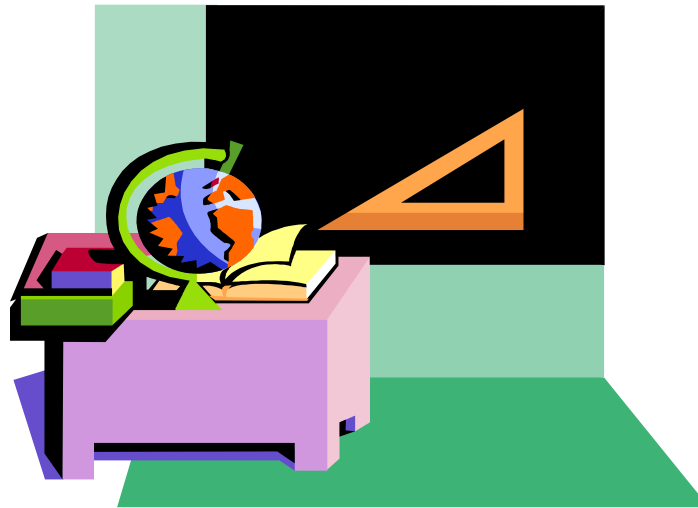


Willis I.S.D.

2013-2014 District Status



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Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

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The FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas) Rating, officially referred to as School FIRST, was established by TEA effective with the 2001-2002 School Year data. This rating system was developed by TEA in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

In the rating system there are 7 indicators. The first 4 are based on Yes-No answers with the desired answer to each indicator being Yes. The remaining 3 are based on a point system.

For the **thirteenth** consecutive year, Willis I.S.D. has held the highest rating available on the FIRST rating.

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Indicator #1

Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?

Yes

A simple indicator. Was our Annual Financial Report filed by the deadline?

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Indicator #2

Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion).

Yes

A “qualification” on our financial report means that we need to correct some of our reporting or financial controls. A district’s goal, therefore, is to receive an “unqualified opinion” on its Annual Financial Report. This is a simple “Yes” or “No” indicator.

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Indicator #3

Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?

Yes

This indicator seeks to make certain that our district has paid our bills / obligations on bonds issued to pay for school construction, etc.

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Indicator #4

Was the total unrestricted net asset balance (Net of the accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds) in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Assets greater than zero?

Yes

This indicator simply asks, “Did the district’s total assets exceed the total amount of liabilities (according to the very first financial statement in the annual audit report)?” Fortunately this indicator recognizes that high-growth districts incur large amounts of debt to fund construction, and that total debt may exceed the total amount of assets under certain scenarios.

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Indicator #5

Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?

SCORE:

10 points

This indicator measures the percentage of their budget that Texas school districts spent on administration. Did we exceed the cap in School FIRST for districts of our size?

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Indicator #6

Did the comparisons of PEIMS data to like information in Annual Financial Report result in an aggregate variance of less than 3% of expenditures per fund type (Data Quality Measure)?

SCORE:

10 points

This indicator measures the quality of data reported to PEIMS and in our Annual Financial Report to make certain that the data reported in each case “matches up.” If the difference in numbers reported in any fund type is 3 percent or more, our district “fails” this measure.

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Indicator #7

Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instances(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds?

SCORE:

10 points

A clean audit of our Annual Financial Report would state that our district has no material weaknesses in internal controls. Any internal weaknesses create a risk of our District not being able to properly account for its use of public funds, and should be immediately addressed.

Schools **FIRST** **Ratings:**

2013-2014 is a transitional year

Pass – 1,012 Districts

Substandard Achievement – 2 Districts

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Rating:

Passed

Indicators Answered YES:

4 out of 4

**Indicators Scored on
Point system:**

30 out of 30 points

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