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“TOMBALL ISD EARNS TOP RATING WITH TEXAS SMART SCHOOLS”

TOMBALL, TX (June 19, 2018) – Using both academic progress and spending levels at Texas' school districts and individual school campuses, each district and campus has been assigned a Smart Score of one to five stars, indicating its success in combining cost-effective spending with the achievement of measurable student academic progress compared with their fiscal peers. Five stars reflects the strongest relative progress combined with the lowest relative spending.

The Texas Smart Schools Apples2Apples comparison tool is a data resource that focuses on particularly useful indicators of student performance and then cross-indexes them with spending levels. Instead of focusing solely on traditional test scores, the system considers a multitude of factors to create a fairer more nuanced measure of academic progress. This metric allows users to identify schools that are “beating the odds” based on demographics, past performance history, and overall progress. On the financial side, the Texas Smart Schools methodology evaluates districts along multiple dimensions to find those that are most similar, allowing for a more apples-to-apples comparison between suggested peers.

<http://txsmartschools.org/>

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About Tomball Independent School District

Tomball ISD educates students to become responsible, productive citizens by providing innovative, individually rigorous, and personally valuable educational experiences. Founded in 1908, Tomball ISD now encompasses 83 square miles in northwest Harris County and southwest Montgomery County, and is located approximately 30 miles from downtown Houston. The district currently educates over 16,000 students at 20 campuses.

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