

**IMPORTANT
ACCREDITATION
INFORMATION**

Dear Karnes City ISD and Community Members,

Subject: Assignment of Accreditation Status to the KARNES CITY ISD

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2024-2025 accreditation status of the Karnes City ISD is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

The Karnes City ISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's STAAR Test scores from 2024-2025. Specifically, the Karnes City ISD was assigned in 2023 a financial accountability rating of an "F" and a substandard achievement rating of an "F" at Karnes City Elementary and an "F" at Karnes City Junior High. However, these are based on historical information and have improved significantly during the 2023-24 and 2025-26 school years.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. The district now has a new chief financial officer who has helped make all necessary adjustments that led to an "A" rating on the 2025-26 school year based on the recent audits and measures. We have also received grants to obtain added support Region 20 Service Center help align our practices and curriculum. As part of our goal for continuous improvement, we have also utilized instructional coaches in the elementary to help teachers and students. We have also worked with TEA and ESC 20 to align our math and reading adoptions using Bluebonnet Math and Bluebonnet Reading. We also conduct mid-year assessments using benchmark data, MAP testing, and other forms of interim measures to help track our student achievement. In addition, we have had more instructional coaching and support, implemented our first year of Teacher Incentive Allotment, and are beginning to implement Multi-tiered Support Systems to help us improve our classroom instruction and targeted intervention supports. Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that the TEA no longer recognizes the district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule. I am pleased to see the progress that we have made so far. During the 2025-26 school year, Karnes City Elementary improved to a "D" with a 69 rating and Karnes City Junior High improved from an "F" to a "C". Karnes City High School achieved two distinctions last year and finished in the top of their comparison groups. I know we are making great progress and will continue to increase our student achievement. We will continue to implement the Effective Schools Framework, obtain and utilize LASO grants, target meaningful professional development for our staff, and keep coaching our group to support student achievement.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts, you may access the TEA website at <http://www.tea.texas.gov/accredstatus/>. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an **Accredited-Warned** status to the Karnes City ISD or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please contact me directly at jrobinson@kcisd.net.

Sincerely,

Jamie Robinson

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