Highlights of the 2026 *A–F* Accountability System Ratings

2026 *A–F* Accountability Framework

The design of *A–F* reflects a commitment to recognize high student achievement and recognize the impact of highly effective educators on student progress, while maintaining focus on the students most in need. The final rule adopting the *A-F Accountability Rating System Manual* for 2026 ratings provides the framework and rules for the accountability system.

2026 Accountability System Framework Overview Resources

- **2026 Academic Accountability Overview and Update** (July 7, 2025) PDF One-page summary of the accountability system.
- **2026 Academic Accountability System Framework** (July 7, 2025, Updated May 5, 2026) PDF - Overview of the 2026 accountability system with a summary of key previously adopted rules re-adopted and implemented with 2026 ratings.

2026 *A–F* Accountability Ratings Results

State of Texas

Over 5.5 million students were enrolled in Texas public schools in the 2025–26 school year, and they took more than eight million STAAR assessments in reading, mathematics, science, and social studies. Of all students who were enrolled and tested in the same district – in the Accountability Subset – 76% met the Approaches Grade Level standard or above, 52% met the Meets Grade Level standard or above, and 24% met the Masters Grade Level standard. This represents an increase in Approaches (1 percentage points), an increase in Meets (2 percentage points), and an increase in Masters (3 percentage point) from 2025.

Of the 399,621 2025 annual graduates evaluated for College, Career, and Military Readiness (CCMR) in accountability, 87 percent met the criteria for one or more indicators. This represents 18,322 more evaluated annual graduates, with an increase of 5 percentage points in the percentage of students meeting CCMR. Statewide, the 2025 4-year graduation rate for all students increased from 90.7 percent to 91.2 percent.

School Districts and Open-enrollment Charter Schools (School Systems)

Of the 1,202 school systems in Texas, 1,186 were evaluated. 198 (16.7%) earned an A overall rating, 553 (46.6%) earned a B overall rating, 337 (28.4%) earned a C overall rating, 78 (6.6%) earned a D overall rating, and 20 (1.7%) earned an F overall rating. Sixteen districts were labeled Not Rated.

2026 District Overall Rating	Count	Percentage
A	198	16.7%
B	553	46.6%
C	337	28.4%
D	78	6.6%
F	20	1.7%
Not Rated	16	-
Totals	1202	

Campuses

Of the 9,105 campuses in Texas (including open-enrollment charter campuses, and including campuses evaluated under Alternative Education Accountability), 8,545 received an *A-F* rating and 560 received a rating of Not Rated. Of the campuses that received an *A-F* rating, 2153 (25.2%) earned an A overall rating, 3082 (36.1%) campuses earned a B overall rating, 2067 (24.2%) earned a C overall rating, 887 (10.4%) campuses earned a D overall rating, and 356 (4.2%) earned an F overall rating.

2026 Campus Overall Rating	Count	Percentage
A	2153	25.2%
B	3082	36.1%
C	2067	24.2%
D	887	10.4%
F	356	4.2%
Not Rated	560	-
Totals	**9105**	

Elementary

Elementary	Count	Percentage
A	896	18.5%
B	1648	34.1%
C	1335	27.6%
D	664	13.7%
F	291	6.0%
Not Rated	54	-
Totals	**4,888**	

Middle School

Middle School	Count	Percentage
A	354	21.3%
B	623	37.6%
C	455	27.4%
D	171	10.3%
F	56	3.4%
Not Rated	43	-
Totals	**1702**	

High School

High School	Count	Percentage
A	692	45.5%
B	618	40.6%
C	186	12.2%
D	25	1.6%
F	1	0.1%
Not Rated	305	-
Totals	**1827**	

K-12

K-12	Count	Percentage
A	211	39.8%
B	193	36.4%
C	91	17.2%
D	27	5.1%
F	8	1.5%
Not Rated	158	-
Totals	**688**	

Open-Enrollment Charters

Of the 1,202 school systems in Texas, 182 were open-enrollment charter schools and 167 received an *A-F* rating, while 15 received a rating of Not Rated. Of those that received an *A-F* rating, 31 (18.6%) earned an A overall rating, 73 (43.7%) earned a B overall rating, 34 (20.4%) earned a C overall rating, 17 (10.2%) earned a D overall rating and 12 (7.2%) earned an F.

Of the 9,105 campuses in Texas, 986 were open-enrollment charter campuses and 848 received an *A-F* rating, while 138 received a rating of Not Rated. Of those evaluated, 234 (27.6%) earned an A overall rating, 296 (34.9%) earned a B overall rating, 183 (21.6%) earned a C overall rating, 90

(10.6%) earned a D overall rating and 45 (5.3%) earned an F overall rating.

2026 Charter Overall Rating	Count	Percentage
A	234	27.6%
B	296	34.9%
C	183	21.6%
D	90	10.6%
F	45	5.3%
Not Rated	138	-
Totals	**986**	

Alternative Education Campuses (AECs)

Of the 9,105 campuses in Texas, 418 campuses identified as AECs on the 2026 Final AEA Campus List. 255 received an *A-F* rating under the Alternative Education Accountability (AEA) provisions and 163 received a rating of Not Rated. Of those that received an *A-F* rating, 115 (45.1%) earned an A overall rating, 96 (37.6%) earned a B overall rating, 34 (13.3%) earned a C overall rating, 10 (3.9%) earned a D overall rating and 0 (0%) earned an F.

2026 AEC Overall Rating	Count	Percentage
A	115	45.1%
B	96	37.6%
C	34	13.3%
D	10	3.9%
F	0	0.0%
Not Rated	163	
Totals	**418**	

Not Rated

Of the 560 campuses that received a rating of Not Rated in 2026, 150 were Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Programs (JJAEPs), 142 were disciplinary alternative education programs (DAEPs), 121 were Residential Treatment Facilities (RFTs), 6 were Early Education campuses, and 51 were adult charter high school campuses authorized under Chapter 12, Subchapter G of the Texas Education Code. Under TEC §12.262 the commissioner will annually evaluate the performance of an adult education charter school according to the performance framework adopted specifically for these schools.

Additionally, 90 did not have STAAR results, did not meet the minimum size, or serve 100% of students that qualify for STAAR Alternate 2 testing, with a significant number of students unable to

provide an authentic academic response. Of the 16 school systems labeled Not Rated, 8 are residential facilities and are excluded from accountability under TEC, §39.055, 4 are adult charters authorized under Chapter 12, Subchapter G of the Texas Education Code per §12.262, and 4 did not have enough STAAR results to meet minimum size.

Distinction Designations

Only campuses and districts that received a scaled score of 70 or greater were eligible for distinction designations. AECs are not eligible for distinction designations. Of the 9,105 campuses in Texas, 7,901 (86.8%) were evaluated for at least one distinction designation. 4,503 (57.0%) campuses earned one or more distinctions while 466 (5.9%) campuses earned every distinction for which they were eligible.

Districts Earning at least one Distinction Designation at the District or Campus Level

	Distinction ELA/ Reading	Distinction Mathematics	Distinction Science	Distinction Social Studies	Distinction Progress	Distinction Closing the Gaps	Distinction Postsecondary Readiness
Earned	522	547	569	435	608	552	620
Eligible	1156	1157	1144	1106	1165	1163	1167
% Earned	45%	47%	50%	39%	52%	47%	53%

2026 A–F Accountability Resources

2026 Accountability Rating System

- 2026 *A-F* Results Sharing Template for District Leaders (July 30, 2026) PPT
  An editable presentation template for district leaders explaining the *A-F* accountability system and sharing 2026 results with school staff, families, and community members.
- 2026 *A-F* Results Sharing Template for School Based Leaders (July 30, 2026) PPT
  An editable presentation template for school based leaders explaining the *A-F* accountability system and sharing 2026 results with school staff, families, and community members.
- 2025 and 2026 *A-F* Accountability Manual Updates (March 27, 2025) PDF Slide Deck
  Detailed explanation of the final 2025 and 2026 accountability system updates
- 2026 Accountability Ratings Appeals Process and Timeline (August 12, 2026)
  The annual accountability appeals window and due dates

2026 Accountability Data and Reports

- Texas Education Agency - Accountability Reports (August 14, 2026)
  Statewide Accountability Reports are now available for all components, domains, and overall ratings for 2026 *A-F* Accountability System ratings.
- Texas Performance Reporting System (TPRS) (August 14, 2026)
  Statewide summary reports, reflecting 2026 accountability data are now available for STAAR and CCMR. The Texas Performance Reporting System (TPRS) User Guide (2026-2027) includes description of each TPRS report and when it will be updated during the 2026-27 school year.

TAA: To the Administrator Addressed Correspondence

- June 26, 2025: TAA: Final A-F Accountability Rating System Manual for 2026
- August 13, 2026: TAA: Campuses Identified for School Improvement Interventions under 2026 State and Federal Accountability