

## News Release from Dripping Springs ISD



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## DRIPPING SPRINGS ISD RECEIVES FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY DESIGNATION

DRIPPING SPRINGS, Texas—The Dripping Springs Independent School District (DSISD) has earned a 2013 Gold Leadership Circle Award from the Texas State Comptroller's Office in recognition of the district's financial transparency. This is the second consecutive year that DSISD has been honored with the Gold Leadership Circle Award; the district also earned the honor in 2012.

The Texas Comptroller Leadership Circle program was launched in December of 2009 to recognize local government entities across Texas that are striving to meet a high standard for financial transparency online. The award, which is based on 20 criteria, recognizes local governments that are:

- opening their books to the public
- providing clear, consistent pictures of spending
- sharing information in a user-friendly format that lets taxpayers easily drill down for more information.

There are three levels of recognition: Gold, Silver and Bronze, with Gold being the highest designation. DSISD is now included on the Comptroller's "Texas Transparency" website (<http://www.texas Transparency.org/local/index.php>).

Dripping Springs ISD also learned in December that it received the highest possible rating of five stars on the 2013 FAST (Financial Allocation Study for Texas) report released by the Texas Comptroller's Office. The report measures the academic progress and financial efficiency of Texas public school districts and charter schools. Statewide, only 42 districts and 13 charter schools received the five star rating.



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