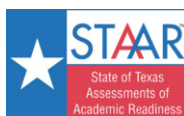


# TEXAS HAS A NEW A-F SCHOOL LETTER GRADE SYSTEM!

In 2017, the 85th Texas Legislature passed House Bill (HB) 22. Under HB 22, districts will get their first letter grades in August 2018, and individual schools in August 2019. Campuses, for August 2018 only, will get “Met Standard” or “Improvement Required” as the new system is phased in.

To calculate the grade for each campus level, the following are used:



*In addition to STAAR data, included in the high school rating is the following student data:*

- College, Career, Military Ready (CCMR)
- Graduation Rates

**NOTE FOR 2018 ONLY.**  
 Campuses will be assigned the following standard:

**Met Standard:** Assigned for overall performance and for performance in each domain to campuses that meet the performance targets  
**Improvement Required:** Assigned for overall performance and for performance in each domain to campuses that do not meet the performance targets

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The new Texas Accountability A-F letter grades are just one measure of how a school is performing. The letter grades are based largely on performance on state standardized tests and graduation rates. The ratings examine student achievement, student progress, efforts to close the achievement gap and postsecondary readiness. The Texas standardized test used to measure student achievement and progress is called STAAR (**State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness**).

A video available in **ENGLISH** and **SPANISH** provides a quick overview of the system.

English video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cbEgrdijuc8&feature=youtu.be>

Spanish video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eidlyApBSkY>

Even though your student's district and school will receive a rating, the following aspects should be reviewed for a comprehensive view to ensure that your student is receiving the best educational experience available.

- Safe and inclusive school environment
- Engaging and interactive learning in the classroom
- Supportive and empowered leaders and teachers
- Equitable opportunities for all students for success after high school
- Active involvement and dedication of parents and community

Every child has unique needs, and as their parent or caregiver, you know best what factors they need to be successful and to achieve their academic potential for their future.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Please contact the campus where your student attends to learn more about the new district and campus ratings. Campus Leadership will be able to share the district and campus successes as well as the goals and specific program initiatives for the school year.

For accountability information from the Texas Education Agency, please visit this website: <https://tea.texas.gov/A-F>