

## HHS Graduates Have Completed State-Required Testing Before SB149 Passage

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more high school students to graduate. This year's graduating class is the first class required to pass all State of Texas Assessments of Academic readiness (STAAR) end-of-course exams in order to graduate. Without the bill, it is estimated that this year alone, 28,000 students would not have been able to graduate because of the failure to pass one or more end-of-course tests.

SB149 creates an individual graduation committee for each student who fails to pass an end-of-course test after two attempts. Each committee will consist of the principal, teacher, school counselor and parent, and will consider multiple factors related to academic success, including the student's grades in relevant coursework and overall attendance rate. The committee will also review the student's scores on the ACT, SAT, and Texas Success Initiative assessments; college credit earned; and overall preparedness for entering college or the workforce.

In order for a student to graduate under these criteria, the graduation committee's decision must be unanimous, the student must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA), and the student must have passed all courses required for graduation.

Again, this year's Hart graduating class completed state requirements for graduation before SB149 became law.

Enjoying the HHS prom Saturday at Hart Elementary were HHS students Dylan Ramirez and Abigail Samaniego.

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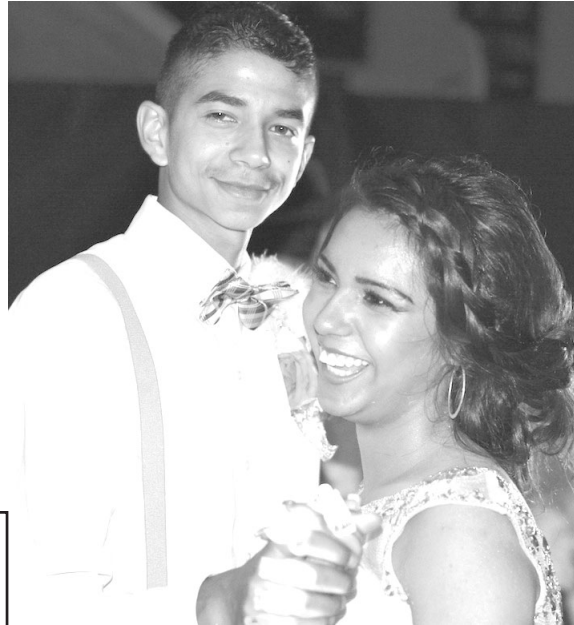
## HHS Senior Receives Scholarship

Mayra Maldonado, HHS senior, received a \$1,000 scholarship at the Family Career and Community Leaders of America State Leadership Conference held in April in Corpus Christi.

HHS Advisor Keila LaShomb announces that

Mayra was one of 14 students awarded the scholarships.

Mayra and other HHS students who comprised the Hart FCCLA Senior Parliamentary Procedure team competed at the State FCCLA



Mayra Maldonado received \$1,000 FCCLA Scholarship. Also pictured is FCCLA advisor, Keila LaShomb.

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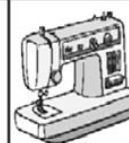
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