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## 24 school districts, charters earn postsecondary distinction in 2015 accountability ratings

AUSTIN – The Texas Education Agency today released the 2015 state accountability ratings for more than 1,200 school districts and charters. The ratings reveal that 94 percent of school districts and charters across Texas achieved the rating of *Met Standard*.

Districts and charters (except for those comprised of only one campus) that achieve a *Met Standard* rating are also eligible to receive a distinction designation for postsecondary readiness. The distinction takes into account factors such as graduation rates, ACT/SAT participation and performance, Career and Technical Education (CTE) graduates and dual credit course completion rates. Postsecondary readiness is the only distinction at the district level.

Only 24 school districts and charters earned this distinction for 2015.

"Earning any type of distinction under the state accountability system is commendable and should be a source of pride in that community," said Commissioner of Education Michael Williams. "Achieving the postsecondary readiness distinction reflects extraordinary work taking place within a district or charter while affirming a strong commitment to all their students."

The school districts and charters earning a postsecondary readiness distinction in 2015 are as follows:

- Anton ISD
- Carroll ISD\*
- Early ISD
- Eustace ISD
- Falls City ISD\*
- Hamilton ISD
- Harmony School of Excellence (Houston)
- Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD\*
- Kerrville ISD\*
- KIPP Austin Public Schools
- Lackland ISD
- Lone Oak ISD
- Los Fresnos CISD\*
- Mason ISD

- Port Aransas ISD
- School of Science and Technology (Leon Valley)\*
- Sharyland ISD\*
- Sherman ISD
- South Texas ISD\*
- Sunnyvale ISD
- Uplift Education-North Hills Preparatory (Irving)\*
- Valley View ISD (Pharr)\*
- Vanguard Academy (Pharr)
- Water Valley ISD.

To view the 2015 state accountability ratings for districts, charters and campuses (plus distinction designations earned at the campus and district level), visit the Texas Education Agency website at <a href="http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2015/index.html">http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2015/index.html</a>.

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<sup>\*</sup> Denotes second consecutive year achieving postsecondary readiness distinction