



# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent


From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services

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Subject: 2013 State Accountability Ratings

Agenda Item: K-1

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priorities A, B and C: Goals 1, 2, 4 and 5



## BACKGROUND

Every year in August, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) reports district and campus accountability ratings under the state system. For the past two years, Texas schools have been transitioning from the former assessment system, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), to the new exams, the State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). In that same time, TEA has been modifying the state accountability system to a more robust, indexed system of performance.

Schools and districts formerly received one of four ratings under the state accountability system (Academically Unacceptable, Academically Acceptable, Recognized, or Exemplary) based on student performance on reading, math, writing, science and social studies tests, and student dropout and completion rates.

In the new system, schools and districts receive one of four designations: Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard (for those schools in the alternative accountability system), Improvement Required or Not Rated. College Station ISD and all CSISD campuses Met Standard for the 2012-13 school year. The new system not only looks at the percentage of students meeting the standard, but it also rates schools based on student progress from year to year, the progress made in reducing the performance gap among student groups and the post-secondary readiness of its graduates.

This year, schools also had the opportunity to earn distinctions for academic achievement in reading/ELA, for academic achievement in math or for being in the top quartile of their comparison group for student progress. CSISD's 14 eligible campuses earned a total of 28 distinctions this year.

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This report will focus on the many changes to the accountability system as well as how the district and campuses fared in the new system.

## **RECOMMENDATION – REPORT ONLY**

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station ISD receive a report regarding the new state accountability system and College Station ISD and CSISD campus performance ratings.