

## **Intro Music...**

### **Narrator:**

“Answers...In About A Minute”... from the Texas Education Agency.

### **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.

## **Closing Music...**

**Host:** Want to learn more?

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