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State Accountability Ratings Released:

AISD's Academic Performance Remains Steady Amid Changes to Accountability System

July 29, 2011 – A total of 34 Amarillo ISD schools are “Exemplary” or “Recognized” in the statewide accountability ratings released today by the Texas Education Agency. This brings the percent of AISD campuses considered top performing by the state to 67 percent. The District as a whole is rated “Academically Acceptable.”

For the first time this year, the test scores of special education students are included in the overall results. Despite this addition, AISD scores show gains in social studies and writing. Reading and math scores remained the same while science scores declined by one percentage point.

“While test scores show our students are making academic progress, the results also highlight certain areas that need improvement,” said Superintendent Rod Schroder. “It’s important to look at the actual test scores because the accountability ratings don’t accurately reflect the big picture of a school’s performance. The label only represents a narrow snapshot of a small group of students at a campus.”

Accountability ratings are not based on the average of a student body’s test scores. Instead, a rating is based on the lowest performing group out of 20-35 different sub-groups of students. Failure of just one sub-group in one subject area test will lead to an “Unacceptable” rating.

The current ratings will apply for two years as Texas public schools shift to the new STAAR testing system which will replace TAKS.

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2011 AISD State Accountability Ratings:

Amarillo High School- Academically Acceptable
Caprock High School- Academically Acceptable
Palo Duro High School- Academically Unacceptable
Tascosa High School- Academically Acceptable
Allen 6th Grade Campus- Recognized
Austin Middle School- Recognized
Bonham Middle School- Academically Acceptable
Bowie Middle School- Academically Acceptable
Crockett Middle School- Recognized
De Zavala Middle School- Recognized
Fannin Middle School- Academically Acceptable
Houston Middle School- Recognized
Mann Middle School- Recognized
Travis Middle School- Academically Unacceptable
Avondale Elementary- Academically Acceptable
Belmar Elementary- Recognized
Bivins Elementary- Recognized
Carver Early Childhood- Academically Acceptable
Carver Elementary Academy- Academically Acceptable
Coronado Elementary- Exemplary
Eastridge Elementary- Academically Unacceptable
Emerson Elementary- Academically Acceptable
Forest Hill Elementary- Recognized
Glenwood Elementary- Exemplary
Hamlet Elementary- Academically Acceptable
Humphrey's Highland Elementary- Recognized
Lamar Elementary- Exemplary
Landergin Elementary- Exemplary
Lawndale Elementary- Academically Acceptable
Lee Elementary- Recognized
Mesa Verde Elementary- Recognized
Oak Dale Elementary- Exemplary
Olsen Park Elementary- Recognized
Paramount Terrace Elementary- Exemplary
Pleasant Valley Elementary- Recognized
Puckett Elementary- Exemplary
Ridgecrest Elementary- Exemplary
Rogers Elementary- Academically Acceptable
Sanborn Elementary- Recognized
San Jacinto Elementary- Recognized
Sleepy Hollow Elementary- Exemplary
South Lawn Elementary- Exemplary
South Georgia Elementary- Exemplary
Sunrise Elementary- Exemplary
Tradewind Elementary- Exemplary
Western Plateau Elementary- Exemplary
Whittier Elementary- Recognized
Wills Elementary- Recognized
Windsor Elementary- Exemplary
Wolflin Elementary- Recognized
Woodlands Elementary- Exemplary