There are more than 8,000 public schools in Texas.

How do you know how your child's school is doing compared to others in the state?

Texas Education Agency Accountability Rating System

Every school gets one of two ratings: MET STANDARD or IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED.

The Texas Education Agency looks at four areas in determining a school or district's accountability rating:

Student Achievement

STAAR test scores for the year

Student Progress

Progress in subjects like math and reading from year-to-year

Closing Performance Gaps

Emphasis on high-level achievement of lowest performing students

Postsecondary Readiness

Graduation rates and diploma plans

Schools receiving the MET STANDARD rating may qualify for special honors called Distinctions. There are 7 possible distinctions:

- Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts
- Academic Achievement in Mathematics
- Academic Achievement in Science
- Academic Achievement in Social Studies
- Top 25 Percent: Student Progress
- Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps
- Postsecondary Readiness

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