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Final 2008 state accountability ratings and Gold Performance Acknowledgments posted

AUSTIN – Accountability appeals boosted the ratings of six school districts and 27 campuses, final results released today show.

After appeals, four campuses moved up to an Exemplary rating and eight campuses moved up to a Recognized rating, while 15 campuses and five districts managed to upgrade their Academically Unacceptable rating. However, ratings remained unchanged for most districts and campuses. Overall, 33 of the 75 districts or campuses that submitted appeals were granted.

State accountability data tables and information for individual districts and campuses are available at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/>.

Also available at that site are the 2007-08 Gold Performance Acknowledgments (GPA) which recognize districts and campuses for high academic performance on various indicators, such as commended performance on Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), college admissions tests, and Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate (AP/IB) examinations. There are 12 different categories in which a GPA can be earned at the district level and 14 different categories at the campus level.

For the first time this year, alternative education campuses (AECs) and charter operators evaluated under Alternative Education Accountability (AEA) procedures are eligible to earn GPAs. Campuses evaluated under AEA procedures are only eligible for 12 of the 14 campus GPAs because the two Comparable Improvement indicators are not calculated for AECs.

Of the 1,222 districts evaluated, 80 percent earned one or more GPA. Among the 7,517 campuses evaluated, 81 percent of the campuses earned one or more acknowledgment.

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