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Eight CSISD campuses named higher-performing

Eight College Station Independent School District campuses recently earned The National Center for Educational Accountability's (NCEA) Higher-Performing Campus distinction for the 2009 school year.

The following schools earned the distinction in the following subject areas:

A&M Consolidated High School (Science and Social Studies)
A&M Consolidated Middle School (Math and Science)
Cypress Grove Intermediate School (Math)
College Hills Elementary School (Math and Reading)
Forest Ridge Elementary School (Math)
Pebble Creek Elementary School (Math, Reading and Writing)
Rock Prairie Elementary School (Math, Reading and Writing)
South Knoll Elementary School (Reading)

The Austin-based NCEA evaluates schools differently than the Texas Education Agency by comparing the performance of campuses with schools of similar demographics, such as enrollment, percentage of economically disadvantaged students and percentages of students by various ethnicities.

Elementary campuses are rated on their Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) performance in Reading/English Language Arts, Math, Writing, Science and Social Studies and how those scores compare with their demographically-similar campus group. The campuses that score higher than their peer campuses are designated as Higher-Performing.

Upper elementary school, middle school and high school campuses are recognized for having higher than predicted growth in student performance based on NCEA's predictive formula. Since it is difficult for schools with high achievement to show a great deal of growth, the top five percent of Texas schools using NCEA's College and Career Readiness (CCR) measure are also recognized as Higher-Performing.

To ensure that consistently high performing campuses are selected, NCEA selects campuses based on the last three years of data, not just one year.

For more information and to view the state-wide list of high performing campuses, please visit the National Center for Educational Accountability website below:

http://www.just4kids.org/en/texas/higher_performing/

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