

## **Lockhart Jr High Recognized as Blue Ribbon School**

October 2, 2007 Lockhart Junior High School was recognized this week as a 2007 No Child Left Behind -- Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

Only 23 schools in Texas were selected. A total of 287 schools nationwide were selected as 2007 No Child Left Behind -- Blue Ribbon Schools. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Department of Education and is given to schools that challenge students to perform at high academic levels and make significant progress in closing the achievement gap.

Specifically, public and private elementary, middle, and high schools selected for the award have had 40 percent or more of their students dramatically improve performance to high levels on state tests.

Schools selected for the award also must make adequate yearly progress in reading, language arts and math.

We are proving that when we raise the bar, our children will rise to the challenge. It takes a lot of hard work by teachers and students to become a Blue Ribbon school.

Administrators and staff from the schools will take part in a ceremony in November in Washington D.C