



## **STISD and Four Campuses Earn Places on 2025 Educational Results Partnership Honor Roll**

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Educational Results Partnership (ERP) has released its 2025 Texas Honor Roll, recognizing the state's highest-performing schools. South Texas Independent School District (STISD) earned a place on the Honor Roll Districts list, while four STISD campuses were named to the Honor Roll Schools list.

The ERP Honor Roll identifies schools and districts that have outperformed their peers in student achievement, improvement over time, and closing achievement gaps—particularly among higher-poverty and historically underserved student populations. This marks the eleventh year ERP has published the Honor Roll.

The four STISD campuses recognized in 2025 are STISD Health Professions in Mercedes, STISD Medical Professions in Olmito, STISD Preparatory Academy in Edinburg, and STISD Rising Scholars Academy in San Benito.

Statewide, 1,076 schools and 84 school districts earned Honor Roll recognition this year—representing approximately 15 percent of all Texas schools and 14.5 percent of districts. The full list of Honor Roll schools and districts is available on ERP's website.

"We are proud of our district and campus communities for achieving this recognition," said Marco Antonio Lara, Jr., Ed.D., superintendent of schools for STISD. "This honor reflects our continued commitment to preparing every student for college, career, and life."

The Honor Roll program is part of a national effort to engage business leaders in recognizing effective schools and promoting best practices that improve student outcomes. The 2025 Honor Roll is presented in collaboration with the Texas Business Leadership Council.

"Texas Business Leadership Council is proud to recognize higher performing schools in our state that are preparing students with the skills needed to be successful in a globally competitive workforce," said Justin Yancy, president and CEO of the Texas Business Leadership Council.

"Many educators across Texas are already delivering rigorous instruction that equips students with the fundamentals they need to succeed in the workforce and in life," said ERP's Board Chair James Lanich, Ph.D. "The Honor Roll recognizes that work—identifying schools in a diversity of ZIP codes where students of all backgrounds are mastering the core academic skills that will help them thrive in a rapidly changing world of work."

"Across Texas, there are schools and systems delivering strong results for students of all backgrounds," said Alex Barrios, President & CEO of ERP. "The Honor Roll recognizes these schools because they are doing something essential—preparing students with durable, foundational skills that remain valuable in any economy, particularly as artificial intelligence continues to transform the nature of work."