



TEA releases 2016 accountability ratings

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released the 2016 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, as well as more than 8,600 campuses statewide. The ratings reveal that approximately 94 percent of school districts and charters across Texas have achieved the rating of Met Standard.

Districts, campuses, and charters receive one of three ratings under the accountability system: Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard, or Improvement Required. School district ratings (including charter operators) by category in 2016 are as follows:

2016 RATING	DISTRICT	CHARTER	TOTAL	PERCENT
Met Standard/Alternative	978	153	1,131	93.7%
Met Standard	978	123	1,101	91.2%
Met Alternative Standard	N/A	30	30	2.5%
Improvement Required	44	22	66	5.5%
Not Rated	2	8	10	0.8%
TOTAL	1,024	183	1,207	100.0%

The 2016 ratings are based on a system that uses a range of indicators to provide greater detail about the performance of a district or charter and individual campuses throughout the state. The performance index framework includes four areas:

- Student Achievement – Provides a snapshot of performance across all subjects
- Student Progress – Measures year-to-year student progress by subject and student group
- Closing Performance Gaps – Emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the lowest performing racial/ethnic student groups
- Postsecondary Readiness – Emphasizes the importance of earning a high school diploma that provides students with the foundation necessary for success in college, the workforce, job training programs or the military

In order to earn a rating of Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard, a campus or district must meet the target on either Index 1 or Index 2 plus meet the targets on Index 3 and Index 4. For the 2015-2016 school year, the number of districts achieving a

rating of Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard stayed relatively stable to the previous years.

	2013		2014		2015		2016	
RATING	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Met Standard/Alternative	1,141	92.9%	1,107	90.2%	1,152	94.5%	1,131	93.7%
Improvement Required	75	6.1%	110	9.0%	55	4.5%	66	5.5%

Under the 2016 state accountability system, campus ratings (including charter campuses) by category and school type are as follows:

2016 RATING	ELEM	MIDDLE	HS	K-12	TOTAL	PERCENT
Met Standard/Alternative	4,400	1,533	1,431	303	7,667	88.4%
Met Standard	4,399	1,523	1,211	288	7,421	85.6%
Met Alternative Standard	1	10	220	15	246	2.8%
Improvement Required	234	118	67	48	467	5.4%
Not Rated	66	43	286	144	539	6.2%
TOTAL	4,700	1,694	1,784	495	8,673	100.0%

Campuses that receive an accountability rating of Met Standard are also eligible for distinction designations. Distinction designations are awarded to campuses based on achievement on performance indicators compared to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size and student demographics. Distinction designations will be publicly released by Sept. 16.

For the 2015-2016 school year, the number of campuses achieving a rating of Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard increased compared to the previous years, while the number of campuses receiving a rating of Improvement Required decreased.

	2013		2014		2015		2016	
RATING	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Met Standard/Alternative	7,207	84.2%	7,285	85.0%	7,476	86.5%	7,667	88.4%
Improvement Required	768	9.0%	733	8.5%	603	7.0%	467	5.4%

Independent of the state's accountability system, all school districts are required to evaluate the district's performance and the performance of each campus in regard to community and student engagement. Although these locally-assigned ratings must be posted on district websites by Aug. 8, they are separate from the state accountability ratings. TEA will post the locally-determined community and student engagement ratings on the agency's website on Sept. 30.

Districts, charters, and campuses can appeal the rating assigned on Aug. 15. TEA will release the final 2016 ratings based on

the outcomes of the appeals in December.

To view the 2016 state accountability ratings for districts, charters and campuses, visit the Texas Education Agency website at <http://tea.texas.gov/2016Accountability.aspx>.

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