

Dr. Linda Salinas
Distinguished Service Award



For over 25 years, **Linda Salinas** exemplified service to the Highland Park School District. She served in many roles: that of educational diagnostician, principal and administrator. In all of these roles, she has always had a student centered approach which helped her not only guide students and their families, but was also the cornerstone of her work with teachers and administrators alike. She developed a strong, trusting relationship with teachers and staff by always treating others with dignity and respect and working collaboratively to resolve problems and create new opportunities. Linda joined the Highland Park family as a Learning Disabilities Resource Diagnostician in 1978 after teaching high school English, Government and serving as a learning disabilities resource teacher in the Aldine District in West Texas. In 1993 she became the interim principal of Highland Park High School and was named principal of the Highland Park Middle School in 1994. Her amazing talents were well known throughout the community. She was asked to join the administration in 1996 where she later served as Director of Personnel until her retirement in June of 2003. Linda's unwavering support of teachers, students and staff as well as her willingness to help people through difficult situations whether academic, personal or professional, has gained her love and respect District-wide. Following her retirement, Linda and her husband, Al, moved to Plano, Texas where she continues to assist students and parents in her practice as a professional educational diagnostician providing academic assessment and tutoring for her students. The Highland Park High School Alumni Association is honored to award Dr. Linda Salinas the Distinguished Service Award for 2013.