

Senior Parents,

We have information regarding Academic All State for our senior swimmers.

If after reading the information below, your swimmer qualifies, please email Coach Nelms to let him know ([steven.nelms@pisd.edu](mailto:steven.nelms@pisd.edu))

The deadline to apply is January 10th but I am sure Coach Nelms would appreciate an answer by **DECEMBER 1, 2016** so he has time to deal with the application.

The Texas High School Coaches Association is now recognizing Academic All-State Athletes in 13 different sports. Including both men's and women's athletics.

**All nominations must be submitted online by logging in to Member Services and clicking on the "Academic All-State Nominations" Icon. (we no longer accept the paper forms by fax or mail).**

The following is a list of those sports and the deadline for nominations in each:

CROSS COUNTRY	NOV 1
VOLLEYBALL	NOV 1
FOOTBALL	DEC 1
SWIMMING/DIVING	JAN 10
WRESTLING	JAN 10
GIRLS BASKETBALL	MAR 1
BOYS BASKETBALL	MAR 1
SOCCER	MAR 1
TENNIS	APR 1
GOLF	APR 1
TRACK	APR 1
SOFTBALL	MAY 1
BASEBALL	MAY 1

To be nominated for Academic All-State, a student must be:

- An athlete, student trainer or manager in good standing with the team
- Of good moral character
- A senior
- Have an overall grade point average of 92 or above (including courses from grades 9-11 and courses completed from grade 12). Weighted GPAs accepted.

Nominations must be made by the head coach of the prospective sport and the head coach must be a member by October 15<sup>th</sup>. After the nominations are submitted and the deadline is passed, the nominations are sent to the THSCA for review. While the student might initially meet the criteria for nomination, that does not guarantee the student a spot on a team. When reviewing the nominations, the THSCA considers each students' GPA, class rank, SAT and/or ACT score. The students receive

points based on each criteria. The total number of points they receive determines which team they are placed on. The classification of the school is not a factor, and there's not a limit on how many players can make a team.

The best team a player can make is the **Elite Team**. It is a great honor to make the Elite team, as a player must have near perfect scores in all categories. The hierarchy then follows in this order:

**1st Team**

**2nd Team**

**Honorable Mention**

For questions please call the THSCA Offices at 512/392-3741.

Michelle