Learn More About Your Child's School

2026 School Ratings FAQ for Families

1. Where can I learn more about how my child's school and district performed?

Visit TXschools.gov to learn about how your child's school is preparing your child for the next grade level and success after high school.

2. Why do we have school accountability ratings?

The Texas *A-F* accountability system is a fair, rigorous, and transparent tool for measuring campus and school district performance. School ratings are one of many ways to determine how well your child's school is preparing your child for the next grade and success after high school. Ratings also help determine how well schools are serving *all* students.

3. Why are school accountability ratings important?

School ratings help provide information that Texas public schools can use to assess and improve the ways they meet the educational needs of all students. Ratings provide an annual look into how your child's school is performing in different areas, including,

- Student achievement, what students know and can do, as well as progress, how far students have come or grown in a subject;
- Closing the gaps, determining how different student groups are performing;
- Progress to English Language Acquisition;
- Graduation Rates; and
- College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR).

4. What does the overall rating tell me about my child's school and district?

Overall ratings are calculated based on performance in three key areas. Ratings take the higher score between what students know and can do (Student Achievement) or how much better students are doing than last year or than peers in similar schools (Relative Performance) or how far students have come or grown in a subject (School Progress). Ratings then consider whether performance gaps exist among different groups of students (Closing the Gaps).

5. Where can I learn more about the accountability system in Texas?

Visit the How Accountability Ratings Work webpage on TXschools.gov.

6. I'm moving. How can I find the best school for my child?

To find the best school for your child, enter your address, city, or zip code in the School Finder on TXschools.gov. You can also use advanced filtering features to narrow down schools by rating, type, offerings, designations, and more.

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7. Where can I find more parent resources to support my child?

Visit the Parent Resources page on TXschools.gov.

8. How do I compare my child's school to similar schools?

Visit the School Comparison Tool on TXschools.gov Analytic Tools.

9. How has TEA received feedback on the *A-F* system?

The Texas *A–F* accountability system is refreshed every five years to make sure it reflects the three objectives of the system: grade-level rigor for students, fairness for districts and campuses, and transparency for parents and the public. The current system was refreshed in 2023.

TEA has engaged and sought input from thousands of interested Texans including parents, teachers, superintendents, school board members, legislative staff, community advocates, and business leaders, to inform the *A–F* system design.

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