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- What:** North East ISD's Academy of Creative Education (ACE), a non-traditional campus for at-risk NEISD students, will hold its winter graduation ceremony.
- Who:** Approximately 100 graduates and their families; ACE staff; and NEISD administrators will attend.
- When:** December 16, 2010, 10 a.m.
- Where:** Community Bible Church, 2477 North Loop 1604 East. **Graduates will be available for interviews.**
- Why:** This graduation is a time of celebration and a testament of ACE students who have overcome numerous challenges to obtain their high school diplomas. ACE students are those who struggled in a traditional school setting, as well as former dropouts who decided to complete their education through the non-traditional campus.
- Visuals:** Each graduate will cross the stage to receive his/her diploma. Students will also give personal testimonies throughout the ceremony and speak of their future plans after graduation.
- More:** ACE, a nationally recognized model high school for students at risk of dropping out, and was established with an innovative grant from the Texas Education Agency and the Education Economic Policy Center. Using a non-traditional approach to education, ACE is the collaborative result of a design team composed of educators and community representatives. Students who attend ACE have transferred from NEISD high schools to complete their education and receive a diploma. Since its inception in 1991, more than 3,500 students have graduated from ACE.

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About NEISD:

North East ISD has more than 70 schools and magnet programs with an expected fall 2010 enrollment of more than 66,000 students. NEISD employs more than 9,000 people. It is the second largest public school district in the San Antonio area and the eighth largest in the state. Under the Texas accountability system, 87 percent of NEISD schools are rated Exemplary or Recognized. The district earned Recognized for the third year in a row. More information about NEISD can be found at www.neisd.net.