

## **CHANGE APPROVED TO POLICY REGARDING CLASS RANK**

At its Feb. 24 meeting the Eanes ISD Board of Trustees approved a revision to Policy EIC Local regarding academic class rank of Westlake High School students. Beginning with this year's junior class (Class of 2011), only the top 10 percent of seniors will receive a class rank.

This decision comes after months of study by the Westlake High School Class Rank Committee and that committee's report to the Board on Feb. 8, 2010. The committee included students, parents, and staff.

Since ranking the top 10 percent of a graduating class is mandated in the Texas Education Code, the committee focused on the other 90 percent of students. Specifically, the committee considered, "Does the class rank policy help or hinder students during the college admissions process?"

Subcommittees were named to focus on three areas: Research, Analysis of Impact on Westlake Students, and Student/Staff/Parent Input. Each subcommittee analyzed its findings and presented a report to the full Class Rank Committee on Jan. 28, 2010. After discussion, the committee recommended that class rank should only be provided to students in the top 10 percent beginning with the Class of 2011.

The recommendation has been reviewed by the Campus Leadership Team, WHS Student Council, and the 10th and 11th grade classes. There have been multiple opportunities for parents, students, and teachers to have input and provide feedback. The response to the proposed change has been almost universally positive.