

# Garland Independent School District



## 2020 – 2021 Rating Presentation

(Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Data)

# Purpose

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- Expands the public education accountability system in Texas to the Financial Services.
- Originated by SB875 of the 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999.
- Primary goal to improve management of school district's financial resources.

# Objectives

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- Assess the quality of financial management in Texas public schools.
- Measure and report the extent to which financial resources are allocated for direct instructional purposes.
- Fairly evaluate the quality of financial management decisions.
- Openly report results to the general public.

# Ratings

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- HB 5 of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature in 2013 required the Commissioner of Education to include indicators in FIRST to anticipate the future financial solvency of districts.
- The 2020-2021 rating is determined by the scores on 20 indicators.
  - A = Superior 90 - 100
  - B = Above Standard 80 - 89
  - C = Meets Standard 70 - 79
  - F = Substandard Achievement <70

# How Ratings Are Assessed

1. Was the Annual Financial Report filed within one month of the November 27<sup>th</sup> or January 28<sup>th</sup> deadline depending upon the District's fiscal year end date June 30<sup>th</sup> or August 31<sup>st</sup> ?  
**YES**
2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the Annual Financial Report (AFR) on the financial statements as a whole? **YES**
3. Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end? **YES**

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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, Ceiling Failed**
- The timely payment in question was in March 2020 at the beginning of the COVID 19 pandemic and employees were not allowed on site.
  - The payment was made and comptroller allowed the district to take the timely filing discount on March 23, 2020.
  - The District submitted an appeal to TEA with a letter of support from the Texas Comptroller's Office.
  - The appeal was denied by TEA.
  - The district has complied with all sales tax reporting. Districts who do not regularly submit sales tax were not penalized.

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5. Was the total unrestricted net position balance (Net of the accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds) in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position greater than zero? **YES**
6. Was the average change in assigned & unassigned fund balances over 3 years less than a 25% decrease or did the current year's assigned & unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? **Ceiling Passed**

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7. Was the number of days of cash on hand and current investments in the general fund for the school district sufficient to cover operating expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? **10**
  
8. Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? **10**
  
9. Did the school district's general fund revenues equal or exceed expenditures (excluding facilities acquisition and construction)? If not, was the school district's number of days of cash on hand greater than or equal to 60 days? **10**



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10. Did the school district average less than 10% variance when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last 3 fiscal years? **10**
  
11. Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? **10**
  
12. Was the debt per \$100 of assessed property value ratio sufficient to support future debt repayments? **10**

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

7.29%

**10 of 10 points**

$$\left( \begin{array}{l} \text{sum of amounts for} \\ \text{function codes 21 and 41} \end{array} \right) / \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{sum of amounts for function} \\ \text{codes 11, 12, 13, and 31} \end{array} \right) = \text{Administrative Cost Ratio}$$

21-Instructional Leadership  
 41-General Administration

11-Instruction  
 12-Instructional Resources and Media Services  
 13-Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development  
 31-Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services

Only payroll (excluding TRS On-Behalf), professional and contracted services, supplies and materials, other operating costs are used in the calculation of the administrative cost ratio.

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14. Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? **10**
  
15. Was the school district's ADA within the allotted range of the district's biennial pupil projection(s) submitted to TEA? If the district did not submit pupil projections to TEA, did it certify TEA's projections? **5**
  
16. Did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3% of all expenditures by function? **Ceiling Passed**

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17. Did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds? **Ceiling Passed**
18. Did the external independent auditor indicate the AFR was free of any instance(s) of material noncompliance for grants, contracts, and laws related to local, state, or federal funds? **10**
19. Did the school district post the required financial information on its website in accordance with Government Code, Local Government Code, Texas Education Code, Texas Administrative Code and other statutes, laws and rules that were in effect at the school district's fiscal year end? **5**
20. Did the school board members discuss the district's property values at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget? **Ceiling Passed**

# What is GISD's Rating?

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- A = Superior
  - *GISD received a YES or the maximum points on all indicators, other than indicator 4.*
  - *The district received the highest rating possible as established under guidelines and rules established by the Texas Education Agency.*

## Required Disclosures

- Superintendent's Current Contract

<http://www.garlandisd.net/content/financial-information>

# Required Disclosures

## Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members for Fiscal Year 2020 For the Twelve-month Period Ended June 30, 2020

Description of Reimbursements	Superintendent	Board Member Place 1	Board Member Place 2	Board Member Place 3	Board Member Place 4	Board Member Place 5	Board Member Place 6	Board Member Place 7
	Ricardo López	Larry Glick	Johnny Beach	Linda Griffin	Jed Reed	James Miller	Robert Selders	Wesley Johnson
Meals	\$ -	\$ 21.99	\$ 27.16	\$ 21.10	\$ 17.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18.74
Lodging	\$ -	\$ 1,138.90	\$ 3,854.55	\$ 10,236.92	\$ 3,400.44	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,313.28	\$ 663.71
Transportation	\$ 240.35	\$ 197.77	\$ 417.60	\$ 2,597.33	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 991.40	\$ -
Motor Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 1,355.73	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 417.95	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 375.00	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,596.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,558.66</b>	<b>\$ 4,499.31</b>	<b>\$ 13,273.30</b>	<b>\$ 3,417.68</b>	<b>\$ 650.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,679.68</b>	<b>\$ 882.45</b>

## Required Disclosures

- Outside compensation and/or fees received by the Superintendent for professional consulting and/or other personal services in fiscal year 2020.

**None**



## Required Disclosures

- Gifts received by the Executive Officer(s) and Board Members (and first degree relatives, if any) in fiscal year 2020.

**None**

## Required Disclosures

- Business transactions between the District and Board Members for fiscal year 2020.

**None**