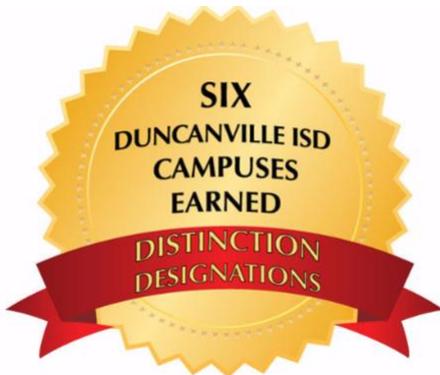


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## Duncanville ISD Doubles Distinctions Received by TEA



announced Friday that six Duncanville ISD schools received 18 distinctions for the 2015-2016 school year. These distinction designations doubled the number earned by Duncanville ISD from the previous year's data.

The state awards distinctions for achievement in multiple areas. Distinction designations are presented to campuses based on achievement on performance indicators compared to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size and student demographics. The six Duncanville ISD campuses that received distinction designations include Acton, Alexander, Bilhartz elementary schools, Brandenburg Intermediate School, and Byrd and Kennemer middle schools. Click [here](#) to view a list of the TEA distinctions.

Shortly after learning that 100% of Duncanville ISD schools received the highest rating possible from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) – Met Standard -, more good academic news arrived last week. The TEA

## Let's Celebrate Student Success



Throughout the school year, we love celebrating student accomplishments. We do so on the website, social media and in advertising. Occasionally, the Communications Department invites local media to join us in honoring a student who has excelled in a particular area. However, if during registration parents designated "No" under the

## Coach Samples Brings Winning Philosophy to DHS



Photo courtesy: Mike Stone/Dallas Morning News

If you ask Duncanville High School Head Football Coach Reginald Samples how he feels about his team's next opponent, chances are he'll tell you it's just another game and he does not get wrapped up in who is on the other side of the ball.

That was Samples' response last week even when the opponent was Dallas Skyline, the powerhouse program he built from nothing to a team that took six straight district titles during his tenure.

Unlike some coaches who are reluctant to take on teams that might ruin a successful season, Samples said he liked the idea of a challenge.

"I wanted us to play some quality competition," Samples said. "We can't find out how good we are unless we play somebody that's really good."

The quality of Skyline's 2016 team is still to be determined. They have a 0-3 record following Friday night's game where the Panthers beat them 31-14.

Coach Samples is only in his second year as Duncanville's head football coach, but already he is seeing more wins than losses. He said the key to any turnaround is convincing his players that if they work hard, good things will happen.

"I really believe the reason we have had the success we have had is that the kids made probably the biggest commitment that I've seen since I've been here in Duncanville," Samples said. "We had almost 100 percent attendance at summer work outs and the summer is really hard."

district option to share photos or names, then we are unable to do so. With the new enrollment system, this page looked different than it has in the past and may have been an item that was easily passed over.

If parents are interested in changing that district publicity designation, click [here](#) to access a form.

Once signed by a parent or guardianship, the form must be returned to the student's campus and the information changed.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) requires each district to notify parents in writing of this policy regarding student information. We respect student privacy and want to ensure all procedures are properly followed. Let's find innovative ways to tell the success stories of our students.

### Upcoming Events:

**School Board Meeting**, September 12, 7:00 p.m. in the board room at the Duncanville Education Plaza at 710 South Cedar Ridge Drive in Duncanville.

**Staff Development/No Classes**, September 26,

It's been since the early 2000s since Duncanville started the football season 3-0. The prospect of a winning team has renewed fans' interest.

As for the rest of the season, Coach Samples uses the age-old philosophy of preparing for one game at a time. Up next is a bye week followed by the Irving High School Tigers.



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