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EANES ISD SCHOOLS RECOGNIZED IN CHILDREN AT RISK RANKINGS
Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School ranked second in Austin area

AUSTIN, Texas -- Four schools in the Eanes Independent School District were included in a ranking of public schools in Central Texas by Houston-based Children at Risk. Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School and Barton Creek Elementary School were ranked in the top 10 in the area based on a methodology developed by Children at Risk.

Westlake HS and Hill Country MS were both ranked second in their categories, while West Ridge MS ranked fourth and had the highest Commended rating on the TAKS in the Austin area. Barton Creek ranked fifth in the area in the elementary school category.

At the high school level, the Children at Risk methodology takes 14 factors into account: percentage of students achieving TAKS Texas Success Initiative standards in Math and Science, passing rates for TAKS Social Studies and Science, percentage of ACT/SAT test-takers, mean SAT and ACT scores, enrollment in advanced courses, completion of Recommended High School Program, participation in AP exams, performance on AP exams, four-year graduation rate, English/Language Arts class sizes and percentage of students who are economically disadvantaged.

Middle school rankings consider 10 variables such as Commended rate on TAKS, attendance rate, socio-economic status, and overall TAKS scoring. Elementary ratings look at 15 items such as Commended rate on TAKS, attendance rate, class size and retention rate.

The Eanes Independent School District spans 31.2 square miles of scenic Texas Hill Country in Travis County and serves approximately 7,700 students. Schools in Eanes ISD are Westlake High School, Hill Country Middle School, West Ridge Middle School, Barton Creek Elementary, Bridge Point Elementary, Cedar Creek Elementary, Eanes Elementary, Forest Trail Elementary and Valley View Elementary. In 2010, all nine campuses and the District were named Exemplary by the Texas Education Agency for the second consecutive year.

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