**33 HISD schools earn spot on 2015 Texas Honor Roll**

*List includes schools that exhibit high academic achievement and have reduced achievement gaps*

*March 2, 2016* — Thirty-three schools from across the Houston Independent School District have been named to the 2015 Texas Honor Roll by the Educational Results Partnership, a nonprofit organization that showcases schools with high academic achievement.

The Honor Roll includes 713 state public schools that display academic excellence, continue to improve over time, and show reduction in achievement gaps among ethnic minority and economically disadvantaged students.

Schools can earn a spot on the Honor Roll in one of two categories — Star Schools or Scholar Schools. The designations are based on student performance on the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) test.

Twenty-two HISD schools were designated as Star Schools because they are considered high-performing and have at least 33 percent of students categorized as economically disadvantaged. Eleven HISD schools were recognized as Scholar Schools because they are considered high performing and have fewer than 33 percent of students categorized as economically disadvantaged.

“These rankings are evidence we have effective and talented teachers in our classrooms,” Interim Superintendent Ken Huewitt said. “I congratulate the 33 schools who have earned a spot on the list. Together with our Board of Education, HISD plans to continue our efforts to ensure all our students receive a high-quality education.”

Five HISD Star Schools also received a special STEM Schools designation because they scored among the top 10 percent of all Star Schools in the areas of math and science.

HISD schools included on the 2015 Texas Honor Roll are:

**Star Schools**

* **Elementary**: DeChaumes, Lovett, Lyons, Mandarin Chinese Language Immersion Magnet, Oak Forest, Park Place, Red, Sinclair, Windsor Village
* **Middle**: Project Chrysalis, West Briar
* **High**: Challenge Early College, DeBakey High School for Health Professions, East Early College, Eastwood Academy, High School for Law Enforcement & Criminal Justice, Houston Academy for International Studies, Lamar, Mount Carmel Academy, North Houston Early College, Sharpstown International
* **Multi-grade**: Briarmeadow Charter

**Scholar Schools**

* **Elementary**: Bush, Horn, River Oaks, Roberts, Twain, West University
* **Middle**: Lanier, Pin Oak
* **High**: Carnegie Vanguard, High School for the Performing and Visual Arts
* **Multi-grade**: T.H. Rogers

**STEM Schools**

* **Elementary**: Oak Forest
* **Middle**: Project Chrysalis
* **High**: DeBakey High School for Health Professions, Eastwood Academy, North Houston Early College

To see a list of all Honor Roll schools or to learn more about the methodology, please visit that organization’s website— [edresults.org](http://edresults.org/).

