



Rating Presentation

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Data



PURPOSE

- Expands the public education accountability system in Texas to Financial Services
- Originated by SB875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. Passed during the 77th regular session in 2001
- Primary goal is to improve management of school district's financial resources



OBJECTIVES

- Assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools
- Measure and report the extent to which financial resources are allocated for district instructional purposes
- Fairly evaluate the quality of financial management decisions
- Only report results to the general public



RATINGS

- HB 5 of the 83rd legislature in 2013 required the Commissioner of Education to include indicators in FIRST to anticipate the future financial solvency of districts

The 2021 ratings is determined by the scores on 20 indicators

A = Superior	90-100
B = Above Standard	80-89
C = Meets Standard	60-79
F = Substandard Achievement	0-59



HOW RATINGS ARE ASSESSED

1. Was the Annual Financial Report filed within one month of the November 27th deadline based on the District's fiscal year end date of June 30th? **YES**
2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)? **YES**
3. Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of debt agreements at fiscal year end? **YES**
4. Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and other government agencies? **YES**



HOW RATINGS ARE ASSESSED

5. This indicator is not being scored.
6. Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over 3 years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balance exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? **CEILING PASSED**
7. Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? **NISD had 168.7523 days on hand to receive maximum points – 10 points**



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8. Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? **The ratio of current asset to current liabilities was 2.5751 and did not exceed the 3.00 benchmark for maximum points. – 8 points**
9. Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school districts number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days? **Expenditures exceeded revenues by \$4,086,772 but the district had 168.7523 days of cash on hand. – 10 points**
10. This indicator is not being scored. **10 points**



HOW RATINGS ARE ASSESSED

11. Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? If the school district's increase of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more, then the school district automatically passes this indicator. **NISD's 5-year percent increase in students was 15.02 percent so NISD automatically passes. – 10 points**
12. Was the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio sufficient to support future debt repayments? **NISD scores a property value ratio of 5.111. To receive maximum points, the ratio must be less than 4. This indicator does not take into account future property value growth. – 8 points**
13. Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? **NISD scored a ratio of 0.0596 which was lower than the 0.0855 required to receive maximum points - 10 points**



HOW RATINGS ARE ASSESSED

14. Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? If student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator. **NISD did not have a decrease in enrollment of students, so NISD automatically passes. – 10 points**
15. This indicator is not being scored.– **5 points**
16. Did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3 percent of all expenditures by function? **NISD scored a variance of 0.02 percent which is lower than the 3.0 percent required to pass. - Ceiling passed**



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17. Did the external independent auditor report that the ACFR was free of any instance(s) of material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds. **NISD had no material weaknesses. – Ceiling Passed**
18. Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? **NISD had no findings for material noncompliance. - 10 points**



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19. Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's year end? **NISD met all the required postings - 5 points**
20. Did the school board members discuss the district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget? **NISD discussed the property values prior to adopting the budget. – Ceiling Passed**



WHAT IS NISD'S RATING

A = Superior Rating

NISD received 96 of 100 maximum points on all indicators.



REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Superintendent's Current Contract

Acting Superintendent's contract is available through the attached link below.

<https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1665512212/nisdtorg/tdcq8t9mld60xtmkxeco/AG092622-Contract-MGriffinActingSuperintendent.pdf>



REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

Reimbursements received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2021

For the 12-month period ending June 20, 2021

Description	Warren	Hicks	Rauch	Simpson	Schluter	Copp	Sprowls	Murphy	Hatfield	Total
Hotel	844.11		723.24		719.64	622.20	710.39	719.64	622.20	4,961.42
Meal	695.30	106.83	322.18	265.18	350.95	318.68	361.60	310.18	308.30	3,039.20
Mileage	1,754.38		34.50		54.77	50.62	40.99	40.54	50.74	2,026.54
Parking	14.00				10.00					24.00
Registration	720.00	460.00	785.00	835.00	785.00	810.00	785.00	785.00	785.00	6,750.00
TOTAL	4,027.79	566.83	1,864.92	1,100.18	1,920.36	1,801.50	1,897.98	1,855.36	1,766.24	16,801.16



REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

- Outside compensation and/or fees received by the Superintendent for professional consulting and/or other personal services in fiscal year 2021 – **None Reported**
- Gifts received by the Executive Officer(s) and Board Members (and first-degree relatives, if any) in fiscal year 2021 – **None Reported**
- Business transactions between the District and Board Members for fiscal year 2021 – **None Reported**

DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS