



Texas Honors Circle District Award

September 19, 2011

Mr. Shawn Stover
Superintendent
North Hills Preparatory School
606 E. Royal Lane
Irving, Texas 75039-3503

Dear Superintendent Stover:

I am writing to inform you that North Hills Preparatory School has been named to the 2011 Texas Honors Circle. My office created this award to recognize Texas charter and public school districts and campuses that have achieved significant student academic growth while keeping spending relatively low.

Your district won this award by earning five stars in the Comptroller's 2011 Financial Allocation Study for Texas (FAST) ratings. Your district is among 46 school districts and charter school operators that have earned our highest rating by demonstrating both academic and financial effectiveness.

The FAST report is an annual analysis conducted by the Comptroller's office that evaluates both academic success and spending. As a 2011 Texas Honors Circle recipient, your district finished in the top 20 percent of all Texas school districts in terms of academic progress, while keeping spending among the lowest 20 percent of fiscally comparable districts. Your district will be featured on the FAST Web site at <http://www.fastexas.org>.

Congratulations on your award, and thank you for your hard work on behalf of Texas children and taxpayers.

Sincerely,

Susan Combs