

# There are more than 8,000 public schools in Texas.

How do you know how your child's school is doing compared to others in the state?

## Texas Education Agency Accountability Rating System

Every school gets one of two ratings: **MET STANDARD** or **IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED**.

The Texas Education Agency looks at four areas in determining a school or district's accountability rating:

### Student Achievement



STAAR test scores for the year



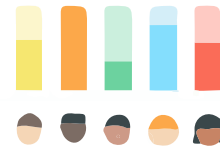
### Student Progress



Progress in subjects like math and reading from year-to-year



### Closing Performance Gaps



Emphasis on high-level achievement of lowest performing students



### Postsecondary Readiness



Graduation rates and diploma plans

Schools receiving the **MET STANDARD** rating may qualify for special honors called Distinctions.

There are 7 possible distinctions:



- 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 Performance Gaps
- Postsecondary Readiness



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