



ACCOUNTABILITY & ASSESSMENT ARE CRITICAL TOOLS TO SUPPORT TEXAS STUDENTS

ASSESSMENTS & ACCOUNTABILITY ARE NECESSARY



Our state's assessments and accountability system is needed to provide clarity about **expectations, incentivize adults** to meet those expectations, **measure progress**, and **transparently report** whether goals were met.



Texas spends \$60B+ annually on our PK-12 education system, and our system of assessments and accountability is the **best way to measure the return on that investment** due to its comparability and reliability that allows year-over-year comparisons.

ASSESSMENTS & ACCOUNTABILITY WORK

Students on A- and B- rated campuses are:

2x

as likely to meet **grade-level reading** expectations

3x

as likely to be **college ready** upon graduation

2x

as likely to receive **a PS credential** within 6 years

than students on C, D, or F campuses.¹

TEXANS VALUE ASSESSMENTS & ACCOUNTABILITY

87%

of Texas voters support the use of **annual reading and math tests to provide “apples-to-apples comparisons”** of how local schools are performing relative to others in the state.² The current Accountability system provides just that.



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She was able to see where she stood amongst her peers and was doing quite well.

-Texas Parent³

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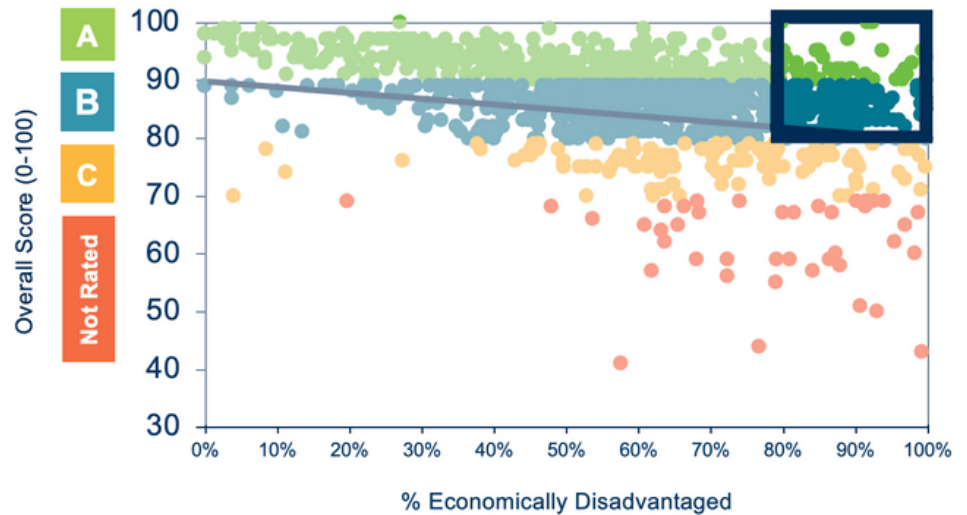
1: Texas Education Agency, 2019.
2: Texas 2036 Voter Poll, Oct. 2022
3: Charles Butt Foundation Poll, 2022.



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HOPE CHART:

Districts with high populations of students experiencing economic instability still regularly achieve A & B ratings. Learning from these bright spots allows Texas to scale best practices and improve student outcomes across the state.⁴



A STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM ELEVATES EXCELLENCE

Texas kids are smart and capable, and Texas parents and policymakers deserve robust, actionable data about our children’s education. This includes a reliable measure of student’s knowledge and skills through valid assessments, as well as an understanding of their child’s campus and district as a whole through the A-F rating system. Texas must ensure our system accurately reflects **what matters most**: the ability to **understand academic gaps** and support students to **read, write, and do math** on grade level.



4: Texas Education Agency, Accountability Report, Report Year 2022