



DATE:	August 6, 2021
SUBJECT:	Preliminary 2020–2021 School FIRST Ratings
CATEGORY:	Accreditation Information
NEXT STEPS:	Share with appropriate staff

Your school district’s preliminary 2020–2021 School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST) rating is now available online. To access your district’s School FIRST rating:

- access the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website by using this link <https://tea.texas.gov/>;
- click the Finance and Grants webpage tab link <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/>;
- click the Financial Compliance link <https://tea.texas.gov/finance-and-grants/financial-compliance/>;
- click the [Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas](#) link; and
- click the School District FIRST Ratings link.

Basis for School FIRST Rating

Your district’s rating is based on an analysis of the district’s financial data for fiscal year 2020 (the fiscal period ended June 30, 2020, or August 31, 2020, depending on the ending date of your district’s fiscal year). We determined your district’s rating using the financial indicators specified in [19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) §109.1001\(e\)\(5\)](#).

Please carefully review your district’s preliminary School FIRST rating and the data associated with each of the 20 indicators.

Opportunity for Appeal

If your district wishes to appeal an adverse issue it identifies in the preliminary rating, your district may submit a written appeal with supporting evidence to the TEA Financial Compliance Division. For the appeal to be considered, it must be received by September 8, 2021 . Send your appeal and supporting documentation ICi

