



SWISD Board Recognitions

July 21, 2026

Yara Schutter

Laura Tavitias

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Congratulations to two of SWISD's amazing educators for being recognized for their exceptional work in mathematics!

For the second year in a row, City Education Partners has honored San Antonio's outstanding math teachers through the San Antonio Math Excellence Teacher Awards. Tonight, two exceptional math teachers from each City Council district were celebrated for their dedication to student success and excellence in the classroom. We are proud to share that **Yara Schutter of Southwest Elementary School and Laura Tavitias of Sky Harbour Elementary School** were selected among this year's distinguished honorees. Their leadership, passion, and commitment to inspiring young mathematicians are seen, valued, and celebrated by Superintendent Jeanette Ball, the City of San Antonio, and our entire SWISD community.

Thank you to City Education Partners for an incredible evening recognizing the difference teachers make each and every day. Join us in congratulating Yara Schutter and Laura Tavihtas on this well-deserved honor!

Texas Art Education Association District of Distinction

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Over 1,200 districts were eligible to apply for the Texas Art Education Association Visual Arts Award, and 109 districts will receive this outstanding honor for the 2025-2026 academic year. The Visual Art Administrators of Texas, a division of TAEA, recognizes districts with outstanding leadership in promoting the arts within their districts and communities. We want to recognize districts that are active members of TAEA and beyond. Your visual arts program met or exceeded a rigorous 14-point rubric. The rubric examines the district's visual art program, including participation in TAEA, membership, exhibitions, contests, and community engagement in the visual arts through field experiences, community service, and collaboration with other content areas. TAEA was impressed and proud of Southwest ISD's level of participation in visual art learning experiences at all grade levels.



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Participating Art Teachers:

Andrea Rodriguez-Elm Creek ES

Manny Martinez-Southwest ES

Jennel Pruneda-Sky Harbour ES

Monica Guerra-McNair MS

Veronica Gonzalez-McAuliffe MS

Teresa Gutierrez-Scobee MS

Sophia Faris-Resnik MS

Irene Suniga-Legacy HS

Kyara Johnson-Legacy HS

Lindsey Arredondo-Legacy HS

Betty Arredondo-Southwest HS

Erendira Nolasco-Southwest HS

Zachary Haas-Southwest HS

**Texas Educational Theatre Association
recognizes Southwest ISD as an
Outstanding District for Theatre**

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The Texas Educational Theatre Association is pleased to recognize colleges/universities, school districts, and theatre departments that are making outstanding contributions to raising the standards for theatre education in the school, district, and state, as evidenced by achievement, resource curation, diversity, and advocacy for theatre arts. Districts who meet the minimum requirements will be awarded one of the four designations as measured by the rigorous rubric. We are pleased to announce that Southwest ISD earned the District Distinction of Outstanding District in recognition of its achievements, growth, and excellence.

Southwest ISD Theatre Directors:

Bianca Pena-McNair MS

Mariah Marmolejo-McAuliffe MS



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Eraina Porras-Scobee MS

Abraham Ramirez-Resnik MS

Alexandra Rivas-SW Legacy HS

Jillian Campos-Southwest HS

Graciela Reyna-Southwest HS

**Texas Educational Theatre Association
Exemplary High School to Southwest
High School**

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The Texas Educational Theatre Association is pleased to recognize individual high schools making outstanding contributions to raising the standards for theatre education in the school, district, and the state. Southwest High School was named an Exemplary High School for 2025-2026 through an application and a rigorous rubric, receiving recognition for achievement, growth, and excellence. Southwest High School was one of 31 high schools in Texas to earn this honor.

Congratulations to Southwest High School Theatre Directors, **Graciela Reyna and Jillian Campos**, for this tremendous honor.