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DSISD, ALL SCHOOLS MEET STATE STANDARD

Dripping Springs ISD and all five of its campuses “Met Standard” in accountability ratings released today (August 7) by the Texas Education Agency under a system that was introduced last year. Schools are designated as “Met Standard,” “Met Alternative Standard,” or “Improvement Required” based on four factors: Student Achievement (based on 2015 State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR tests), Student Progress, Success in Closing Performance Gaps, and Postsecondary Readiness. If any one or more of the targets are missed, a district or campus receives a rating of “Improvement Required.” Performance Index scores for DSISD and all five campuses significantly surpassed the minimum target score in all four categories.

Statewide, 94.4 percent of districts and 86.4 percent of schools “Met Standard” or “Met Alternative Standard.”

Campuses had the possibility of earning “distinctions” that were based on a comparison with a group of similar schools (rather than being compared with all schools statewide). In order to earn a distinction, the school had to be ranked in the top quartile within that group of similar campuses.

Dripping Springs High School earned the distinction for Top 25 Percent Student Progress and Dripping Springs Elementary earned distinctions for Academic Achievement in Reading/ELA and Postsecondary Readiness.

An element in the state rating system that was introduced in 2014 (resulting from House Bill 5) required districts to develop a method for evaluating themselves as a whole and each individual campus, based on nine criteria: fine arts; wellness and physical education; community and parental involvement; 21st Century Workforce Development program; second language acquisition program; digital learning environment; dropout prevention strategies; educational programs for gifted and talented students; and the record of the district and campus regarding compliance with statutory reporting requirements. These results for Dripping Springs can be found under “Student and Community Engagement Ratings” at the following link: <http://www.dsisd.txed.net/index.aspx?nid=2901>.

Accountability reports for all district and schools statewide can be accessed at the TEA website:

http://tea.texas.gov/Student_Testing_and_Accountability/Accountability/State_Accountability/.