



International Leadership of Texas



Annual Financial
Accountability Management Report

2017-18 Rating

2016-2017 Fiscal Year Data

Rating: B – Above Standard

Introduction

The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system. This is the 15th year of the School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The Schools FIRST report underwent sweeping changes under HB 5, Section 49, of the 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. Those changes require the commissioner of education to include processes in the financial accountability rating system for anticipating the future financial solvency of each school district and open enrollment charter school. The Commissioner's Rule for School FIRST changes under HB 5 were finalized in August 2015.

The changes to the School FIRST system implemented by the Texas Education Agency in August 2015 are being phased-in over three years. During the phase-in period, the new School FIRST system has separate worksheets for rating years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017 and subsequent years. The worksheet for rating year 2014-2015 contains only 7 indicators as opposed to the 20 indicators used in 2013-2014. The worksheets for rating years 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 increases to 15 indicators. Also, the worksheet for rating year 2016-2017 will require higher scores for select ratings compared to the worksheet for rating year 2015-2016.

Legislative rules require the district to present a FIRST management report, which covers any business-related issues. The district must advertise and hold a public meeting to discuss the report. The district's School FIRST rating is based upon an analysis of data reported for the 2016-2017 school year. This information is submitted through the district's annual PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System) submissions.

The financial accountability rating of the district is based on its overall performance on certain financial measurements, ratios, and other indicators established by the commissioner of education with the financial accountability rating worksheet.

For the current rating year, 2017-2018, the district is rated as **"B – Above Standard"** with a score of 84 out of 100. This report briefly focuses on how this passing rating was achieved.

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Title 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 109, Budgeting, Accounting, and Auditing Subchapter AA, Commissioner's Rules Concerning Financial Accountability Rating System, Section 109.1001(o). Effective 8/6/2015. The template has been established to help the charter schools in gathering their data and presenting it at their School FIRST hearing. The template may not be all inclusive.

Superintendent's Current Employment Contract

A copy of the superintendent's current employment contract at the time of the School FIRST hearing is to be provided. In lieu of publication in the annual School FIRST financial management report, the charter school may choose to publish the superintendent's employment contract on the charter school's Internet site. If published on the Internet, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended August 31, 2017		Board Member		Board Member		Board Member		Board Member	
		Curtis Donaldson	Jorge Flores	James Williams	Lynne Beach	Tracy Cox	Steven Hammerle	Board Member 7	
Description of Reimbursements	Superintendent								
Meals	\$ 5,807	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Lodging	\$ 5,775	\$ 643				\$ 249			
Transportation	\$ 2,024	\$ 2,469	\$ 99	\$ 96	\$ 57	\$ -			
Motor Fuel	\$ 457								
Other	\$ 544								
Total	\$ 14,607	\$ 3,112	\$ 99	\$ 96	\$ 57	\$ 249	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

All "reimbursements" expenses, regardless of the manner of payment, including direct pay, credit card, cash, and purchase order are to be reported.

Items to be reported per category include:

Meals – Meals consumed out of town, and in geographic-boundary meals at area restaurants (outside of board meetings, excludes catered board meeting)

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.

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

For the Twelve-Month Period
 Ended August 31, 2017

Name(s) of Entity(ies)	Amount Received
	\$
Total	0

Compensation does not include business revenues generated from a family business (farming, ranching, etc.) that has no relation to charter school business.

Gifts Received by Executive Officers and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any)
 (gifts that had an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate in the fiscal year)

For the Twelve-Month Period
 Ended August 31, 2017

	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note – An executive officer is defined as the superintendent, unless the board of trustees or the charter school administration names additional staff under this classification for local officials.

Business Transactions Between Charter School and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period
 Ended August 31, 2017

	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
Amounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note – The summary amounts reported under this disclosure are not to duplicate the items disclosed in the summary schedule of reimbursements received by board members.