



Staff UPDATE

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Bastrop Independent School District

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Bastrop ISD Meets AYP Standards

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has released the 2007 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) results and Bastrop ISD has earned the "Meets AYP" standard. As a district, 10 out of 11 campuses (91 percent) that were evaluated have met AYP, compared to the state average of 79 percent.

Adequate Yearly Progress is a federal evaluation system that was implemented with the No Child Left Behind Act. These evaluations are based on performance and participation on state reading and math exams in grades 3-8 and 10, graduation rates, and attendance rates. The passing rates are determined using results from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), the State-Developed Alternative Assessment II (SDAA II), the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills-Alternate (TAKS-Alt), the Reading Proficiency Tests in English (RPTE), the Linguistically Accommodated Testing (LAT), and the Locally-Developed Alternative Assessment (LDAA).

Data is analyzed for each student and each of the following student groups that meet minimum size requirements: African American, Hispanic, white, economically disadvantaged, special education, and limited English proficient.

To meet AYP requirements for 2007, *see AYP, page 2*

Mark Your Calendar



October 11 - Homecoming Parade

October 12 - Homecoming vs. Akins

October 15, 22 & 29 - E3 Alliance Community Forum

October 26 - BHS Cross Country @ District Meet

For a complete October calendar, visit www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu

E3 Alliance to Facilitate Discussion in Bastrop

The E3 Alliance, Education Equals Economics, is facilitating a series of discussions in seven local communities, including Bastrop.

It is vital that the public have an opportunity to participate in discussions about education and achievement opportunities for the following reasons:

- Decisions about education in Central Texas will require broad support to prioritize limited resources.
- The goal of these discussions about education and achievement opportunities is to help the public move from individual opinions to sound and reasoned public judgment about what should and could be done based on shared values and priorities.
- The public must make decisions together about how they can work together to solve the complex problems confronting our education system. To move from "my child" to "all of our children" we must expose common values and under-

stand common benefits.

This series of mediated discussions will take place in October. We will review different approaches for addressing achievement opportunities, discuss pros and cons and lead to a prioritized plan for action both on the local and regional level.

The discussion dates are as follows:

- October 15** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mina Elementary Cafeteria
- October 22** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mina Elementary Cafeteria
- October 29** from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Mina Elementary Cafeteria

Anyone that is interested in attending is invited to attend this entire series of meetings. Each session will build upon each other so plan to commit to all three dates. Please refer to www.e3alliance.org or call Karen Dooley or Betty Richardson at (512) 321-2292 for more information and to RSVP.

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a school or district was required to have:

- A passing rate on state reading exams of 60 percent or higher for all students or show a 10 percent decrease in students who failed the state tests and improvement on either the graduation rate or attendance rate
- A passing rate on state mathematics exams of 50 percent or higher for all students or show a 10 percent decrease in students who failed the state tests and improvement on either the graduation rate or attendance rate
- 95 percent or more of their students must participate in the testing program or have an average of 95 percent participation rate on combined 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 testing data

- A graduation rate of 70 percent or higher or show improvement
- An attendance rate of 90 percent or higher or show improvement

According to TEA, under the 2007 criteria there were 149 districts and 737 campuses that missed AYP. The most common reason that a school missed AYP was due to math performance.

Of the campuses in BISD, Bastrop High School was the only campus to miss AYP. BHS missed due to mathematics performance. Gateway is not an evaluated campus.

Additional information about AYP is available at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/ayp> or by calling the BISD Service Center at 321-2292.

B.E.S.T. College Night a Success

Parents and students of Bastrop County attended the B.E.S.T. College Night on October 2 at the Bastrop High School.

Over 70 institutions provided information to curious attendees. Financial representatives were also on hand to present information about financial aid and various loan options. Parents and students could also sign up online for their FAFSA pin and seniors were able to apply for a scholarship given away by GTFCU.

The Mobile Go Center was on hand providing wireless internet to those interested.

GTFCU sponsored the event in partnership with Bastrop, Smithville and Elgin ISDs.



Miranda Wysocki and Austin Holst visit with a college representative during the event.

The Staff Update is published electronically every month for staff by the BISD Community Services/Communications department to share information and recognize staff and students. Send news items to Donald Williams, Executive Director of Community Services/Communications at dwilliams@bastrop.isd.tenet.edu or call 321-2292.

**BASTROP ISD
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING**

**OCTOBER 16,
2007**

6:30 P.M.

**BISD SERVICE CENTER
906 FARM STREET**

Help Wanted

To apply for a position with Bastrop ISD, fill out an application on-line at www.bastrop.isd.tenet.edu or pick up an application at the BISD Service Center located at 906 Farm Street.

Bastrop ISD is an EOE.

In Our Prayers

- Bethanie and Derin DePalermo, BHS
- Christina Hawkins' father, Bob Hawkins, CCE
- Beverly Parsneau, BMS
- Liza Thrift's sister-in-law, Judy Martinez, BMS
- Ted and Tina Roberts and family, Service Center
- Marta Sebastian, BIS
- Doedee Vann's father, Harry Beaman, Emile
- The family of Zeauntray Markeal Owens, Mina
- Evette Taylor's mother, Esther Washington, Emile