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Texas High School Coaches Association Announces State Finalists for the National Football Foundation National High School Academic Excellence Award

National award honors high school teams that maintain a 3.0 GPA or above throughout the 2022 football season

SAN MARCOS, Texas (January 20, 2023) – The THSCA announces the official state finalists of Texas for the 2022-23 NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award. The award is the first nationwide recognition honoring individual high school football teams for excellence in the classroom with a team 3.0 or above grade point average.

“We are ecstatic to announce our State Finalists for this prestigious award”, said Joe Martin, the Executive Director of the Texas High School Coaches Association. “Academic success is as important as athletic success, as it can take student-athletes to the next step in their lives and on the path to becoming successful citizens. This is a team-oriented award that promotes the importance of academics, and we are proud to have 53 schools qualify as state finalists.”

The State Champions and National Finalist for each classification in each state will be announced by the National Football Foundation at the beginning of February. During Super Bowl week, the National Football Foundation will announce the National Champion of the NFF National High School Academic Excellence Award.

Below is the official list of the Texas State Finalists:

6A:

Allen High School
Bridgeland High School
Claudia Taylor Johnson High School
Cypress Park High School
Cypress Woods High School
Edinburg North High School
John B. Alexander High School
Lake Highlands High School
Lake Travis High School
Pebble Hills High School
Ridge Point High School
Stratford High School
Tomball High School
Vandegrift High School
Westlake High School

5A

Argyle High School
Brenham High School
College Station High School
Elgin High School
Ellison High School
Georgetown High School
Lake Belton High School
Longview High School
Lovejoy High School
Lubbock Cooper High School
Lubbock Coronado High School
Tyler High School
Wakeland High School

4A:

Anna High School
Bellville High School
Boerne High School
Canyon High School
Celina High School
Kilgore High School
Pleasant Grove High School
Smithville High School
Stephenville High School
Wilmer Hutchins High School

3A:

Dekalb High School
Edgewood High School
Goliad High School
Lamesa High School
Shallowater High School
Spearman High School

2A:

Smyer High School
Tioga High School
Tolar High School
Wink High School

1A:

Chester High School

Private:

San Marcos Academy
St. John School
St. Paul High School
St. Thomas Catholic High School

About the Texas High School Coaches Association

The Texas High School Coaches Association (THSCA) is the principal advocate and leadership organization for Texas high school coaches. The THSCA provides the highest quality representation, education, and services to Texas High School coaches and affiliate members by enhancing the professionalism of coaches and the schools they represent. The mission statement is simply this: To help and serve Texas high school coaches as they work to help and serve student-athletes. "HELPING COACHES TO HELP KIDS." For more information on THSCA visit www.thsca.com

About Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation

The mission of the Texas High School Coaches Education Foundation is to develop funds from a broadrange of donors to provide professional education programs that will strengthen, reinforce, and enhance professionalism in high school coaches throughout the state of Texas. These programs provide instructional material as well as training in character development to coaches in Texas at both the high school and middle school levels and can directly impact the lives of over 1.5 million student-athletes each year. The two established events are the Texas Coaches Leadership Summit and the R.O.C.K. Mentoring Workshop.

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