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- Adopted during the 1999 Legislature, Schools F.I.R.S.T. is a statewide rating system implemented in 2003 beginning with the 2001-2002 fiscal year.
- TEA implemented numerous changes effective over the years and continue to do so.



Purpose

- Expands the public education accountability system in Texas to the Financial Services.
- Primary goal is to improve the management of school districts' financial resources.
- Assure the maximum allocation of resources for direct instructional purposes.



- Several indicators are more easily recognized and interpreted by both the public and the finance industry.
- Several indicators have a wider sliding scale range to allow a high, medium, or low points award for those indicators (from 0 to 10 points).
- Failure to meet the requirements of any **critical** indicator would cause a failure of FIRST.



Determination of School District Rating

- Numerical scores based on
 - 70-100 points = Superior A
 - 50-69 points = Above Standard B
 - 31-49 points = Meets Standard C
 - <31 points = Substandard Achievement F



Indicator 1

Was the Annual Financial Report
filed within one month after
the January 28th deadline?

YES



Indicator 2A

Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report?

YES



Indicator 2B

Was the Annual Financial Report free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls?

YES



Indicator 3

Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end?

YES



Indicator 4

Did the school district make timely payments to the Teachers Retirement System (TRS), Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other government agencies?

YES



Indicator 5

Was the total unrestricted net asset balance in the Statement of Net Position/Assets greater than zero?

YES



Indicator 6

Were the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures?

YES



Indicator 7

Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?

YES



Indicator 8

Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency?

YES



Indicator 9

Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures?

If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days?

YES



Indicator 10

Was the debt service coverage ratio sufficient to meet the required debt service?

YES



Indicator 11

Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio?

YES



Indicator 12

Did the school district NOT have a 15% decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years?

YES



Indicator 14

Was the Annual Financial Report free of any material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds?

YES



Indicator 15

Did the school district NOT receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over allocation of Foundation School Program funds as a result of financial hardship?

YES



What is KISD's Rating?

KISD passed all Critical indicators
KISD received 98 of 100 points

Rating: 98 = Superior

The district received the highest rating possible as established under guidelines and rules established by the

Texas Education Agency.



Report



Conclusion

