



TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT COUNCILS
TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION

☐ High School

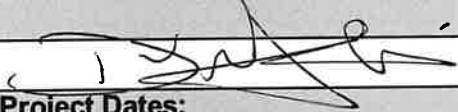
☐ Middle Level

ENTRY COVER SHEET

PLEASE INDICATE:

THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT. ☐

THIS IS A COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL PROJECT. ☐

School Name submitting the application.	School Address:
J. M. Hanks High School	2001 Lee Trevino
School City/State/Zip:	Size of Community(ies):
El Paso TX, 79936	15,000 people
Advisor Name:	Advisor E-Mail:
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Principal Name:	Principal Signature & Email Address
Danny Gutierrez	dgutierrez60@yisd.net
School UIL Classification:	
2-5A	
Project Name:	Project Dates:
Trick-or-Treat Knight	October 30 th , 2024
Total Number of Students in Council(s):	Number of Members Involved in the Project:
55	25
Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):	Number of Other Students Involved in Project:
1358	310
Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):	Number of Faculty Involved in Project:
95	30
Number of Community Groups Involved in Project	Number of Community Members Involved in Project
31 clubs/ sports/ organizations	625

THIS INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. THE TASC WEBSITE DOES NOT ACCEPT GOOGLE DOCS.

This application must be submitted online via the TASC website.

Upload photos, newspaper articles, etc. **Scan all pages into one document and upload for judging.**

Please upload one good jpeg of the project separately.

Please consider submitting a proposal for a table talk (HS) on your project at the high school conference or for a breakout at the Middle-Level Conference for extra points. You must apply to do that.

Purpose and Objectives:

Hanks Student Council recognized that traditional Trick-or-Treating might pose certain safety risks, so we decided to organize an alternative event hosted the day before Halloween. This event provides a safer environment for the Hanks community to enjoy the Halloween spirit. Our goal is to ensure that kids and families can still partake in the fun and excitement of Halloween, but in a safe and controlled setting.

Description:

Halloween safety is a top priority for parents, especially regarding candy and street safety. To provide a secure, enjoyable experience for families, the Hanks Student Council hosts a special Halloween event where children can trick-or-treat in the hallways of “The Kingdom.” All candy is thoroughly vetted to ensure it’s safe, giving parents peace of mind. Since the event is held indoors, weather won’t interfere, ensuring a worry-free experience. Last year, we welcomed 190 families and 625 attendees, with some past events hosting up to 900 people. When families arrive, they are required to sign in and register each child under 13. This policy ensures that children are accompanied by an adult and helps us monitor who is in the building. If a child were to get lost, registration allows us to quickly assist in locating them. Additionally, campus security and school administration are present to monitor the building and ensure a safe environment for everyone.

The event also provides students with a valuable opportunity to participate in community service. Various student clubs, sports teams, and organizations volunteer by setting up and decorating tables to hand out candy. Some volunteers go the extra step by creating haunted houses. To add to the spooky atmosphere, we dim the lights and play eerie music over the intercom. Our theater club, the Knight Players, also puts on a free Halloween performance titled “Spooky Knights on Broadway,” offering families a chance to enjoy live entertainment after trick-or-treating.

This event is more than just a fun celebration; by volunteering, students help create a memorable and safe Halloween experience for local families. The Hanks Halloween event highlights the strength of our community as we come together to make Halloween safe and enjoyable for all.



Hanks High School
2001 N. Lee Trevino



JM Hanks High School Principal's Perspective of the Student Council Trick-or-Treat Knight Project.

In today's world, one of the most significant challenges faced by public schools is earning the trust of their communities. Research shows that parents and the broader community have increasingly lost faith in public schools and their officials. This decline in trust can be partly attributed to concerns about safety, especially in light of the tragic school shootings that have affected our nation. Thanks to our Student Council, events like the Trick-or-Treat Knight offer valuable opportunities for our school to rebuild trust with parents and the community.

Part of building trust involved parents recognizing the security of our campus protocols. Our Student Council ensured that every child was digitally checked in with their parent and could not leave without their accompanied parent.

Another key to building trust is how our Student Council focused on making future Knights feel welcomed. Parents and children left with bags filled with candy and smiles on their faces. Our Student Council provided excellent customer service to the community. For instance, if children didn't have a bag for candy, we made sure they received one.

Lastly, our Student Council built trust by showing the community we were U-Knighted. Every club, sport, and organization had a stand to give out candy. Parents and children are able to see what our school has to offer and that encourages them to choose public education.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Danny Gutierrez', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Danny Gutierrez
Principal

J.M. Hanks High School & Early College High School
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TRICK-OR-TREAT KNIGHT



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH



HANKS HIGH SCHOOL 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM



CHILDREN 12 YEARS AND YOUNGER ARE WELCOME.
ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
FLASHLIGHTS ARE ENCOURAGED.
PARKING AVAILABLE IN LEE TREVINO LOT.



Catch a showing of Spooky Knights on
Broadway by Knight Players in the Theater.







EXIT



Top Projects Rating Sheet (for judges only) Councils may want this as a reference.

School Name	1 Not Met	2	3 Met	4	5 Exceeds
Project Meets Objective					
Amount of Involvement: Council					
Amount of Involvement: Student(s)					
Amount of Involvement: Other School Organizations					
Amount of Involvement: Teachers					
Amount of Involvement: Community					
Originality					
Overall Results: Students					
Overall Results: Faculty/Community					
Project relative to school/community size					
Submitted proposal for presentation at conference					
Evaluation Score Subtotals					

Total Evaluation Score _____

For Collaborative Project, list contact information for all councils involved.

School Name	School Mailing Address (include zip code)	Advisor Name	Advisor Email Address