



TEA releases 2017 accountability ratings

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released the 2017 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, as well as more than 8,700 campuses statewide.

The ratings reveal that approximately 95 percent of school districts and charters across Texas have achieved the rating of *Met Standard*. In addition, the number of individual campuses achieving a rating of *Met Standard* or *Met Alternative Standard* increased again this year, while the number of campuses receiving a rating of *Improvement Required* continued to decline.

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 2017 are as follows:

DISTRICT LEVEL

2017 RATING	DISTRICT	CHARTER	TOTAL	PERCENT
Met Standard/Alternative	993	153	1,146	95.3%
Met Standard	993	126	1,119	93.0%
Met Alternative Standard	N/A	27	27	2.2%
Improvement Required	28	16	44	3.7%
Not Rated	2	11	13	1.1%
TOTAL	1,023	180	1,203	100.0%

The 2017 ratings are based on a system that uses a performance index framework that includes four areas: Index 1 – Student Achievement (which provides a snapshot of performance across all subjects); Index 2 – Student Progress (which measures year-to-year student progress by student group); Index 3 – Closing Performance Gaps (which emphasizes the academic achievement of economically disadvantaged students and the lowest performing racial/ethnic student groups); and Index 4 – Postsecondary Readiness (which 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).

To earn a rating of *Met Standard* or *Met Alternative Standard*, a campus or district must meet the target on either Student Achievement (Index 1) or Student Progress (Index 2) – plus meet the targets on Closing Performance Gaps (Index 3) and Postsecondary Readiness (Index 4).

For the 2016–2017 school year, the number of districts achieving a rating of *Met Standard* or *Met Alternative Standard* stayed relatively stable to the previous years. Conversely, the number of districts achieving a rating of *Improvement Required* continued to decline.

DISTRICT LEVEL

RATING	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Met Standard/ Alternative	1,146 (95.3%)	1,137 (94.2%)	1,152 (95.5%)	1,107 (90.2%)	1,141 (92.9%)
Improvement Required	44 (3.7%)	57 (4.7%)	55 (4.5%)	110 (9.0%)	75 (6.1%)

Under the 2017 state accountability system, campus ratings (including charter campuses) by category and school type are as follows:

CAMPUS LEVEL

2017 RATING	ELEM	MIDDLE	HS	K-12	TOTAL	PERCENT
Met Standard/Alternative	4,448	1,598	1,462	322	7,830	89.4%
Met Standard	4,447	1,585	1,245	303	7,580	86.6%
Met Alternative Standard	1	13	217	19	250	2.9%
Improvement Required	232	67	67	28	371	4.2%
Not Rated	69	53	280	154	556	6.3%
TOTAL	4,749	1,718	1,786	504	8,757	100.0%

For the 2016–2017 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* continued to decline.

CAMPUS LEVEL

RATING	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Met Standard/ Alternative	7,830 (89.4%)	7,684 (88.6%)	7,476 (86.5%)	7,285 (85.0%)	7,207 (84.2%)
Improvement Required	371 (4.2%)	445 (5.1%)	567 (6.6%)	773 (8.5%)	768 (9.0%)

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 2017 ratings based on the outcomes of the appeals in December. To view the 2017 state

accountability ratings for districts, charters and campuses, visit the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/accountability/>.

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