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Region One School Districts Receive State Accountability Ratings

All Region One Districts and Charter Systems Meet Standard

Region One school districts and charters schools are not only performing well, but in many cases, students are surpassing the performance of students across the state, as evidenced by the release 2015 Accountability Ratings by the Texas Education Agency (TEA). In the Region One area, 100 percent of school districts and charter schools achieved the “Met Standard” rating.

BROWNSVILLE ISD	Met Standard
DONNA ISD	Met Standard
EDCOUCH-ELSA ISD	Met Standard
EDINBURG CISD	Met Standard
EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY	Met Standard
GATEWAY ACADEMY CHARTER DISTRICT	Met Alternative Standard
HARLINGEN CISD	Met Standard
HIDALGO ISD	Met Standard
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Met Standard
IGNITE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNIT	Met Alternative Standard
JIM HOGG COUNTY ISD	Met Standard
LA FERIA ISD	Met Standard
LA JOYA ISD	Met Standard
LA VILLA ISD	Met Standard
LAREDO ISD	Met Standard
LASARA ISD	Met Standard
LOS FRESNOS CISD	Met Standard
LYFORD CISD	Met Standard
MCALLEN ISD	Met Standard
MERCEDES ISD	Met Standard
MIDVALLEY ACADEMY CHARTER DISTRICT	Met Alternative Standard
MISSION CISD	Met Standard
MONTE ALTO ISD	Met Standard
PHARR-SAN JUAN-ALAMO ISD	Met Standard
POINT ISABEL ISD	Met Standard
PROGRESO ISD	Met Standard
RAYMONDVILLE ISD	Met Standard
RIO GRANDE CITY CISD	Met Standard
RIO HONDO ISD	Met Standard
ROMA ISD	Met Standard
SAN BENITO CISD	Met Standard
SAN ISIDRO ISD	Met Standard
SAN PERLITA ISD	Met Standard
SANTA MARIA ISD	Met Standard
SANTA ROSA ISD	Met Standard
SHARYLAND ISD	Met Standard
SOUTH TEXAS EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGI	Met Standard
SOUTH TEXAS ISD	Met Standard
UNITED ISD	Met Standard
VALLEY VIEW ISD	Met Standard
VANGUARD ACADEMY	Met Standard
WEBB CISD	Met Standard
WESLACO ISD	Met Standard
ZAPATA COUNTY ISD	Met Standard

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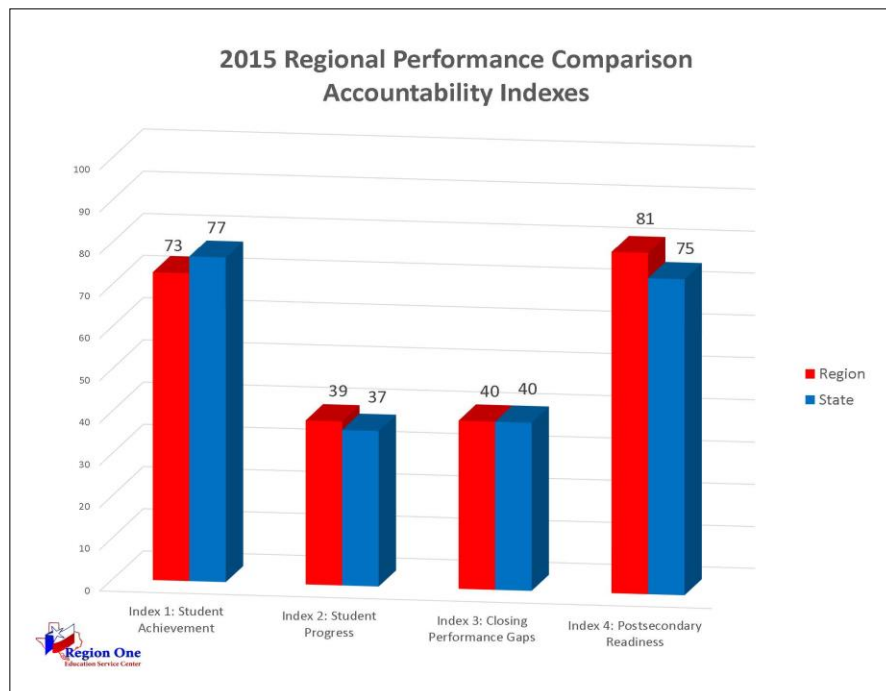
Region Meets or Exceeds State in 3 out of 4 Target Areas

Districts, campuses and charters could receive one of three ratings under the accountability system: *Met Standard* or *Improvement Required*. Charter School districts that are evaluated by and Alternative Education Accountability (AEA) provisions are also eligible for a “Met Alternative Standard” rating, according to the Texas Education Agency 2015 Accountability Manual.

The TEA Accountability Ratings are based on four performance indices including student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps, and postsecondary readiness. To receive a “Met Standard” rating, school districts must meet 3 out of the 4 indices, i.e.: Index 1 or 2, Index 3 and Index 4. Not taken into account this year are the results from the STAAR mathematics tests; STAAR Alternate 2 and STAAR A. Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams took action earlier this year to exclude those tests.

- **Index 1: Student Achievement-** is a snapshot of performance across subjects, on both general and alternative assessments, at the satisfactory performance standard.
- **Index 2: Student Progress-** measures student progress and provides an opportunity for districts and campuses to receive credit for improving student performance independent of overall student achievement.
- **Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps-** emphasizes advanced academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing racial/ethnic student groups at each campus and district.
- **Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness-** emphasizes the role of elementary and middle schools in preparing students for the rigors of high school, and the importance of earning a high school diploma that prepares students for success in college, the workforce, job training programs, or the military. The index includes test performance for high schools and grades 3-8 at the Postsecondary Readiness Standard.

Region One school districts and charter schools surpassed the state in Index 2: Student Progress by 2 percent (39% to 37%) and Index 4: Postsecondary Readiness (81% to 75%) by 6 percent. Examining Index 3: Closing Performance Gaps, the region’s students are in line with the state, both at 40 percent. Regarding Index 1: Student Achievement, the state holds a slim 4 percent over the region.



All 7 Distinctions Earned by 17 Region One Campuses

School districts that receive the “Met Standard” rating are also eligible for additional accolades called “Distinctions”. There are 7 possible areas in which a campus could receive these honors: Academic Achievement in Reading/English Language Arts, Academic Achievement in Mathematics, Academic Achievement in Science, Academic Achievement in Social Studies, Top 25 percent student progress, Top 25 percent Closing Achievement Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness.

Of the 8,600 campuses across the state, 153 campuses earned all seven distinctions. Included in that elite group are 17 Region One campuses including Pace High School, Veterans Memorial High School (*Brownsville ISD*), IDEA Quest College Preparatory-Edinburg, IDEA Frontier College Preparatory-Brownsville, IDEA McAllen College Preparatory-McAllen, and IDEA Brownsville College Preparatory-Brownsville, IDEA Carver College Preparatory (*IDEA Public Schools*); Los Cuates Middle School, (*Los Fresnos CISD*), Cathey Middle School (*McAllen ISD*), Rio Grande City High School (*Rio Grande City CISD*), Sharyland High School, B.L. Gray Junior High School (*Sharyland ISD*), South Texas Business, Education & Technology Academy; South Texas Academy for Medical Professions; South Texas Preparatory Academy (*South Texas ISD*), and Valley View High School (*Valley View ISD*), and Vanguard Academy.

BROWNSVILLE ISD	PACE H S
BROWNSVILLE ISD	VETERANS MEMORIAL H S
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	IDEA QUEST COLLEGE PREPARATORY
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	IDEA FRONTIER COLLEGE PREPARATORY
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	IDEA MCALLEN COLLEGE PREPARATORY
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	IDEA BROWNSVILLE COLLEGE PREPARATO
IDEA PUBLIC SCHOOLS	IDEA CARVER COLLEGE PREPARATORY
LOS FRESNOS CISD	LOS CUATES MIDDLE
MCALLEN ISD	CATHEY MIDDLE
RIO GRANDE CITY CISD	RIO GRANDE CITY H S
SHARYLAND ISD	SHARYLAND H S
SHARYLAND ISD	B L GRAY J H
SOUTH TEXAS ISD	SOUTH TEXAS BUSINESS EDUCATION & T
SOUTH TEXAS ISD	SOUTH TEXAS ACADEMY FOR MEDICAL PR
SOUTH TEXAS ISD	SOUTH TEXAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY
VALLEY VIEW ISD	VALLEY VIEW H S
VANGUARD ACADEMY	VANGUARD ACADEMY

“Earning any type of distinction under the state accountability system is commendable and should be a source of pride in a community,” said Commissioner of Education Michael Williams. “Achieving all seven distinctions reflects extraordinary work taking place on a campus while affirming a strong commitment to students.”

5 Region One Districts and Charters Earn Postsecondary Distinction

Of the 24 school districts and charter statewide that earned a Postsecondary Distinction, 5 of those are in the Region One area:

- Los Fresnos CISD
- Sharyland ISD
- South Texas ISD
- Valley View ISD
- Vanguard Academy

This is the second consecutive year that Los Fresnos CISD, Sharyland ISD, South Texas ISD, and Valley View ISD earn postsecondary readiness distinction.

“Overall, we are extremely proud of the performance by all of our districts and charter schools,” says Dr. Cornelio Gonzalez, Executive Director. “The continued gains made by our schools is evidence of the tremendous work and commitment of our educators and the efforts of our students. When looking at each of the four indices and notable distinctions, our students are not only in line with those of students statewide, but in many cases have outperformed them. The outcomes across the region continue to exemplify the commitment to the success of every student. Our commitment to putting *students first* shows not only in preparing them while in our public school system, but also as we diligently prepare them for postsecondary readiness and beyond.”

To view a full report of the 2015 Accountability Ratings for the Region, go to
<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2015/index.html>

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