

# THE TEXAS BUSINESS AND EDUCATION HONOR ROLL: WHAT IS IT AND WHY IS IT?

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**T**oo often, recognizing our public schools for academic achievement takes a back seat to winning championships on the athletic field.

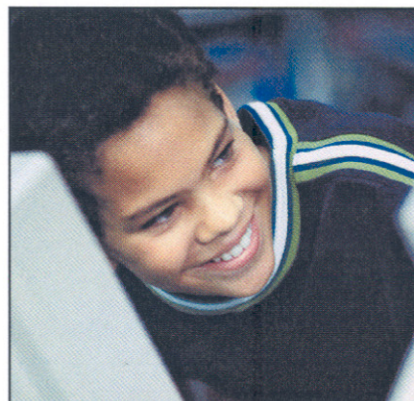
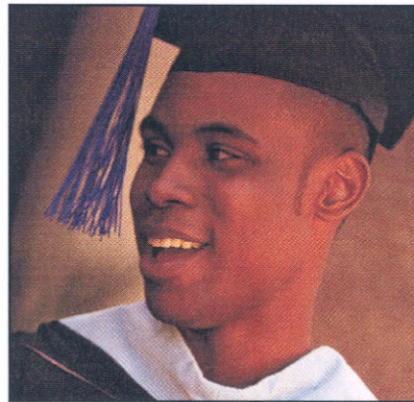
Also too often, the media seems to headline any event that has a negative slant, while rarely showcasing our many outstanding schools and their accomplishments.

The Texas Business and Education Coalition (TBEC) Honor Roll recognizes schools for academic performance and honors those students, teachers, principals, and superintendents who have won their championships in the classroom.

There are various ways for a school to be recognized for academic performance. In some cases the school must apply for the award, such as the “No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon” award. Others, such as the Texas Education Agency’s Gold Performance Acknowledgements and accountability rating system, recognize achievement in a specific subject area or for improvement over the preceding year.

Being named a TBEC Honor Roll school is the most prestigious academic award

given in Texas. “Schools get on our honor roll the old fashioned way, they earn it,” says TBEC’s former Business Chair, Jack Lowe.



TBEC identifies Honor Roll schools by analyzing three years of performance data for every public school in Texas. A TBEC Honor Roll school must have a high percentage of students meeting state standards on every TAKS test for three consecutive years. That’s the easy part. TBEC Honor Roll schools must also perform at the state’s most rigorous standard – commended – in ALL subjects. The selection criteria also considers the school’s demographics, number of subjects tested and grade levels.

It is a great honor to be selected as a TBEC Honor Roll school because your school has achieved academic excellence year in and year out, displaying the energy, innovation, determination, and teamwork that motivates, challenges, and prepares students for the future.

This year, the Texas Business and Education Coalition and its generous sponsors are recognizing 254 of Texas’ most outstanding schools. We are delighted that you have joined us for this very special occasion.