

Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf
CEASD – ISD accrediting body

COMMENDATIONS:

1. ISD is to be commended for prominently displaying its Vision Statement in the hallways, classrooms and in all its publications.
2. ISD is to be commended for the cyclical review of the Vision Statement and the mission statements that help them achieve the school's philosophy.
3. ISD is to be commended for their efforts in getting the law passed that, once implemented, will allow the superintendent to hire staff.
4. ISD is to be commended for their collaboration with other agencies throughout the state in providing services to deaf and hard of hearing children.
5. ISD is to be commended for creating a formal structured committee (SIP Team) to participate in their school improvement planning process and for providing time (6 days annually) to build school improvement in to the schedule.
6. ISD is to be commended for developing 5 year plans for facilities, equipment, maintenance and CDB projects.
7. ISD is to be commended for their knowledge and expertise in understanding and implementing programs and services for the operation of the school given the very complicated bureaucratic red tape that must be followed.
8. ISD is to be commended for their creative ability to secure alternative funding through grants and other agency programs.
9. ISD leadership, maintenance and housekeeping staff is to be commended for the excellent condition of the buildings and grounds.
10. ISD is to be commended for keeping the health center open 24/7 and providing a safe haven for students when support staff is unavailable.
11. ISD is to be commended for their continued focus on increasing campus security and hiring of security staff.

12. ISD is to be commended for their creative implementation of programs, such as the Academic Academy, PBIS and the Transition Living Program, which creates a comfortable, safe, secure environment for optimal learning.
13. ISD is to be commended for their Student Retention Program, which utilizes a team effort between support services, teachers and residential staff.
14. ISD is to be commended for providing appropriate assessments, engaging students in developing goals from the assessments, and utilizing the data for instructional planning.
15. ISD is to be commended for the development of student portfolios, which will enhance longitudinal understanding of progress.
16. ISD is to be commended for their collaborative assessment process that provides for the collection, evaluation and utilization of data for the purpose of developing Individualized Education Plans.
17. ISD is to be commended for the efforts of its Food Service Program in implementing the new federal guidelines for school lunches.
18. ISD is to be commended for their development of the Independent Living Program in the boy's dorm.
19. ISD is to be commended for its variety of extracurricular activities/opportunities that incorporates an appropriate balance between academics and athletics.
20. ISD's staff is to be commended for its commitment to adding and learning new software, new applications, and new technological equipment to make ISD's educational program the best it can possibly be.
21. ISD is to be commended for enabling the students to utilize technology in creating broadcasts and videos.