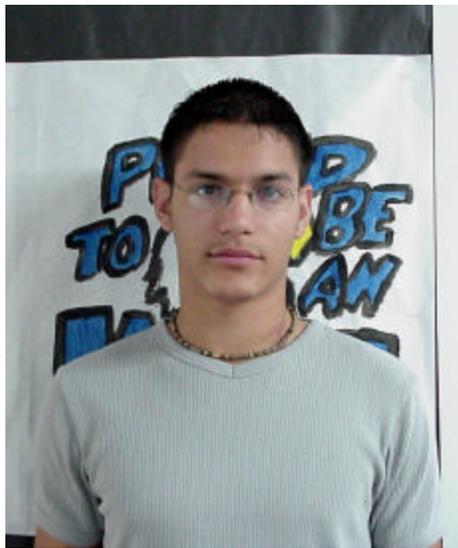


WHO WE ARE

STAR Texas is an incorporated, non profit organization comprised of public school districts and their stakeholders, the majority of whom have been rated "Recognized" or "Exemplary" by the Texas Education Agency. Each member district of STAR Texas accepts transfer students of all colors from outside their district boundaries.

CORE BELIEF

It is the belief of STAR Texas that the choice to attend a public school as a transfer student should be in the hands of the parents, not the state of Texas. Current law does not provide freedom of choice for all Texas children to attend another school as a transfer student, and also restricts funding for some students based solely on the color of their skin.



"Samnorwood is a small school where I get more one on one instruction. I like the teachers here because they each have unique personalities and that makes school more enjoyable."

**Jeremiah Granados - 11th grade
transfer student at Samnorwood ISD,
a TEA Exemplary District**

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Student Transfers Across Rural TEXAS



**"Committed to transfer students receiving equal
access to quality public schools across Texas"**

MISSION & HISTORY:

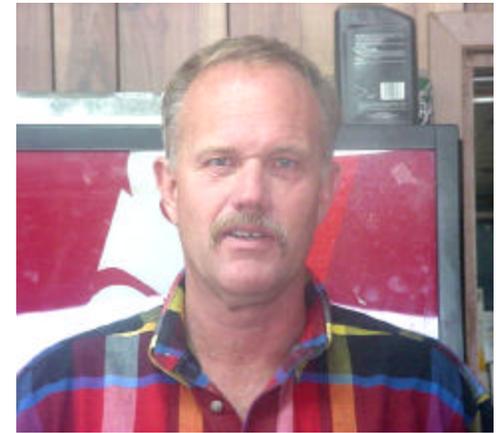
“Our goal is to free Texas schools from the Modified Court Order in Civil Action 5281”

In 1971, the federal court order in Civil Action 5281 was thought to be appropriate, effective, and necessary for the mandatory desegregation of many Texas public school districts. Since then, vestiges of the old segregated system have all but disappeared, and equal opportunity has become the rule in Texas schools. Even so, TEA deems itself obligated to enforce the federal order as if 32 years of progress, change, and improvement had never occurred. Hundreds of children of various ethnicities are denied transfers because of their race or color when the real and only reasons for transfers are academic quality, school safety, geographic convenience or other innocent things. This interferes with good public education and jeopardizes the budgets of many small school districts.

STAR Texas believes this is wrong. We emphatically do not want a return to the days of segregated schools. However, Texas does not need a statewide federal court order to deal with isolated remnants of the old segregation, if any exist. Those things should be handled on a case-by-case basis in the federal court where the school is located. That will be more effective than simply counting heads and skin color in blind obedience to a federal court order that has long outlived its purpose.

Why WE Want this Change

- ★ Allowing families to freely transfer their children fulfills the aim of all schools by “Doing what is in the best interest of the child.”
- ★ Transfers establish an effective form of school choice, an option desired by the majority of today’s parents and in some cases mandated by state and federal law.
- ★ Unrestricted transfer of students would help answer the call of the private sector for schools to better prepare students for today’s market economy. It forces schools to become more service oriented and do a better job. It promotes viewing students as clients, and discourages taking any student for granted.
- ★ As private schools & universities compete for students, so should Texas public schools. Healthy, courteous competition among all schools can only lead to improved education for all, with students as the ultimate winners.



“My kids are the 4th generation to attend school in Harrold. I think the kids get more personal attention there.”

**Terry Lemon, parent of transfer students
attending Harrold ISD**



“Thanks to me being able to transfer into Boling High School, I received the skills needed to be successful in college. I will graduate from Texas A & M in May 2004 with a finance degree .” **Sean Hale**

Boling ISD - TEA Recognized District