

**Spring Branch Independent School District
Agenda Item Information**

Date of Board Meeting: December 14, 2009

Subject: Recognition of Stratford High School ACT College Readiness Award

Administrator Responsible:

Name: Linda Buchman

Position: Community Relations Officer

Purpose of Agenda Item:

Information only **Action needed** **Report**

Additional Information and/or Back-Up:

Stratford High School is the only SBISD high school to earn the ACT Council's ACT College Readiness Award. This highly-regarded recognition is based on improvement in Stratford High School student performance over the last five years on the ACT test, a college entrance examination.

More Stratford students than ever took the ACT in 2009. Over the last five years, the number of Stratford students taking the ACT has increased by nearly 60% (from 154 to 242), more than half of its graduating class. Impressively, while more students are taking the test, the school's average ACT scores have risen from 22.9 in 2005 to 24.1 in 2009, a gain of 1.2 points, or twice the 0.6 average increase state-wide.

ACT is a college testing organization. The ACT assessment is a college admissions test that is used and accepted by all colleges throughout Texas and the nation.