



## Final 2016 academic accountability ratings released

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency (TEA) today released the final 2016 state academic accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,600 campuses. The final ratings include the results of an appeals process that provides districts and charters an opportunity to contest preliminary ratings.

Preliminary state accountability ratings were announced by TEA in August. The Texas Education Code requires the commissioner of education to provide a process for districts and charters to challenge their accountability ratings. School district appeals are first carefully reviewed by an independent appeals panel before being sent to the commissioner for a final decision.

The Texas Education Agency received 104 school district and campus-level appeals in 2016, compared to 72 in 2015, 90 in 2014, and 85 in 2013.

Nine of 24 district appeals were granted by the commissioner. The final district ratings for Newman International Academy in Arlington, Orangefield ISD, Pearsall ISD, San Perlita ISD, Sheldon ISD, and Utopia ISD were changed from *Improvement Required* to *Met Standard*. The final district ratings for Excel Academy in Houston, Gateway Charter Academy in Dallas, and University of Texas Charter School were changed from *Improvement Required* to *Not Rated*.

Under the final 2016 ratings, more than 90 percent of school districts and charters across Texas achieved the rating of *Met Standard*. Districts, campuses, and charters receive one of three ratings under the state’s accountability system: *Met Standard*, *Met Alternative Standard*, or *Improvement Required*.

Final school district ratings (including charter operators) by category in 2016 are as follows:

2016 RATING	DISTRICT	CHARTER	TOTAL	PERCENT
<b>Met Standard/Alternative</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
Met Standard	983	124	1,107	91.7%
Met Alternative Standard	N/A	30	30	2.5%
<b>Improvement Required</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Not Rated	2	11	13	1.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,024</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Twenty-one of 80 campus appeals were granted by the commissioner. The campus appeals granted in 2016 are as follows:

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CAMPUS</b>	<b>AUGUST RATING</b>	<b>FINAL RATING</b>
Abilene ISD	Sam Houston	Improvement Required	Not Rated
Amarillo ISD	North Heights Alternative School	Improvement Required	Met Alternative Standard
Austin ISD	International High School	Improvement Required	Met Alternative Standard
Cleveland ISD	Cleveland High School	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Dallas ISD	Boude Storey Middle	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Garland ISD	Pathfinder Achievement Center	Improvement Required	Not Rated
Gateway Charter Academy	Gateway Charter Academy–Middle	Improvement Required	Not Rated
Houston ISD	Sterling High School	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Houston ISD	Port Houston Elementary	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Legacy Preparatory	Legacy Preparatory Charter Academy	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Newman International Academy of Arlington	Newman International Academy of Arlington	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Pearsall ISD	Pearsall High School	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Premier High Schools	Premier High School of East El Paso	Improvement Required	Met Alternative Standard
San Antonio ISD	Pickett Academy	Improvement Required	Not Rated
San Perlita ISD	San Perlita High School	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Santa Anna ISD	Santa Anna Secondary	Improvement Required	Met Standard

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CAMPUS</b>	<b>AUGUST RATING</b>	<b>FINAL RATING</b>
Seguin ISD	Patlan Elementary	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Uplift Education	Uplift Heights Preparatory Middle	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Utopia ISD	Utopia School	Improvement Required	Met Standard
Vernon ISD	North Texas State Hospital–AFP	Improvement Required	Not Rated
West Orange-Cove CISD	West Orange-Stark High School	Improvement Required	Met Standard

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

<b>2016 RATING</b>	<b>ELEM</b>	<b>MIDDLE</b>	<b>HS</b>	<b>K–12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>PERCENT</b>
<b>Met Standard/Alternative</b>	<b>4,403</b>	<b>1,536</b>	<b>1,440</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>7,684</b>	<b>88.6%</b>
Met Standard	4,402	1,526	1,217	290	7,435	85.7%
Met Alternative Standard	1	10	223	15	249	2.9%
<b>Improvement Required</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Not Rated	66	43	287	148	544	6.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,700</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>1,784</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>8,673</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The 2016 ratings are based on a system of indexes that provides a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of a district or charter and each individual campus throughout the state. The performance index framework includes four areas: student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps, and postsecondary readiness. An overview of the accountability system can be found at

[https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2016/accountability\\_rating\\_system.pdf](https://rptsvr1.tea.texas.gov/perfreport/account/2016/accountability_rating_system.pdf).

Parents and the general public seeking a quick overview of the state accountability system and what goes into the annual ratings of schools, districts, and charters can watch an informational animated video at <http://youtu.be/cbEgrdijuc8>.

To view the 2016 state accountability ratings for districts, charters, and campuses (that include a listing of any distinction designations earned at the campus and district level), visit the Texas Education Agency website at <http://tea.texas.gov/2016accountability.aspx>.

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