

HISD MEDIA ADVISORY

HISD's Booker T. Washington Boys Basketball Team makes history by advancing to UIL state tournament

WHAT: The Houston Independent School District will be sending the Booker T. Washington Boys Basketball team off with good luck wishes as they head to the UIL state tournament for the first time in history. The team defeated Silsbee to advance to their 3rd state basketball tournament.

In the first tournament back in 1946, the Washington boys' basketball team competed in the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVIL) being that African American players were not allowed to participate in the University Interscholastic League (UIL). The team defeated Galveston Central by a score of 40-31 during that first tournament and later went on to compete in their second tournament against Wheatley in 1952 where unfortunately they were defeated by a score of 56-50.

Booker T. Washington's boys' basketball team will rewrite history by playing in the UIL tournament Friday, March 10 in the San Antonio Alamodome at 3 p.m. where they will compete against Boerne. If they defeat Boerne, they will move on to compete against the winning team out of Dallas Faith Family and Randall on Saturday, March 11 at 7 p.m.




Media is invited to help celebrate their great accomplishment as they head to this year's UIL tournament in hopes of returning as champions.

WHO: HISD Basketball Coach **Vincent Grayson**, Booker T. Washington basketball players, HISD students and staff

WHEN: Thursday, Mar. 9
8:15 a.m.

WHERE: Booker T. Washington High School, 4204 Yale St., 77018

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