

Intro Music...

Narrator: "Answers...In About A Minute"... from the Texas Education Agency.

Man on Street:

I'm curious, what goes into determining the student achievement domain in the new A-Through-F accountability system?

Host: Schools are given an overall rating based on performance in three different areas...or domains.

Student Achievement...School Progress...and Closing The Gaps.

The Student Achievement domain shows how much students know and are able to do by the end of the school year in tested subjects.

For high schools and districts, grades in this domain are also based on how many graduates are ready for college, a career, or the military.

Why is this important?

Well, we know about 60 percent of jobs require some kind of college degree or specialized industry certificate.

But right now, only about 25 percent of Texas public school graduates obtain at least an associate's degree or trade credential.

Grades in this domain are also based on how many students are approaching, meeting, and mastering grade level expectations on the STAAR.

In our schools...we know that students who meet grade level expectations on the STAAR are well prepared for eventual success in college and career programs.

Closing Music...

Host: Want to learn more?

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