

Intro Music...

Narrator:

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

Man on Street:

Are my school’s A-Through-F ratings just a reflection of poverty in my community?

Host:

No.

While poverty is a moderate factor, there is not a strong relationship between student poverty and an overall A-Through-F rating.

How can this be?

We see it in the results. There are hundreds of high poverty schools in Texas with strong teaching and curriculum where all students are achieving at high levels.

Even beyond that, remember that the overall A-Through-F rating is based on the better of the student achievement or school progress domains.

The A-Through-F accountability system looks not only at the rates of students meeting grade level on STAAR tests, but also at how many students had noticeable academic growth from the previous school year...even if they have not yet fully reached grade level.

Because of this, the A-F rating provides recognition to those schools that have delivered high rates of academic growth, even if a large number of students start the school year well below grade level.

And with strong teaching and curriculum, many high poverty schools achieve both high levels of growth and high STAAR scores outright.

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Host: Want to learn more?

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