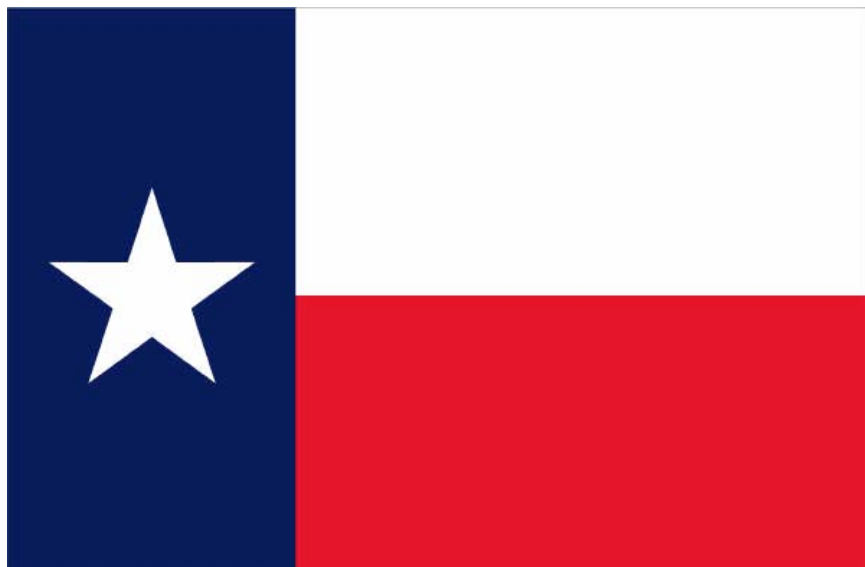


# Texas Monthly Magazine Includes CJHS as Top Performing Schools

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Texas Monthly Magazine has given its coveted stamp of approval (actually it's an orange stamp that says "THE BEST PUBLIC SCHOOLS") on its distinguished list of the top public schools in Texas, and once again Celeste Independent School District has the honor of sharing print page space with the likes of Highland Park, and Coppell school districts. The magazine article presented the higher-performing schools ranked according to the number of subjects (such as reading, writing, math, science, and social studies) in which they excel. The National Center for Educational Accountability (formerly Just for the Kids), which analyzed student test results for the past three years as the basis for this year's ranking, partnered with Texas Monthly to provide the results for the general public. Celeste Jr. High School was listed in the category for schools that performed better, across all grades, on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test than did their counterparts at other schools around the state. Also noted was the fact their students' improvement on the TAKS test was higher than predicted by their previous test scores. Texas Monthly Magazine is a high-profile magazine read by many Texans wanting to know where the best eateries are in the area, as well as by many people wishing to relocate to Texas and knowing where the best schools are is a high priority piece of information – valuable to both prospective homeowners and realtors.