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HISD's DeBakey High School repeats number one ranking in CHILDREN AT RISK analysis

The district is also recognized for high performance on high-poverty campuses

June 4, 2019 – For the 11th consecutive year, DeBakey High School for Health Professions topped the 2019 CHILDREN AT RISK list of best public schools in the Houston area. HISD's Eastwood Academy ranked third in the Houston area, Carnegie Vanguard came in fourth, East Early College was sixth among local public high schools, and Challenge Early College ranked eighth regionally.

"We thank CHILDREN AT RISK for recognizing the work done by HISD and our neighboring districts to ensure academic equity for all students," HISD Interim Superintendent Grenita Lathan said. "Our city helps drive the nation's economy and our public schools are the engine."

CHILDREN AT RISK has also designated several HISD campuses as Gold Ribbon Schools for having high achievement levels despite having a high population of students living in poverty. The top five elementary Gold Ribbon schools in Houston are all in HISD. Field Elementary received the top ranking, followed by Park Place, Lyons, De Chaumes and DeAnda elementary schools. Pilgrim Academy, which serves grades PK-8, also earned a Gold Ribbon distinction for its middle school.

Four HISD schools placed in the top 10 in overall rankings for Houston-area middle schools. T.H. Rogers ranked third and Project Chrysalis Middle School ranked fourth in the area. Mandarin Immersion Magnet School ranked fifth and Lanier Middle School ranked seventh regionally.

Three HISD schools placed in the top 10 in overall rankings among area elementary schools, including T.H. Rogers in sixth place, Horn Elementary in seventh, and West University Elementary in ninth place regionally.

CHILDREN AT RISK is a non-profit child advocacy organization that ranks and grades public schools in Texas for the purposes of informing the community and inspiring change as needed.

For the full list of CHILDREN AT RISK school rankings, click [here](#).

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