ENERGY STAR Ratings & Certification

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In 2016, GISD began obtaining ENERGY STAR ratings for many of our facilities for the very first time. A brief summary of the rating system, certification process, and campus scores are provided below.

ENERGY STAR Rating System

The EPA's ENERGY STAR rating system uses a 0-100 scale to help facility owners and occupants assess how their buildings are performing. It can be used to help identify which facilities may need improvement and those that may qualify for recognition. Each building is compared to other buildings nationwide that have the same primary use (such as "K-12 school"). Calculations take into account a variety of building factors, such as: square footage, age, location/climate, number of occupants, cooking facilities, number of technology devices, etc. Buildings with a higher rating are considered to be better energy performers than those with a lower rating. A score of 50 is the median, or industry average, for the respective property type. A score above 50 would indicate that a building is performing better than 50% of similar buildings nationwide. A score of 75 or higher would indicate that a building is a top performer and may be eligible for ENERGY STAR certification.

Note: Not all buildings are able to obtain a rating. Certain facilities may not fall within one of the defined property types. (This is the case for our Support Services building, which has office space as well as shop space.) It is also a requirement that the building be metered independently for energy consuming utilities such as electricity and natural gas. (This requirement disqualifies a number of our campuses, such as Picket, Tippit, GHS, and GHS Annex / Richarte.) In addition, a building must have at least 12 months of uninterrupted utility data in order to obtain a rating. (This requirement currently disqualifies our newest facilities, such as Purl and Wagner.)

ENERGY STAR Certification

In order for a building to be certified, it must have a current ENERGY STAR rating of 75-100. This rating is verified by a licensed professional (LP), who reviews utility data and facility information, and may conduct an onsite visit. Once the LP signs off on the building application, it is reviewed by the EPA. If approved, the building obtains certification for the year in which the application applies. Certification can be done on an annual basis.

Current GISD Campus Ratings

