Man on Street:
Does the A-Through-F accountability system only use STAAR scores?

Host:
For high schools and school districts…A-Through-F ratings are based on many factors…

Besides STAAR results, ratings also take into account graduation rates and the rate of students ready for college…ready for a career…or who enlist in the military.

Career readiness is determined when students get industry-valued trade certifications they can use on job applications…like a welding license or becoming a certified nurses’ aide.

College readiness is determined a number of different ways.

It can include students who score high enough on college entrance exams…like the SAT or ACT …

Or students who score high enough on AP or IB exams…

Or students who pass dual credit college classes while in high school …

Now for elementary and middle schools…the only information available consistently across the state comes from STAAR scores.

However…once A-Through-F campus ratings are issued after the 2018-2019 school year…some districts will be able to add local factors…like extra-curricular activities or student surveys…to their school ratings through their own locally-developed and state-approved accountability system.

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Host: Want to learn more?

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