

## **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.

