

**Dallas
Independent
School
District**





School FIRST

Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

2009 – 2010 Rating Presentation



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School FIRST Background

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

School FIRST Stated Objectives

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

School FIRST Rating Categories

- Superior Achievement
- Above Standard Achievement
- Standard Achievement
- Substandard Achievement

Dallas ISD School FIRST Rating

- **Above Standard Achievement** (for the full report, go to <http://tuna.tea.state.tx.us/First/forms/District.aspx?year=2009&district=057905>)
 - 6 Yes / No indicators: Dallas ISD - 5 Yes; 1 No
 - 18 indicators with points: Dallas ISD total points - 64 (maximum 80)
 - Required points for Above Standard Achievement rating – 64 to 71

School FIRST Areas for Improvement

- Material weaknesses in internal controls.
- Material noncompliance found in Single Audit findings.
- General Operating Fund balance less than 150% of optimum.
- Investment earnings less than \$20.00 per student

School FIRST Required Disclosures

- The Interim Superintendent of Schools does not have an employment contract.
- The Superintendent received no outside compensation and/or fees for professional consulting and/or other personal services.
- There were no gifts received by the Superintendent and/or Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) from any district vendors.

School FIRST Required Disclosures

- There were no Business Transactions between the District and Board Members except for payments of \$449,202 made to TDIndustries. The payments were made for services rendered under contracts previously approved by the Board of Trustees. Jack Lowe is the Chairman Emeritus of TDIndustries.
- The following schedule details the reimbursements for business expenses received by the Superintendent and Board Members from the District.

Expense Reimbursements

Description of Reimbursement	Superintendent	Board Member District 1	Board Member District 2	Board Members District 3	Board Member District 4	Board Member District 5	Board Member District 6	Board Member District 7	Board Member District 8	Board Members District 9
Meals	\$1,118.00	-0-	-0-	\$500.00	-0-	\$1,025.00	\$675.00	\$150.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,436.00
Lodging	\$3,863.08	-0-	\$183.69	\$1,284.43	-0-	\$2,070.31	\$1,264.83	\$182.03	\$2,163.06	\$2,229.34
Transportation	\$9,494.32	-0-	-0-	\$1,879.10	-0-	\$1,780.55	\$976.75	-0-	\$2,211.55	\$2,140.90
Motor Fuel	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	\$953.42	-0-	\$285.00	\$1,240.00	\$100.00	\$2,502.45	\$1,684.89	\$275.00	\$1,615.00	\$1,559.90
Total	\$15,428.82	-0-	\$468.69	\$4,903.53	\$100.00	\$7,378.31	\$4,601.47	\$607.03	\$7,164.61	\$7,366.14

School FIRST Required Disclosures

General Fund Expenditures for the Three Months Ended
September 30, 2010 (in millions):

6100 Payroll and related costs	\$ 178.2
6200 Contracted services	29.2
6300 Supplies and materials	12.4
6400 Other operating	3.1
6500 Debt service	1.9
6600 Capital expenditures	.3
Total	\$ 225.1

School FIRST Required Disclosures

- In the two fiscal years ended June 30, 2010 and 2011, the District drew funds from a short term financing note during the period between July and October in each year.
- The District has not declared financial exigency at any time during the two years ended June 30, 2011.
- The District has had one Superintendent during the five years ended June 30, 2011.
- The District has had five “Business Managers” during the five year period ended June 30, 2011.

School FIRST Required Disclosures

- The District does not have student-to-staff ratios significantly below the norm.
- For additional information regarding the financial condition of the District, please refer to the Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2010 and the 2011- 2012 Adopted Budget Version 6.1 and related schedules.

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