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Texas Association of Secondary School Principals
Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association
Texas Association of School Administrators
Texas Parent Teacher Association

2008 District Application

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Purpose

Created in 2002, the H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards are designed to honor outstanding public school professionals and to thank them for their dedication and commitment. Through this program, H-E-B seeks to pay tribute to those educators and administrators who go the extra mile each and every day to serve their students and their communities and who inspire others to do the same.

Eligibility

All public school districts currently located in the H-E-B service area are eligible for nomination. School districts that have previously been selected as statewide winners are not eligible to reapply.

Criteria

- Commitment to student achievement through innovative programs
- Parental/Community involvement
- Professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators

Evaluation Process

All written applications will be screened and scored by a team of professional readers. Regional finalists will be selected by a panel of judges comprised of educators, administrators and community leaders. There are five identified regions within the H-E-B service area and one (1) large district finalist will be selected from each region. In addition, three (3) small district finalists will be selected from across the state.

Applications from the eight (8) finalists will then be reviewed by the statewide selection committee. The committee will conduct on-site campus visits and personal interviews with members of the school board, teachers, parents, principals, community leaders, superintendents and student leaders. The overall statewide winners will be announced during a recognition dinner and celebration in May 2008.

Awards

The superintendents of each of the eight (8) district regional finalists will be notified of their selection beginning in March. During visits from H-E-B Officials and members of the community, each superintendent will be presented with a check, \$5,000 for a large district and \$2,500 for a small district. In addition, each superintendent will receive an all-expense paid trip to the awards celebration in Houston including three nights and a special reception in their honor at the luxurious Woodlands Resort and Conference Center.

**The Large School District Winner (3A, 4A or 5A) will receive \$100,000.
The Small School District Winner (1A or 2A) will receive \$50,000.**

Application Guidelines

Please follow the instructions below when completing your application:

- Use no more than two pages (8.5" x 11") to answer each professional question.
- Use no smaller than 10 pt. type and no less than 1.5" line spacing.
- Type your district name and the corresponding professional question at the top of each page.
- Please retain a copy of the application for your records, as materials will not be returned.
- Districts may submit additional supplemental materials designed to demonstrate student progress.
- Please enclose a total of five (5) copies of your application packet, each stapled in the upper left-hand corner.
- Applications must be postmarked by midnight on January 11, 2008.

Please submit your completed application and copies to:

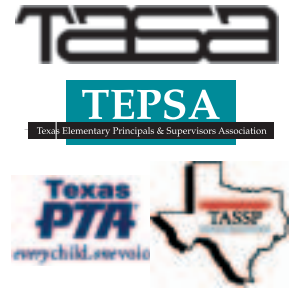
H-E-B Excellence in Education Awards
6929 Airport Blvd., Suite 176
Austin, TX 78752

Once your application has been received, you will be notified via mail.

DISTRICT APPLICATION FORM

Type or clearly print your answers.

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District Name: _____

ESC Region: _____

District Superintendent's Name: _____

Dr. ___ Mr. ___ Mrs. ___ Ms. ___

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Phone: () _____ E-mail Address: _____

Classification: _____ Urban _____ Suburban _____ Rural _____

ESC Region: _____

UIL Rating:

Small District (1A, 2A): _____ Large District (3A, 4A, 5A): _____

Number of Schools in District: _____

Number of schools rated as Exemplary: _____

Recognized: _____

Acceptable: _____

Low Performing: _____

Current District Enrollment: _____

Demographic breakdown of the student population: _____

Percent of students that qualify for free or reduced lunch: _____

TAKS Passage Rates for past three consecutive years :

Year 1: Reading _____ English/LA _____ Science _____
Writing _____ Mathematics _____ Social Studies _____
Year 2: Reading _____ English/LA _____ Science _____
Writing _____ Mathematics _____ Social Studies _____
Year 3: Reading _____ English/LA _____ Science _____
Writing _____ Mathematics _____ Social Studies _____

Signature of Superintendent: _____ Date: _____

ACADEMIC PROGRESS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROFESSIONAL QUESTIONS (essays)

1. Describe in detail your district's history, culture, mission statement and overall educational philosophy. How is this reflected in your long-range plans and how is it monitored on individual campuses to ensure consistency?
2. How do you define leadership within your district? How do you develop and support leaders and development opportunities in your district for both students and employees?
3. What do you do to ensure quality of instruction and rigor at all levels? How do you promote innovative programs and evaluate best practices in order to implement them more broadly?
4. What extraordinary measures are you taking to make sure that all children in your district have the opportunity to achieve academically and to graduate? How are you tracking your results?
5. Describe a specific initiative that your district has undertaken in the last three years to improve achievement in an underperforming area. Include the theory behind your initiative, the implementation plan, challenges and successes to date, evaluation design and results.
6. What process do you use to identify critical needs in your district and to allocate resources accordingly?
7. How do you involve key stakeholders, i.e. parents, teachers, business and community leaders, in District initiatives and decision making?

LETTER OF SUPPORT

Include one (1) letter of support from the following:

- School Board Member

Please write your district name at the top of your letter of support and submit it along with your application.