



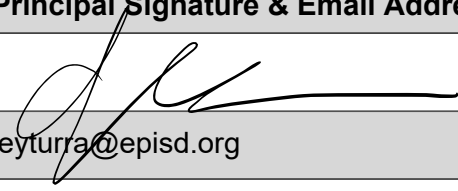
**TASC TOP PROJECTS COMPETITION**

**X High School**

**Middle Level**

**PLEASE INDICATE:**

**X THIS IS AN INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL PROJECT.**

<b>School Name submitting the application</b>	<b>School Address:</b>
Burges High School	7800 Edgemere Blvd, El Paso, TX 79925
<b>School City/State/Zip:</b>	<b>Size of Community(ies):</b>
El Paso/ Texas/ 79925	City population: 680,000
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5A	<b>Project Dates:</b>
<b>Project Name:</b>	February 20, 2025
Take Back the Night	<b>Number of Members Involved in the Project:</b>
<b>Total Number of Students in Council(s):</b>	37
63	<b>Number of Other Students Involved in Project:</b>
<b>Total Number of Students Enrolled in School(s):</b>	~85
1,450	<b>Number of Faculty Involved in Project:</b>
<b>Total Number of Faculty employed in School(s):</b>	18
90	<b>Number of Community Members Involved in Project</b>
<b>Number of Community Groups Involved in Project</b>	~375
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Our Take Back the Night project was not a singular event, but something that grew from a genuine desire to raise awareness, educate others, and create long-term support for our community. This effort led to the Take Back the Night event at Burges High School, which was held to support and recognize survivors of domestic abuse and raise awareness about teen dating violence. Since February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month, the goal was to educate the community about recognizing how to call out and avoid unhealthy relationships, provide access to resources, and encourage public engagement on issues of domestic and sexual violence. The event took place on February 20th from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM and featured a Mental Health and Educational Fair.

All schools in District 9 were invited to participate, with student councils managing de-stressor and educational booths. Eight local organizations from El Paso provided resources and information to attendees. For example, the Center Against Sexual and Family Violence shared information about shelters, counseling, and support groups, while El Paso County explained how to file a restraining order. Activities included self-defense demonstrations by Ocelotl Martial Arts Academy, yoga sessions, free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, and health screenings from Southwest Guiding Star. Attendees were asked to donate feminine products, baby items, or toiletries, which were collected and distributed to local shelters. A pre-event donation drive allowed us to provide additional essentials to attendees in need. Food trucks were available for participants. To help promote and share the mission of Take Back the Night across our local communities, we were able to interview with KTSM 9 News, KVIA 7 News, and iHeart Radio. Our council lead the way with planning all aspects of this event, coordinating with multiple student councils and organizations, arranging booths and activities, and managing promotion and donations.

This project was inspired by the original Take Back the Night movement of the 1970s, which raised awareness about sexual violence, supported survivors, and advocated for safe public spaces. Through this event, we educated the community, provided resources for survivors, and encouraged students and families to engage with this important cause.





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Date: January 12, 2026

Subject: Student Council Community Service Project Recognition

Dear TASC Committee Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the outstanding success of our Burges Student Council's Take Back the Night community service project.

This initiative was executed with a high level of professionalism, purpose, and care, and it reflected exceptionally well on the Burges High School student body as well as our surrounding community. I have been genuinely impressed by the planning, collaboration, and leadership demonstrated throughout this and other projects, and I commend our student leaders for their dedication and follow-through.

The Take Back the Night project exemplifies our campus commitment to meaningful and impactful programming—work that not only serves others but also strengthens awareness, unity, and responsibility within our school culture. It is especially important that we continue to foster strong, collaborative relationships with our community partners and with other area high schools, and this project serves as an excellent model of how that collaboration can be achieved successfully.

I am proud of the Student Council's continued commitment to service and leadership and fully support my students' effort as they move forward with future initiatives that positively impact both our campus and our community.

Thank you for considering Burges High School for this recognition.

Sincerely,

Jason Yturalde  
Campus Principal - Burges High School

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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.

***-We presented this project at last year's State Annual Conference in Arlington, as a table talk, and as a breakout at this year's TASC Mid-Level Conference in Waco.***



***The community services offered at the event ranged from health screenings and self-defense classes to activity/craft booths and yoga!***



*We had the chance to promote our event on local news channels and radio stations*



*"Admission" for the event was donations of toiletries which were donated to one of our local shelters*



*The Slime Making Booth manned by Mission Early College High School*



*The Face Painting Booth manned by Young Women's Academy*