



What is FIRST?

- Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas
- Created by Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999 to measure the performance of school districts' financial resources
- Rating system includes 20 indicators
- Rating calculations are based on data from the 2012 2013 fiscal year

Determination of Rating

- Ratings are determined by the number of points earned on the 20 indicators:
 - Superior Achievement
 - 64 70 points
 - Above Standard Achievement
 - 58 63 points
 - Standard Achievement
 - 52 57 points
 - Substandard Achievement
 - < 52 points or “NO” answer on one default indicator

Objectives

- Assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools.
- Measure and report the extent to which financial resources are allocated for direct instructional purposes.
- Fairly evaluate the quality of financial management decisions.
- Openly report results to the general public.

Indicators

1. Was the total fund balance less non spendable and restricted fund balance greater than zero in the general fund?

YES – 2012 2013 \$57,054,015

(2011 2012 \$57,009,087)

2. Was the total unrestricted net asset balance (net of accretion of interest on capital appreciation bonds) in the governmental activities column in the statement of net assets greater than zero?

YES – 2012 2013 \$71,461,133 (2011 2012
\$71,629,298)

Indicators (continued)

3. Were there no disclosures in the annual financial report and/or other sources of information concerning default on bonded indebtedness obligations?

Indicators (continued)

5. Was there an



Indicators (continued)

9. Were debt related expenditures (net of IFA and/or

Indicators (continued)

13. If the district's aggregate fund balance in the general fund and capital projects fund was less than zero, were construction projects adequately financed?

YES – The district's 2012 2013 aggregate fund balance in the general fund and capital projects and ~~W\$A~~ than

Indicators (continued)

15. Was the administrative cost ratio less than the

Indicators (continued)

17. Was the ratio of students to total staff within the range according to district size?

YES – The ratio of students to total staff for 2012 2013 was 8.27. The range was 7 to 14.
(2011 2012 Yes at 8.24)

18. Was the decrease in undesignated, unreserved fund balance less than 20 percent over two fiscal years?

YES – The decrease in undesignated, unreserved fund balance for 2012 2013 was 17.03%. The range was 10% to 30%.

Indicators (continued)

19. Was the aggregate total of cash and investments in the general fund more than zero?

YES – Cash and Investments at the end of 2012 2013 were \$56,858,740. This increase from 2011 2012 related to the reclassification of long term investments to short term in 2012 13 as they approached their maturity date. (2011 2012 Yes at \$ 44,775,974)

20. Did investment earnings in all funds (excluding debt service fund and capital projects fund) meet or exceed the 3 month treasury bill rate?

Yes – The investment earnings'

Five Additional Disclosures

1. Superintendent's Employment Contract in place during the public hearing
2. Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2013
3. Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2013
4. Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2013
5. Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2013



Disclosure No. 2

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2013 (including amounts paid on behalf of the Superintendent and Board members)

All reimbursements received by the Superintendent and the Board Members for the period ending June 30, 2013 are listed by

Disclosure No. 2 (continued)

For the Period Ending June 30, 2013	Darrell Brown	Cary Hancock	Jack McCarty	Dolores Webb	Joe Tolbert	Brad Greene	Richard Davis	Ralph Kunkel
Description of Reimbursements	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
Meals	\$ 442	\$ 481	\$ 293	\$ 364	\$ 435	\$ 435	\$ 320	\$ 502
Lodging	1,315	1,576	886	1,133	1,396	1,381	991	2,569
Transportation	1,129	609	615	690	730	622	387	1,242
Motor Fuel								
Other	1,876	1,293	1,314	1,366	1,436	1,410	1,000	1,723
Total	\$ 4,762	\$ 3,958	\$ 3,107	\$ 3,553	\$ 3,996	\$ 3,848	\$ 2,697	\$ 6,036

Note – The spirit of the rule is to capture all “reimburse ments” for fiscal year 2013, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order. Reimbursements to be reported per category include:

Meals – Meals consumed off of the school district’s premises, and in-district meals at area restaurants (excludes catered meals for board meetings).

Lodging - Hotel charges.

Transportation - Airfare, car rental (can include fuel on rental), taxis, mileage reimbursements, leased cars, parking and tolls.

Motor fuel – Gasoline.

Other - Registration fees, telephone/cell phone, internet service, fax machine, and other reimbursements (or on-behalf of) to the superintendent and board member not defined above.

Disclosure No. 3

Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services for Fiscal Year 2013

No outside compensation and/or fees for professional consulting and/or other personal services were received by the Superintendent during fiscal year 2013.

Disclosure No. 4

Gifts Received by the Executive Officer and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any) in Fiscal Year 2013 (gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate)

No gifts with an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate were received by any executive officer or board member (or first degree relatives) during fiscal year 2013.

Disclosure No. 5

Business Transactions Between School District
and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2013

None for Fiscal Year 2013