

David Saenz  
TAMS Class of '98  
Distinguished Alumnus 2014



David Saenz is the Principal of Jack E. Singley Academy in Irving Independent School District. He was born November 25, 1979 in La Villa, Texas. He currently lives in Bedford, TX with his wife of 10 years and their two children Vincent (6) and Carmen (3). He attended TAMS from 1996 - 1998. While attending TAMS, he was a member of Student Council, TAMS Ambassadors, FACES, and the After – Prom Committee.

David went on to the University of Texas at Austin. He earned his Bachelor of Science in Applied Learning Development in 2002. His experiences at UT lead him to a life of service as an educator. He joined the Irving ISD in 2002 as sixth grade science teacher at Austin Middle School, and served in roles including teacher, team leader, instructional coach, and 21st Century Learning Center manager until 2005. He was named vice principal at Austin Middle School in 2005. A year later, at the age of 26, he was appointed Principal of Austin Middle School. He would return to the University of North Texas, where he would earn his Masters in

Educational Administration in 2006. In 2009, he was appointed the Principal of Jack E. Singley Academy a diverse High School of 1700 students within the Irving ISD.

Under his leadership the schools where he has served have been recognized at the state and national level. Austin Middle School was honored by Texas Monthly as one of the Best Middle Schools in Texas. It also earned recognition as a "Model School" by the School Improvement Resource Center. The National Center for Educational Achievement listed Austin Middle School and Jack E. Singley Academy on the High Performing Schools list during his tenure. Singley Academy has appeared three times on the U.S. News and World Report list of Best High Schools in the Country. In 2011, Singley Academy earned the distinction of "32<sup>nd</sup> Most Connected Campus in the Country" for its use of educational technology. The school was listed as one of the Top 2000 schools in America by Newsweek in 2013. The school has been visited by various local, national, and international contingencies including the President of Texas A&M University and the U.S. Department of Education because of its success in college and career readiness. Recently, the school was honored with a National Excellence in Action Award.

His desire to serve the community lives through his work with students. He also serves the community by serving on the Executive Board of the Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Managers for the Irving Y.M.C.A. David is an avid Texas Longhorn Fan. He hopes to earn his Doctorate in Educational Administration from UNT this summer. His greatest goal in life is to be a good father and husband