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DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD RANKED AS TOP CENTRAL TEXAS DISTRICT *DSHS is Eighth in Area*

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—The Dripping Springs Independent School District has been ranked first among all school districts in Central Texas – and ninth statewide – by the Houston-based organization Children at Risk. Dripping Springs High School is the highest-ranked 4A school on the list, placing eighth among area high schools. DSHS has been ranked among the top 10 Central Texas high schools all six years the ranking has been produced by the organization, which researches and advocates children’s issues. Dripping Springs Middle School was 12th among Central Texas middle schools.

Children at Risk also gave letter grades to schools at all levels. Dripping Springs Middle School earned an “A+,” the district, Walnut Springs Elementary and Dripping Springs Elementary earned grades of “A,” while the high school was an “A-“ and Rooster Springs Elementary was a “B+.”

The Children at Risk methodology takes various factors into account at each level. High school ratings are based on eight indicators: Advanced performance on STAAR in Reading and Math, graduation rate, advanced performance on STAAR for Reading and Math using “demographically adjusted” values, graduation rate using “demographically adjusted” values, and overall gain in both Reading and Math. Elementary and middle schools are rated on six criteria (all but two graduation indicators).

The complete rankings are available at: <http://childrenatrisk.org/2014-greater-austin-school-rankings/>.

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