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Academy ISD Celebrates Growth in 2026 A-F Accountability Ratings

Academy ISD is celebrating continued academic success and positive growth following the release of the Texas Education Agency's 2026 A-F Accountability Ratings.

Academy ISD earned an overall score of 83, increasing from an 82 the previous year and maintaining an overall B rating. Under the state's A-F accountability system, scores of 80–89 receive a B rating, placing the District only one letter grade below the state's highest rating of A.

The results reflect the continued hard work of Academy ISD students, teachers, staff, and campus leaders and provide an encouraging start to the 2026–2027 school year.

Academy High School posted the District's greatest year-over-year improvement, increasing three points from an overall score of 84 to 87 and earning a campus rating of a B. The 87 places Academy High School just three points away from an A rating and represents meaningful growth from the previous year.

Academy Middle School and Academy Intermediate School also demonstrated consistency in their accountability results. Both campuses maintained their B ratings, with Academy Middle School earning an 80 and Academy Intermediate School earning an 81. "These results give us a great deal to celebrate, but more importantly, they reflect the work happening in our classrooms every day," Superintendent Darla Nolen said. "Our students are working hard, and our teachers and staff continue to challenge, support, and believe in them. Moving our District score forward while maintaining B ratings across all campuses is something our entire Academy ISD team can be proud of."

The Texas Education Agency A-F Accountability System evaluates school districts and campuses using multiple measures of student performance, including student achievement, academic growth and progress, and efforts to close achievement gaps among student groups. While accountability ratings provide one measure of school performance, Academy ISD remains focused on the larger goal of ensuring every student is challenged, supported, and prepared for success beyond the classroom.

The District's 2026 results show both academic consistency and momentum. Academy ISD improved its overall score, Academy High School made a significant three-point gain, and Academy Middle School and Academy Intermediate School maintained solid B ratings. "As we begin a new school year, these results remind us that progress doesn't happen by accident," Nolen said. "It comes from students who keep working, teachers who refuse to

give up on them, staff members who support that work in countless ways, and families and a community who believe in our schools."

Nolen added that the District will celebrate the progress while continuing to look ahead. "We know there is still work in front of us, and that's exciting. We have proven that we can do hard things together, stay focused on what is best for our students, and see those efforts pay off. As we begin this new school year, we will carry that same determination forward because our students are worth the work—and some of our best days are still ahead!" Academy ISD congratulates its students, teachers, staff, administrators, families, and Board of Trustees for their continued commitment to excellence and for helping move the District forward.