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KISD Earns 2025 TAEA District of Distinction Award

Kerrville, TX (Sept. 10, 2025) – Kerrville ISD has been named a Texas Art Education Association 2025 District of Distinction.

The Texas Art Education Association (TAEA) announced 109 winners of the 2025 District of Distinction Award recently. Districts received the honor for providing a well-rounded education that advocates and integrates visual arts curriculum to inspire creativity and build social emotional learning that connect learners to their community and beyond.

“We are proud to be recognized with this distinction,” said Superintendent Brent Ringo. “This recognition reflects the unwavering dedication of our teachers and students and further highlights the well-rounded education KISD offers for students that is rich in creative opportunities.”

TAEA is the leading advocate for the visual arts in the state. The organization has previously honored outstanding TAEA members for work in their classrooms and districts. This is the seventh year that TAEA is honoring districts that meet rigorous criteria as evidenced from data.

For the 2025 award, over 1,200 districts were eligible to apply. Each district submitted documentation they met from the 14-point rubric over the 2024-2025 school year. Only 109

districts met the high standard and will receive the outstanding honor indicating they are in the top 8 percent in art education of districts in the state.

“Kerrville ISD has set a high standard for visual arts advocacy, integrated visual arts curriculum, encouraged creativity, community participation and student growth,” said Nealy Holley, Chair of the Visual Art Administrators of Texas, a division of TAEA. “It is a true testament to your visual art educators’ skill, dedication, and flexibility that the quality of their programs continued to provide strong and comprehensive visual art educational experiences to students.”

One hundred nine districts, including Kerrville ISD, will be honored at the TAEA District of Distinction Awards Ceremony during the TAEA Fall Conference on Friday, November 21, 2025 in Round Rock.

Cutline: KISD Art Teachers include, from left to right: Rachel Schwarz, Tally Elementary; Mindy Huerta, Tom Daniels Elementary; Whitney Hershey, Starkey Elementary; Amanda Lord, Hal Peterson Middle School; Kevin McCorkle, Nimitz Elementary; Alana Kocich, Tivy High School; Gloria Edmonds, Tivy High School and Latisha Miller, Hal Peterson Middle School.

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