DeZavala ES (Manuel Lorenzo Justiniano de Zavala)
Opened/Dedicated: 1929
Manuel Lorenzo Justiniano de Zavala (1789–1836) was a distinguished Mexican statesman and diplomat who was given the responsibility of colonizing Texas. De Zavala led the struggle for its independence and was elected Interim Vice President of the New Republic.

Tijerina ES
Tijerina ES (Felix Tijerina)
Opened/Dedicated: 1980
Felix Tijerina (1905–1965) was a leading figure in Houston’s Hispanic community. He founded a chain of popular restaurants and held important positions with such organizations as League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), Varsity Boys Club, Rotary Club, Boys Harbor, and Houston Symphony Society.

Sanchez ES
Sanchez ES (George Isidoro Sanchez)
Opened/Dedicated: 1985
George Isidoro Sanchez (1906–1972) was a national authority on bilingual education and the social problems of Hispanics in this country. He was also the Chairman of the History Department at the University of Texas in the 1950’s where he taught history and philosophy.

Davila ES
Davila ES (Jaime Davila)
Opened/Dedicated: 1990
Named for Jaime Davila (1959–1987), the son of immigrant parents from Mexico, he was the first student from Houston’s East End to receive a full scholarship to Harvard University.

Garcia ES
Garcia ES (Marcario Garcia)
Opened/Dedicated: 1992
Marcario Garcia (1920–1972) was a graduate of Sam Houston HS and a soldier in the U.S. Army who fought in World War II. During the course of his military service, Garcia won two Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars with Valor, and a Bronze Oak Leaf. He also won the nation’s highest award for valor, the Congressional Medal of Honor, which was presented to him in 1945 by President Harry S. Truman. By the time Garcia retired, he had attained the rank of Command Sergeant Major, the highest enlisted rank possible.

Benavidez ES
Benavidez ES (Roy P. Benavidez)
Opened/Dedicated: 1992
The school was named in honor of Master Sergeant Roy P. Benavidez (1935–1998), a Green Beret in the U.S. Army and native Texan who survived against incredible odds in Vietnam. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1981.