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Just a few of RISD's many accomplishments.



Where all students learn, grow and succeed.

- ❖ Recognized rating from TEA for six consecutive years (2006-2011)
- ❖ Largest diverse district in Texas to earn Recognized rating over six year period
- ❖ 91 percent of RISD campuses are Exemplary or Recognized under the Texas accountability system.
- ❖ TAKS test passing and commended rates exceed the Texas average in every subject in every grade level.
- ❖ Named Best Academically Performing school district in Texas by Education Resource Group (2010)
- ❖ All four RISD high schools have been ranked in the top 5 percent of U.S. High Schools by *The Washington Post* for 2011
- ❖ 23 Department of National Education Blue Ribbon campuses, Dover Elementary and Lake Highlands Junior High named in 2010; Westwood Junior High named in 2011
- ❖ 16 TBEC (Texas Business and Education Coalition) Honor Roll campuses-second most in Texas (2011)
- ❖ 15 NCEA (National Center for Educational Achievement) Higher Performing Schools (2011)
- ❖ 21 RISD schools have earned National Title I Distinguished Performance Awards (2011)
- ❖ Aaa and AA+ financial bond ratings by Moody's and Standard & Poor's – RISD is one of only four districts in Texas with underlying ratings this high (2011)
- ❖ RISD received 4 stars out of 5 from Texas Comptroller for financial efficiency via FAST (2011). In addition, several RISD financial and operational practices were chosen as best practices for Texas districts to consider emulating.
- ❖ RISD received highest possible "Return on Investment" ratings for fiscal efficiency and student achievement from the Center for American Progress. (2011)
- ❖ RISD has received highest possible rating (Gold Leadership Circle) for financial transparency from State Comptroller (2010, 2011)
- ❖ Received a Superior Achievement from FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) (2007-2011)
- ❖ District conservation efforts have resulted in approximate utility savings of \$10+ million since 2003-04
- ❖ More than 200 companies and organizations partner with RISD and PTA volunteers log over 340,000 volunteer hours per year (2009)
- ❖ 100% of RISD teachers are "Highly Qualified" under federal No Child Left Behind guidelines. (2010)
- ❖ Berkner High School is a National AVID demonstration campus (2010)
- ❖ Audelia Creek Elementary is the national winner of the Teacher Advancement Program Founder's Award. (2010)
- ❖ Richardson High School Robotics Magnet is home to the 2009 BattleBots National High School Champions
- ❖ Pearce High School is home to the 2011 State Champions in mixed doubles tennis.
- ❖ Of the 89 bands choirs and orchestras in RISD, more than three out of four earned the highest possible UIL rating of sweepstakes. (2011)
- ❖ The Berkner High School Symphonic 1 Band placed 2nd in Texas in 5A Honor Band - Marching Band placed 8th in Texas (2010)
- ❖ Stults Road Elementary is one of two Texas schools winning the National Title I Distinguished Award (2010)