

# Congratulations Texas Educators!



## Texas students rank #1, #2 & #3 in the nation!

When comparing students by subgroups, Texas 4th and 8th graders outperformed their peers in other states on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) math exam.

- Texas White and Asian 4th graders rank #1!
- Texas White and Asian 8th graders rank #3!
- Texas Hispanic and African-American 4th and 8th graders rank #2!

## The number of Exemplary and Recognized schools jumps more than 50% in one year!

In 2006, 3,380 campuses were Recognized or Exemplary, compared to 2,213 in 2005.

## More than 90% of Texas high school seniors passed their TAKS exams!

- 95% of seniors passed math and science exams!
- 96% of seniors passed the English language arts exam!
- 99% of seniors passed the social studies exam!

## More TAKS success!

Students were required to meet higher standards on the 2005 TAKS over 2004 and still managed to improve their performance!

- 90% of Texas 5th graders passed the reading exam!
- 92% of Texas 5th graders passed the math exam!
- 95% of Texas 3rd graders passed the reading exam!

## Texans get more education for their money than other states!

Texas spending per student is \$1,080 below the national average, according to data published in 2006 by the National Center for Education Statistics.

## Texas students outperform peer groups on NAEP science exam!

Texas' white and African-American fourth-grade students ranked second on the science test with only Virginia's students from these two ethnic groups earning higher average scores than the Texans, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Hispanics in only four states earned a higher average score than did Texas fourth-grade students. Those states were Virginia, Missouri, Kentucky and Florida.

## Number of Texas students taking AP exams up 53%!

Figures just released from the College Board, which oversees the AP program, show that 122,969 Texas students took the exams in 2006, which is a 9.5 percent increase from 2005 when 112,263 students were tested. It also represents a 53 percent increase from 2002. That year, 80,240 Texas students took AP exams.

## Public school students outperform their peers in private schools!

New studies reveal public school students performing as well as, or in many cases, better than their private school peers. In fact, after controlling for demographic differences, the presumably advantageous private school effect disappears, and even reverses in most cases.

## Texas public education achieves despite having one of the highest percentages of:

- Limited English Proficient student populations;
- Parents with less than a high school diploma; and
- Students on the Free & Reduced Price Lunch program.

**NOTE:** All data sourced at [www.fotps.org](http://www.fotps.org).



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