Accountability System Goals and Guiding Principles

2018 and Beyond

GOALS

The Texas Education Agency will improve outcomes for all public school students in the state by providing leadership, guidance, and support to school systems, working towards the vision that every child in Texas becomes an independent thinker and graduates prepared for success in college, a career, or the military as an engaged, productive citizen.

Texas establishes standards of academic performance to achieve these goals:
- Continuously improve student performance
- Eliminate achievement gaps among students from different racial and ethnic groups and socioeconomic backgrounds
- Ensure this state is a national leader in preparing students for postsecondary success
- Improve student preparedness for success in subsequent grade levels and in entering the workforce, military, or postsecondary education
- Inform parents and the community regarding campus and district performance

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Student Performance
- The system is first and foremost designed to improve student outcomes.
- The system focuses on preparing students for postsecondary success.

System Safeguards
The system uses safeguards to minimize unintended consequences.

Recognition of Diversity
The system is fair and addresses the diversity of student populations and educational settings.

Public Participation and Accessibility
- The system’s development and implementation are informed by advice from Texas educators and the public.
- The system is understandable and provides performance results that are relevant, meaningful, and easily accessible.

Coordination
The system is part of an overall coordinated strategy for state and federal ratings, reporting, monitoring, and interventions.

Statutory Compliance
The system is designed to comply with statutory requirements.

Local Responsibility
Districts are responsible for submitting accurate data upon which ratings are based.

Distinction Designations
Distinction designations are based on higher levels of student performance rather than more students performing at the satisfactory level.
TEA Strategic Priorities

One Mission. One Strategy.

**Every child, prepared for success in college, a career or the military.**

**Strategic Priorities**
- **Recruit, support, and retain** teachers and principals
- **Build a foundation of reading and math**
- **Connect high school to career and college**
- **Improve low-performing schools**

**Enablers**
- Increase **transparency, fairness and rigor** in district and campus academic and financial performance
- Ensure **compliance**, effectively implement legislation and inform policymakers
- Strengthen **organizational foundations** (resource efficiency, culture, capabilities, partnerships)