

TEA releases 2015 accountability ratings

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released the 2015 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters, as well as the more than 8,600 campuses statewide. The ratings reveal that 94 percent of school districts and charters across Texas have achieved the rating of *Met Standard*.

- Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts;
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics;
- Academic Achievement in Science;
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies;
- Top 25 Percent: Student Progress;
- Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps; and
- Postsecondary Readiness.

In 2015, 4,388 campuses that achieved the *Met Standard* rating earned some type of distinction designation. However, only 153 high schools, middle schools and junior high schools earned a distinction designation in all seven categories that were evaluated for that campus.

In addition, districts and charters (except for those comprised of only one campus) are eligible to receive a distinction designation for postsecondary readiness. The distinction takes into account factors such as graduation rates, ACT/SAT participation and performance, Career and Technical Education (CTE) graduates and dual credit course completion rates. Postsecondary readiness is the only distinction at the district level. Twenty-four school districts and charters earned this distinction for 2015.

“Earning any type of distinction under the state accountability system is commendable and should be a source of pride in that community,” said Commissioner Williams. “Achieving all seven distinctions on a campus or a district-level postsecondary readiness distinction reflects extraordinary work while affirming a strong commitment to students.”

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