senior year, students in the coaching program will participate in paid internships either with coaches on the Austin campus or with sports organizations and sports teams in the Houston area.

Elementary Campuses that Shine

R. P. Harris Going Green

The students and teachers of **R. P. Harris Elementary** have been working with Lowes, the Annenberg Scholarship Foundation, and British Petroleum to teach the R. P. Harris community the importance of becoming green. Lowes has developed a variety of gardens on the campus to teach students the importance of keeping the earth beautiful. The Annenberg Scholarship Foundation has contributed \$100,000 and British Petroleum \$10,000 to continue the building of this natural habitat. The funds also provide materials to help teach students the value of being environmentally friendly. The goal of the program is to help students develop life long conservation skills and share their respect for nature with their community.



Pleasantville Elementary Addition

As an element of its Environmental Science program during the summer of 2008, **Pleasantville** installed a miniature pond. The installation was the product of collaboration between the school's business partners Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Urban Harvest, and students who participated in the Pleasantville Summer School Environmental Science Program under the direction of Science Lead Teacher, Ms. Erma Moore.



Middle - School Programs that Engage

Ortiz Middle School is especially proud of its award winning "Mighty Eagle" Band. The band has grown from 30 members in 2002 to 92 members in 2008-09.

The band has earned various awards and recognition for their outstanding performance. Under the direction of band teacher, Roderick Kennedy, the Ortiz band has performed at football games, competitions, and parades. During school year 2006-07, the band competed in its first UIL competition where students earned 21 first and second place awards. In 2007-2008, students once again earned high honors with a total of 23 first and second place awards.



East Region Schools

Belfort Academy	Lantrip Elem.	Whittier Elem.
Bonner Elem.	Laurenzo ECC	Project Chrysalis
Briscoe Elem.	Lewis Elem.	Deady Middle
Burnet Elem.	Oates Elem.	Edison Middle
Cage Elem.	Park Place Elem.	Holland Middle
Carrillo Elem.	Patterson Elem.	Jackson Middle
Crespo Elem.	Pleasantville Elem.	Stevenson Middle
Dávila Elem.	Port Houston Elem.	Ortiz Middle
De Zavala Elem.	Robinson Elem.	Austin High
Franklin Elem.	Rucker Elem.	Chávez High
Gallegos Elem.	The Rusk School	Eastwood Academy
Harris, J. R. Elem.	Sánchez Elem.	East Early College
Harris, R. P. Elem.	Southmayd Elem.	Furr High / REACH
Henderson Elem.	Tijerina Elem.	Milby High



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