What Does A–F Accountability Mean for Districts?

Each year, the Texas Education Agency produces a rating on an A–F scale for each district and school in the state. A–F ratings show how well schools prepare students for success, both in school and after high school in college, a career, or the military.

How the A–F System Works

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70% of total grade 30% of total grade

Indicators in the A–F System

| AP/IB Exams | Texas Success Initiative Assessments | Enlistment in the Armed Forces | Graduation Rates | SAT/ACT Exams | Industry Based Certifications | Associate's Degrees | English Language Proficiency Tests | STAAR Tests | IEP & Workforce Transitions | College Prep Classes | Dual Credit |

High-Poverty, High-Performing Schools in Texas

296 high-poverty schools* in Texas earned an A.

What can we learn from these schools?

The performance of these schools prove that demographics do not equal destiny.

*High-poverty schools are defined as schools with 80% or more of their students eligible for a free or reduced-priced lunch.
Statewide A–F Ratings: 2018 vs. 2019

**Districts**

- **2018**
  - A: 17%  
  - B: 43%  
  - C: 29%  
  - D: 8%  
  - F: 3%

- **2019**
  - A: 25%  
  - B: 57%  
  - C: 13%  
  - D: 4%  
  - F: 1%

- **131** districts improved from a B, C, or D in 2018 to an A in 2019.
- In 2019, **93 percent** of districts improved or maintained their letter grade from the prior year.

There were 1,096 districts rated in 2018, and 104 were not rated. There were 1,189 districts rated in 2019, and 12 districts were not rated.

**Schools**

- **2018**
  - 90-100: 19%  
  - 80-89: 36%  
  - 70-79: 30%  
  - 60-69: 10%  
  - <60: 5%

- **2019**
  - 90-100: 21%  
  - 80-89: 40%  
  - 70-79: 26%  
  - 60-69: 9%  
  - <60: 5%

- **556** campuses improved from what would have been a B, C, D, or F in 2018 to an A in 2019.
- In 2019, **82 percent** of schools improved or maintained the equivalent of a letter grade from the prior year.

There were 8,163 schools rated in 2018, and 596 were not rated. There were 8,302 schools rated in 2019, and 536 schools were not rated.