

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR THE A-F SCHOOL REPORT CARDS

The 84<sup>th</sup> Legislature passed HB 2804, changing the Texas school accountability system so that every campus and district receives one of five ratings from A-F. The questions and answers below are designed to explain this new system for our LCISD parent community. As always, if you should have any additional questions, or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's principal.

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**Question:** When will this new system go into effect?

**Answer:** Final ratings will be issued for the first time in August of 2018. In the interim, the law requires a preliminary work-in-progress report noting potential grades for each campus and district. These preliminary grades will be based on limited data, and will not include an overall rating for any campus or district.

**Question:** What does the new system give grades on specifically?

**Answer:** The new system gives a grade in each of four "Domains". (See table below.)

DOMAIN	DESCRIPTION
Domain I – Student Achievement	Measures how well students are doing on the curriculum during the current year.
Domain II – Student Progress	Based on whether or not students are growing year over year.
Domain III – Closing Performance Gaps	Determined by how students who are economically disadvantaged progress.
Domain IV – Postsecondary Readiness	Based on different criteria depending on the level of the school. Varies from attendance alone at the K-5 level to multiple factors, such as, how many students are taking AP courses.
Domain V – Community & Student Engagement	How involved is the parent and student community in the campus? (Based on survey results.)

**Question:** Why is this report called a "work-in-progress"?

**Answer:** TEA is issuing preliminary reports in order to support campuses and school districts in adjusting to the new system. While no major changes are anticipated, minor ones may be made up until the actual use of the system in August of 2018. In the meantime, Texas Public Schools will remain on the current system. These reports cards are for preparation purposes only.

**Question:** Where can I find out more about it?

**Answer:** Parents, students, and community members may go to the Lamar CISD website at [lcisd.org](http://lcisd.org) to view more detailed information on each domain and how grades are calculated.