

NCEA recognizes Jose Damian Elementary as High Performing School

The Canutillo Independent School District is proud to announce that Jose Damian Elementary (JDE) has once again made the list of high-performing schools with the *The National Center for Educational Achievement (NCEA)*. JDE made the 2009—*Just for Kids Campaign for Higher Performing Schools*-- in the subjects of Reading and Writing.

Schools identified by NCEA are those that exhibit outstanding performance across multiple grades and years and show solid academic achievement. NCEA focuses on schools that exhibit strong college and career readiness.

“We are elated to have been chosen as a ‘Just for Kids Campus.’ The faculty and staff at Jose Damian look closely at what is working and what isn’t. We identify issues, concerns, and successes. Teamwork has kept us a Recognized school by clarifying our mission, core beliefs and core values,” said Maggie Porrás-Grant, Principal at Damian Elementary.

“This is a fantastic achievement for our students,” said Roger Parks, Interim Superintendent for the Canutillo ISD.

NCEA identifies high-performing schools for at least three purposes—to study how the practices in high-performing schools differ from those in average or low-performing schools; to share best practices in monitoring the accomplishments of higher performing schools; and to publicly honor and reward high-performing schools and build capacity to improve education.

NCEA will recognize Damian Elementary during a special recognition ceremony in Austin next week.