



WINTER 2023

Our school district boasts exceptional students who consistently achieve outstanding results in academics, athletics, and fine arts, and we have a lot to celebrate.

In this edition, we look in-depth at our Advanced Academics programs and the standard of excellence being created. We have had another record-setting year with students earning academic honors and schools being recognized for their commitment to providing excellent education to all students.

January is School Board Recognition Month, and we also want to thank our Board for volunteering their time and serving our district and community. Together, we value academic excellence by equipping our students with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

Many blessings to you and your families this holiday season, and we look forward to ringing in the new year!

- Dr. Todd Stephens

ADVANCED ACADEMICS

By the numbers

REACH (3rd & 4th grade)	138 students
LAUNCH (5th & 6th grade)	116 students
Advanced	2879 course enrollment
Advanced Placement	2159 course enrollment
Dual Credit	773 course enrollment
International Baccalaureate	743 course enrollment

GT/Advanced Academics Expo



The district hosted a GT/Advanced Academics EXPO in October to showcase the continuum of advanced academics in MISD. This event allowed all of our elementary to high school advanced academics programs to showcase student work and provide an awareness of high school and post-secondary programs.

The 3rd and 4th graders displayed their mini gingerbread models that they are building to scale to showcase in December, while the 5th graders highlighted their annual roller coaster build titled "Coaster Craze."

Teachers and students from our junior highs and high schools answered questions about advanced course offerings at their campuses. Both high schools' Deans of Advanced Academics responded to questions about Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.

Representatives from Sam Houston, Texas A&M, and the Lone Star Honors College also had a table to answer questions about college entrance and their honors programs.

A breakout session also gave parents more depth about our AP and IB programs, helpful tips for college applications, and



the value of taking the PSAT.

This will be an annual event due to its success because of the tremendous turnout and the amount of information teachers and district staff could share with students and parents and view the student work on display.



"It was great to see our GT/Advanced Academics staff appreciated for all they do in providing services to our students involved in these programs. I am happy we could share information and answer questions from parents about their student's journey through our continuum of advanced academics."

Alana Wood
MISD Director of
Advanced Academics

Students Earn Top Academic Recognitions

The district has had another record-setting year with 101 high school students earning academic honors from the College Board National Recognition Program for excelling in their classrooms and on College Board assessments. Visit our website for a full list of students being recognized.

Magnolia High

- 4 National Merit Commended
- 60 National Rural & Small Town Awards
- 9 National Hispanic Recognition Awards
- 2 National African American Recognitions Awards
- 3 students earning multiple awards



MHS College Board
Honor Recipients



MHS National Merit
Commended Scholars

Magnolia West

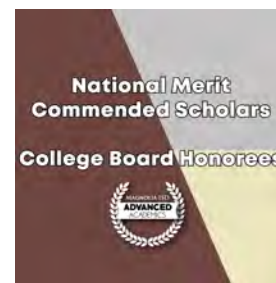
- 3 National Merit Commended
- 20 National Rural & Small Town Awards
- 13 National Hispanic Recognition Awards
- 7 students earning multiple awards



MWHS College Board
Honor Recipients



MWHS National Merit
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Magnolia High School

Charlotte Allen
Anneke Anderson
Harrison Carroll
Jonah Coffelt
Sofia Escobar
Alexander Esquivel-Reece
Hailey Hulsey

Annjolee Rivera
Maria Rossi Mottola
Megan Sanguedolce
Sarah Stinebaugh
Jessica White
Anis Ziani



Congratulations

IB DIPLOMA GRADUATES

Magnolia West High School

Monica Benitez
Audrey Buckley
Varintorn Chuanchai
Tennessee Day
Cameron Dorough
Faith Ebel
Leighton French
Katherine Gillen
Avie Gillen
Talon Herrington
Abigail Jalloway
Emily Kirkpatrick
Lukas Lopez

Jacob McCray
Yasmin Moreno Rivera
Tony Nguyen
Sophie Nimberger
Bailey Purdon
Rene Ramirez
Jesus Reveles
Addison Roden
Sarah Roecker
Cole Schulumire
Karly Scott
Tye Watson

High Schools Named AP College Board Honor Roll

College Board announced that Magnolia High and Magnolia West have been named to the Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) School Honor Roll, each earning distinctions.



The AP® School Honor Roll recognizes schools whose AP programs are delivering results for students while broadening access. Schools can earn this recognition annually based on criteria that reflect a commitment to increasing college-going culture, providing opportunities for students to earn college credit, and maximizing college readiness.

"This is an awesome recognition for the hard work our advanced teachers have been putting in with our AP students. It takes dedication from our teachers, counselors, and parents to make AP a priority and a success for our students. Our MHS administration could not be prouder of this accomplishment."

Greg Quinn
MHS Principal



Magnolia High had 61% of seniors taking at least one AP exam during high school, 42% scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 20% taking five or more AP exams. This earned the campus a silver distinction.

Magnolia West had 40% of seniors taking at least one AP exam during high school, 28% scoring a three or higher on at least one AP exam, and 6% taking five or more AP exams thus earning a bronze distinction.

Both campuses are being further recognized with the AP Access Award, which honors schools that encourage more low-income and underrepresented minority students to take AP courses. Research shows students who take AP courses and exams are more likely to attend college because advanced coursework provides early exposure to college-level work and contributes to a college-going school culture.

"I am extremely proud of these students and teachers for all of their hard work and dedication. The class of 2023 keeps raising the bar and setting new standards. Once again, they have demonstrated that regardless of where you want to go in life, you can get there from Magnolia West High School."

Jason Morley
MWHS Principal



GT Students Create Cardboard Houses



Third and fourth-grade gifted and talented students were challenged to design, draft, create, and build a mid-century modern gingerbread house made out of cardboard for their annual cardboard challenge project.

Inspired by the Annual Gingerbread Build-Off event hosted by the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the Magnolia Cardboard Gingerbread Build-Off included 65 life-sized houses constructed at the Magnolia Event Center.

Students spent time researching architectural characteristics of mid-century homes, drafted blueprints, and created mini models of their cardboard gingerbread houses. Fueled by creativity, they transformed their plans and models into meticulously crafted life-sized houses cutting each part from sheets of cardboard. The houses were designed and decorated to reflect either "Texas-Centric" or "Tis' the Season" themes.

Each year, the cardboard challenge projects proves to be a perfect blend of design thinking, ingenuity, and imagination for students.



Bond 2022 Updates

The November 2022 Bond included three new schools as well as additions and renovations to existing career and technical education buildings, NJROTC buildings, and the ag barn. All projects are running ahead of schedule and more information can be found in our Bond newsletter posted on the Bond 2022 page of our website.



Main driveway to Audubon Elementary

Additionally, the district is excited to announce that we have been awarded \$4.3 million dollars in grants appropriated in the 88th Legislative Session.

In addition to the \$2 million included in the 2022 Bond, the grant dollars are used to comply with the new safety standards rule and install linear, non-scalable fencing at all campuses as well as window film.

Read more about the grants on our website.

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**LOCALLY ELECTED,
COMMUNITY CONNECTED**



#SchoolBoardMonth

happy
HOLIDAYS

Student Holiday

Dec 20 – Jan 5

Professional Development

Jan 4 & 5

Classes Resume

Jan 8

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