



## GCCISD earns state's highest fiscal accountability rating

Goose Creek CISD officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system.

The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Goose Creek CISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the eighth year of Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999.

The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant because of the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

"We are pleased with Goose Creek CISD's Schools FIRST rating," said Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD Superintendent of Schools, "as it shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars.

This rating shows that Goose Creek CISD's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently."

The Schools FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being "Superior Achievement," followed by Above-Standard Achievement," Standard Achievement," and Substandard Achievement."

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