

## **Accreditation Status**

The Texas Education Agency announced accreditation statuses for all Texas school districts and charter schools on January 31, 2020, and Houston ISD earned full accreditation status. The accreditation system examines both the financial and academic health of districts and charter schools. It also examines performance in other areas such as data reporting, special program effectiveness, and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Under the accreditation system, ratings of Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation or Not Accredited-Revoked are issued. The status of a district or charter can be listed as pending if an investigation is under way. The TEA website has more information on the [TEA accreditation system](#).

Recognizing the ongoing impact of COVID-19 and the unique challenges schools faced during the past school year, the agency did not issue A–F accountability ratings for the 2020–2021 school year. Pursuant to 19 TAC §97.1055(a)(13) when a rating of Not Rated or similar rating is issued to a school district, the commissioner of education (Commissioner) may withhold the assignment of an accreditation status. The Commissioner has decided not to assign accreditation statuses until the 2022-2023 school year under the authority of 19 TAC §97.1055. For purposes of determining multiple years of academically unacceptable or insufficient performance, the academic accountability ratings issued for the 2018-2019 school year and the 2021-2022 school year are consecutive. 19 TAC §97.1055(a)(10). In addition, the accreditation statuses issued for the 2019-2020 school year and for the 2022-2023 school year are consecutive, per 19 TAC §97.1055(a)(12).