

Birdville ISD

2025 School FIRST Rating

Public Hearing

September 25, 2025 - 7:00 P.M.



What is FIRST?

- **F**inancial **I**ntegrity **R**ating **S**ystem of **T**exas
- Created by Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5 of the 83rd Texas Legislature in 2013 to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources.
- Rating calculations are based on data from the 2023–24 fiscal year.

Objectives

- **Achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources.**
 - 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.

Determination of Rating

- The FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, as follows:
 - **A** for Superior Achievement (90-100)
 - **B** for Above Standard Achievement (80-89)
 - **C** for Meets Standard Achievement (70-79)
 - **F** for Substandard Achievement (<70)

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Superior Achievement

- BISD received a score of **96** (out of 100).
- BISD has received a top rating each year since inception of the rating system over 20 years ago.

Indicators

- 1. Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to TEA within 30 days of the November 27th deadline based on the school district's fiscal year-end date of June 30th?**
 - YES. The 2023–24 annual financial report was filed with TEA on November 21, 2024. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)
- 2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole?**
 - YES. The District received an unmodified opinion on the 2023–24 annual financial report. This is the highest rating a district can receive. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

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3. **Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?**
 - YES. The District was in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)
4. **Did the school district make timely payments to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?**
 - YES. All TRS, TWC, IRS and other governmental agency payments were made in a timely manner. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

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5. **Was the total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) greater than zero?**
 - YES. The District's total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) was greater than zero. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)
6. **Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over three years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures?**
 - YES. The District's average change in fund balance over three years was less than a decrease of 25 percent and the District's current year fund balance exceeded 75 days of operational expenditures. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

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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)?**
 - YES. The District's cash on hand and current investments were sufficient to cover operating expenditures. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 10 pts.)

8. **Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?**
 - YES. The District's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was sufficient to cover short-term debt. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 10 pts.)

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9. Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days?

- YES. The District's general fund revenues exceeded general fund expenditures, and the days of cash on hand equaled 60 or more days. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 10 pts.)

10. This indicator is not being scored for 2023–24.

- Districts were awarded 10 points for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Not evaluated – 10 pts.)

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11. Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the district's change in students in membership over five years was 7% or more, then the district passes the indicator.)
- YES. The District's ratio of current assets to current liabilities was sufficient to cover long-term debt. The District received a score of 8 out of 10 for this indicator (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 8 out of 10 pts.)
12. What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?
- The District's debt per \$100 of assessed property value was sufficient to support future debt payments. The District received a score of 8 out of 10 for this indicator. (2022–23: Yes–10 out of 10 pts.)

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

- YES. The District's administrative cost ratio was 7.07 percent. The District received a score of 10, the highest rating for this indicator. The District received a score of five, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 10 pts., at 7.59 percent)

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 the student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator.

- YES. The District did not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years. The District received a score of 10, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes - 10 pts.)

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- 15. Was the school district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projection(s) submitted to TEA?**
- YES. The district's biennial pupil projections submitted to TEA were within the allotted range. The District received a score of five, the highest score for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Not scored – five pts.)
- 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 three percent of all expenditures by function?**
- YES. The comparison of District's PEIMS data to like information in the AFR resulted in a total variance of less than three percent of all expenditures by function. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

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17. Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern?

- YES. The District's AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

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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?
- YES. The external independent auditor indicated the AFR was free of any instances of material non-compliance. The District received a score of 10 out of 10 points for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – 10 pts.)
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 fiscal year end?
- YES. The required financial information was posted 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 District’s fiscal year end. The District received a score of five, the highest rating for this indicator. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes – five pts.)

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20. Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?

- YES. Local, state, and federal funding impacts were discussed by the school board members at a board meeting within 120 days before the District adopted its budget. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: Yes)

21. Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship?

- NO. The District did not receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of FSP because of financial hardship. (Prior Year Result 2022–23: No)

Five Additional Disclosures

1. Superintendent's Employment Contract in Place during the Public Hearing
2. Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023–24
3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for 2023–24
4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First-Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2023–24
5. Business Transactions between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023–24

Disclosure No. 1

Superintendent's Current Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current employment contract is available on the District's website at:

- <https://www.birdvilleschools.net/departments/finance-and-federal-programs/financial-reports/school-first>

Disclosure No. 2

Reimbursements received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (including amounts paid on behalf of the Superintendent and Board Members)

For the twelve-month period ended June 20, 2024

Description of Reimbursements	Dr. Gayle Stinson	Joe Tolbert	Kelvin Dilks	Brenda Sanders-Wise	Matthew Womble	Richard Davis	Ralph Kunkel	Kris Drees
Meals	\$ 485.65	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151.96	\$ -
Lodging	\$ 3,504.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 675.64	\$ -
Transportation	\$ 450.00	\$ 120.91	\$ -	\$ 130.86	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 681.78	\$ -
Motor Fuel	\$ 410.62	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 1,045.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 485.00	\$ 1,145.00	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 485.00
Total	\$ 5,896.22	\$ 605.91	\$ 485.00	\$ 1,275.86	\$ -	\$ 120.00	\$ 2,919.38	\$ 485.00

Note: The spirit of the rule is to capture all “reimbursements” for fiscal year 2023-24, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order. Reimbursements to be reported per category include:

- Meals:** Meals consumed off of the school district’s premises, and in-district meals at area restaurants (excludes catered meals for board meetings).
- Lodging:** Hotel charges
- Transportation:** Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls).
- Motor Fuel:** Gasoline
- Other:** Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements to, or on behalf of, the superintendent and board member(s) not defined above.

Disclosure No. 3

Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2023–24

- No outside compensation and/or fees for professional consulting and/or other personal services were received by the superintendent during fiscal year 2023–24.

Disclosure No. 4

Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First-Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2023–24 (gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate)

- No gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate were received by any executive officer or board members (or First-Degree Relatives) during fiscal year 2023–24.

Disclosure No. 5

Business Transactions between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2023–24

- None for Fiscal Year 2023–24

Questions?

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