

HOUSTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
OBSERVES

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

EMBRACING, ENRICHING, AND ENABLING AMERICA

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The district has 22 schools that recognize the contributions of Hispanic civic and community leaders, who range from educators and civil servants to local restaurateurs, newscasters, Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, and even Nobel Prize-winners.

DeZavala ES



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), Variety Boys Club, Rotary Club, Boys Harbor, and Houston Symphony Society.

Sanchez ES



Sanchez ES (George Isidoro Sanchez)

Opened/Dedicated: 1985

George Isidoro Sánchez (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 Dávila (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 García (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.

Carrillo ES	Edna M. Carrillo Opened/Dedicated: 1993
Chavez HS	Cesar Estrada Chavez Opened/Dedicated: 2000
Crespo ES	Manuel Crespo Opened/Dedicated: 1992
DeAnda ES	Judge James DeAnda Opened/Dedicated: 2011
Farias ECC	Armandina Farias Opened/Dedicated: 2005

Gallegos ES	Mario Martinez Gallegos Opened/Dedicated: 1992
Herrera ES	John J. Herrera Opened/Dedicated: 1992
Laurenzo ECC	Ninfa Rodriguez Laurenzo Opened/Dedicated: 2004
Martinez C ES	Clemente Martinez Opened/Dedicated: 1994
Martinez R ES	Raul C. Martinez Opened/Dedicated: 1994
Mistral ECC	Gabriela Mistral, pen name for Lucila Godoy Alcayaga Opened/Dedicated: 2005

Moreno ES	Joe E. Moreno Opened/Dedicated: 2005
Navarro MS	Yolanda Black Navarro Opened/Dedicated: 2016
Ortiz MS	Daniel Ortiz Opened/Dedicated: 2002
Rodriguez ES	Sylvan Rodriguez Opened/Dedicated: 2002
Seguin ES	Juan N. Seguin Opened/Dedicated: 2002