



**88TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE -
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Instructional Bills

Update

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HB 900: READERS Act

- The Texas State Library and Archives Commission, with approval by majority vote of the SBOE, will adopt standards for school library collection development policies. 9/24
- The standards adopted will be reviewed every 5 years and must prohibit harmful material, sexually explicit material, and pervasively vulgar or educationally unsuitable material.
- Library material vendors must issue appropriate ratings for sexually explicit and sexually relevant materials previously sold to school districts. 4/24
- TEA may disagree with the rating; rating changed.
- Vendors may not sell any books with sexually explicit content moving forward and must report list to TEA of books already sold to libraries.
- School districts review vendor rated sexually relevant material in their current collection and post a report on their website.1/25

HB 3803 Parent Election for a Child to Repeat a Course

- A parent or guardian may elect for a student in a grade up to grade 8 to repeat the grade in which the student was enrolled during the previous school year or for a student to repeat a high school course.
- For high school courses, the school district/open enrollment charter can deny if it is determined the student has met all requirements for graduation.

HB 1605: High Quality Curriculum

- Additional funding (on top of IMTA) provided to districts who choose to use SBOE approved materials: \$40/student. An additional \$20/student for districts printing state-owned materials (Open Educational Resources).
- Publishers must offer parent portals for instructional materials transparency.
- Local curriculum reviews are established, funded, and can be initiated via parent requests (TEA developed standards and rubric)
- Teachers cannot be required to use bi-weekly planning time to create initial instructional materials unless there is a supplemental duty agreement with the teacher (core). 24/25
- Requires the TEA to develop state-owned textbooks in certain grades & subjects, which are subject to approval by SBOE.
- SBOE must add book/word list to the ELAR TEKS
- Provides optional teacher training on state-owned textbooks for districts to utilize, and grant program to educator prep programs to support.
- ISD administrative responsibilities for reporting instructional materials use to TEA.
- Prohibits three-cueing in early literacy instruction.

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SB 2124: Advanced Math

- Automatically enroll 6th grade students in an advanced math course if:
 1. performed in the top 40% on the 5th grade STAAR math assessment; or
 2. on a local measure that includes class ranking or demonstrated proficiency in 5th grade math coursework.
- Requires advanced math courses (Alg 1) be offered in MS if those courses are not currently offered.
- Parents may opt their children out of this requirement.

HB 1416: Accelerated Instruction (ie, 4545 cleanup)

- Eliminated the accelerated learning committee (ALC) requirement and clarified parental "opt-out" protocols.
- Decreased the maximum # of subjects to 2 while prioritizing RLA/math and reducing requirements to 15 hours for some students.
- Students scoring significantly below satisfactory – 30 hours required.
- Increased student to tutor ratios from 3:1 to 4:1; Ratio waived with use of approved automated/online curriculum (list available in Spring 2024).
- Maintains placement w/ a designated TIA teacher to satisfy requirements.
- IEP meeting not required until natural yearly IEP

2023
STAAR Results

2023
TX Accountability
Ratings

TX Accountability
System
Lawsuit

2023 STAAR

New
assessment
Baseline
established

Higher than
State &
Region4

2023 Accountability Rating

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Largest **A**
Rated
District

TX Accountability System Lawsuit

82+

Basis for
Lawsuit

WHAT WOULD THIS LOOK LIKE?

Campus	CCMR					Graduation Rate				
	2022 Raw Score	2023 Raw Score	Raw Score Difference	2023 data at 2022 Scaling	2023 Scaled Score	2022 Raw Score	2023 Raw Score	Raw Score Difference	2023 data at 2022 Scaling	2023 Scaled Score
Awesome High School	68	73	5	93	76	99.3	99.4	0.1	99	95
Fabulous High School	54	57	3	87	65	95.3	95.7	0.4	85	75

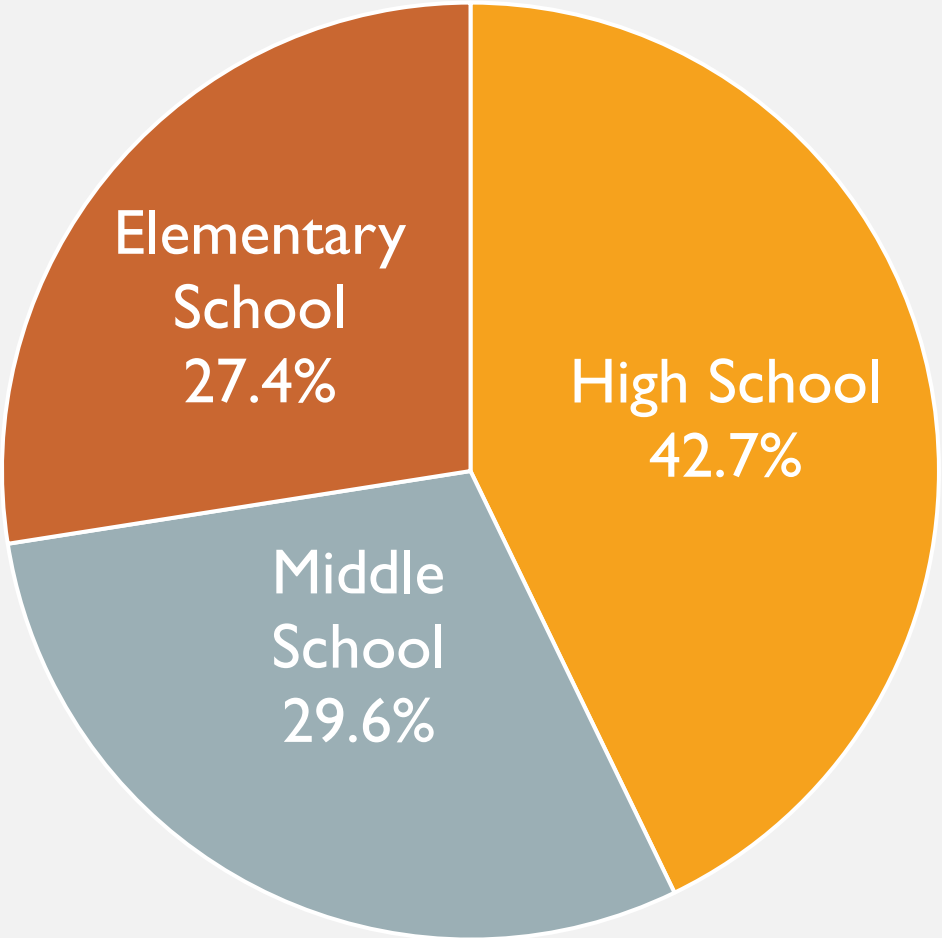
CCMR data are used in Domain I, Domain II (relative performance), and Domain III

Graduation rate data are used in Domain I and Domain III

PROPORTIONAL DISTRICT RATINGS

The state is proposing the use of a proportionality method in which each campus contributes a “weighted amount” of their rating to the overall district rating.

The proportion is based on the total number of students served in grades 3-12.



GROWTH WILL BE MEASURED DIFFERENTLY. STUDENTS THAT WOULD HAVE SHOWN GROWTH BASED ON LAST'S YEAR ACCOUNTABILITY, WILL NOT SHOW GROWTH THIS YEAR.

2023 Enrolled Grade	Student	2022 Reading Scale Score	2022 Reading Performance Level	2023 RLA Scale Score	2023 RLA Performance Level	Scale Score Gain	Prior Growth Calculation Points Awarded	2023 Transition Table Points Awarded
4	111	1045	Did Not Meet Low	1245	Did Not Meet Low	200	1	0
4	222	1189	Did Not Meet Low	1350	Did Not Meet Low	161	0.5	0

DISTRICT OF INNOVATION (DOI)

- Law passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015.
- Gives traditional public school districts many of the flexibilities available to open-enrollment Texas charter schools (exemptions from some laws).
- Intended to give districts more local control to suit their individual needs.
- Approximately 80% of Tx school districts have a DOI plan.
- October Board agenda item.