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Athletic Board Report

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UIL Realignment 2026-28

SOFTBALL

District 16

- Dawson
- Frost
- Hubbard
- Italy
- Wortham
- Avalon
- Coolidge

Italy & Frost Back in Old District

BASEBALL

District 16

- Dawson
- Frost
- Hubbard
- Italy
- Wortham
- Avalon
- Bynum
- Coolidge
- Milford



FOOTBALL District 8-2A D1 R2	BASKETBALL TRACK & CC District 19-2A R3	VOLLEYBALL District 13-2A R2	SOFTBALL District 16-2A R2	BASEBALL District 16-2A R2

➤ **Boys Basketball**

All-District Selections

1st Team All-District

Kaelynn Cockran

2nd Team All-District

Raul Acosta
Masyn Steinmetz
Tripp Slovak

Academic All-District

Tripp Slovak
Kamyri Brown
Masyn Steinmetz
Nate Guidry
Landon Johnson

Raul Acosta
Alan Montero
Rogelio Torres-Landeros
Halee Carr
Malyah Reeves

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➤ Girls Track

JH Girls were very competitive at their district Track meet getting third in both the 7th grade and 8th grade girls division.

At the HS District Track meet our JV girls were 4th overall and our Varsity girls were District Runner-up for the second year in a row
Qualifying for Area in field events were:

Jaslyn Acosta 1st in Shot Put
Tanyria Fennell 2nd in Shot Put
Alyssa Penner 4th in Triple Jump
Camdyn Owen 2nd in High Jump

Qualifying for Area in Running Events were:

A'Niya Hernandez, Addisyn Slovak, Olivia Ramirez, Sasha Babers 4th in 400R
Alyssa Penner, Avery Garcia, Isabel Gandara, Joanna Graciano 4th in 800R
Joanna Graciano 3rd in the 100m Hurdles and 2nd in the 300m Hurdles
Alysa Cate 1st in the 800m, 1st in the 1600m, and 1st in the 3200m

Competing in other events for the varsity were Angel Johnson (100m, 200m), Arhiana Johnson (200m, 5th placer 4 x 200), Isabel Gandara (200m), Alex Creighton (400m), Avery Garcia (400m, Long Jump), Scout Robinson (400m, Triple Jump), Emerson Watson (100m Hurdles, 300m Hurdles, Triple Jump), Tatum Box (300m Hurdles, 6th place High Jump, Long Jump), A'Niya Hernandez (4 x 200, Long Jump, 5th place 100m), Olivia Ramirez (5th place 4 x 200), Sasha Babers (5th place 4 x 200), Miracle Jones (6th place Shot Put), Alyssa Penner (6th place 100m)

➤ Boys Track

JH Boys had a successful season. The 7th grade boys won the District Championship by 65 points, and the 8th grade boys got 3rd.

At the HS District Track meet our JV was District Champions and Varsity received 3rd Overall.

Qualifying for Area in field events were:

Masyn Steinmetz 1st in Long Jump
Kaelynn Cockran 3rd in Long Jump

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Aaden Rankin 4th in Triple Jump
Masyn Steinmetz 3rd in High Jump
Justin Collett 2nd in Pole Vault

Qualifying for Area in Running Events were:

Ethan Fulgham, Masyn Steinmetz, Kaelyn Cockran, & Raul Acosta 2nd in both 400
& 800 Relay
Masyn Steinmetz 2nd in the 100m
Kaelynn Cockran 1st in the 200m
Raul Acosta 2nd in the 200m

Competing in other events for the varsity were Eric Solis (shot and disc), Nate Guidry (shot,disc,800m), Kace Campbell (6th Triple Jump), Ethan Fulgham (6th in the 200m), Aaden Rankin (100m)

➤ **Softball**

JH Gold- Record 3-5-1

Beat : Itasca 1 twice, Buffalo

Lost to: Itasca 1(first game), Waxahachie 3x (scored more runs each time we played), Ennis

Tied Ennis

Gold team improved by scoring 5 on Waxahachie in the last game. Most scored for the season.

JH White- Record 2-3-1

Beat: Itasca 2, Avalon

Lost to: Ennis, Buffalo, Itasca 1

JV Record 7-0

Rio is the only team in the District with a JV.

Played in the Mesquite Tournament and was undefeated.

Varsity

Overall Record: 15-7-1

District 6-1

➤ **Baseball**

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Varsity Baseball is currently 4-11. Two of the wins coming in the form of come from behind wins in extra innings and 4 of the losses were by a combined 7 runs. While they are scoring 6 runs a game, inconsistency with pitching and defense continue to give us trouble. There are currently 6 sophomores starting, overall culture and attitudes have been great. They do not quit. While offense has been the bright spot this year, they have improved in pitching as well. Control has been an issue in the past and walks have haunted them. We just had a 3 game stretch where they walked a combined 8 batters. Last year, the team only had 28 no walk innings and they are already at 38 this season. They continue to work hard and remain confident they will be able to secure a playoff spot with 2 series left (Rio Vista and Meridian).

JV Baseball is 4-6 even though 6 of the underclassmen are up with varsity. This group has a great attitude and works hard every day. Many of them have improved vastly just since the season began.

JH has begun practices and we are excited about their future with a 7th grade class that is very similar to the current sophomore class, who will be seniors when they are freshmen. Their first games are scheduled for Saturday 4/11 in the Abbott Tournament.

➤ Power-Lifting

Italy Powerlifting teams traveled to 11 meets logging over 2260 miles. Teams were successful at every meet gaining momentum toward the regional and state meets.

Our girls team consisted of 7 lifters: Alysa Cate, A'Niya Hernandez, Lyla Sutton, Attie Barber, Ta,Nyria Fennell, Annabelle Glover and Jaslyn Acosta.

Six of the 7 girl lifters made the regional meet.

Jalsyn Acosta won gold in her classification. A'Niya Hernandes won silver and Ta'Nyria won bronze in their respective classes.

Alysa Cate and Attie Barber competed fiercely in their classes and PR'd.

3 of the 7 girls lifters qualified for the state meet in Edinburgh, TX.

Jaslyn Acosta won her **second state championship**, setting **4 new state records** in the process (Squat, Deadlift, Total Pounds in the 242+ Class/All classifications Deadlift). She leaves the sport with **2 State Championships and 6 State Records**.

Ta'Nyria placed 8th in the StateMeet while PR'ing in all 3 lifts.

A'Niya finished 7th in the State Meet while PR'ing in 2 lifts.

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Our boys team consisted of 6 lifters: Carlos DeLaHoya, Xavier DeLaHoya, Aaden Rankin, Emiliano Pompa, Koda Harris and Eric Solis.

5 of our 6 lifters qualified for the Regional meet

Eric Solis finished 3rd in his class. Carlos DeLaHoya and Xavier DeLaHoya finished 4th in their respective classes. Koda Harris lifted well at regionals but bombed out on deadlift. Aaden Rankin finished 2nd in his class and qualified for the state meet in Abilene.

One of 6 qualified for state in Abilene.

Aaden Rankin competed well and came away with a 10th place finish.

Coach Morphew wanted to thank Coach Solis for all her hard work and Coach Loveless for giving them both the opportunity to lead this program. Also, he wanted to thank the Board and Booster Club for supplying them with a budget to outfit our athletes with the best equipment possible.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Italy
GRADIATORS

JASLYN ACOSTA

2 TIME

**"BACK TO BACK" TEXAS HS
WOMEN'S POWER LIFTING
STATE CHAMPION**

530 lb Squat NEW STATE RECORD (broke old from last year-485)
200 lb Bench
475 lb Deadlift NEW STATE RECORD (broke old from last year-425)
1205 overall NEW STATE RECORD (broke old from last year-1095)

also

CONGRATULATIONS!
TO

STATE QUALIFIERS
TA'MYRIA FENNEL
& A'NIYA HERNANDEZ

VERY PROUD!!!

GREAT JOB by Coach Solis and Coach Morphew

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Jr. High Basketball

Our junior high teams finished the district season strong! The 7th grade team captured the District Championship, and the 8th graders battled their way to a 3rd-place finish.

We also had a combined 7th and 8th grade team that competed in several games and showed tremendous growth throughout the season. With over 35 athletes participating this year, morning practices were always full of energy. Despite the numbers, we made it a priority to ensure every player got meaningful reps and quality development time.

JV

JV finished the season on a strong note. We were a very young team that took some tough losses early, but as district play progressed, they began to figure things out. They found ways to win key games and competed hard every night. Even in close losses, they showed heart, resilience, and a willingness to fight until the final buzzer. No matter the opponent, it was always a battle.

Varsity

Varsity made significant strides this season. As it was my first year, there was an adjustment period early on as the players adapted to a new style of play and expectations. We lost a few close games early, but the boys continued to buy in and grow. As the season progressed, they really began to understand and execute what we were building — and they impressed me with their development.

We faced challenges competing against larger schools, but those games served as valuable lessons. Our focus was on playing with heart, competing at a high level, and improving each time we stepped on the court. That growth is still a work in progress, but we're headed in the right direction.

We finished district in 3rd place, won our bi-district playoff game, and advanced to the second round before falling to a strong basketball-only program that was solid from top to bottom.

Overall

I'm proud of the way our players competed and represented our program. They played hard, embraced the grind, and learned to appreciate the results that come from consistent effort. The future is bright, and we're excited to keep building.

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