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RECORD NUMBER OF AMARILLO ISD SCHOOLS NAMED 'EXEMPLARY'; TWO SCHOOLS WIN APPEALS FOR HIGHER RATINGS

As a result of a Texas Education Agency decision to grant appeals to Caprock High School and Wills Elementary School, Caprock improved its rating from "Academically Unacceptable" to "Acceptable" and Wills moved from "Recognized" to "Exemplary" in the 2009 State accountability ratings. A total of 28 Amarillo ISD schools, compared to 19 last year, received the top rating of "Exemplary" in the statewide accountability ratings released by the TEA this fall. This is the largest number of "Exemplary" campuses AISD has ever had.

Ten AISD schools were named "Recognized", bringing the number of campuses rated in the top two categories of the accountability system to 38 – or 71 percent of AISD schools. Of the remaining 14 campuses, 12 are rated as "Academically Acceptable," and two are "Academically Unacceptable." The District as a whole is also rated "Academically Acceptable."

"Most of our schools are seeing great academic progress, as evident in our record number of exemplary campuses," said Superintendent Rod Schroder. "On the other hand, these accountability ratings show that in certain areas we need improvement."

Windsor Elementary achieved "Exemplary" for the 14th year in a row. For the first time, San Jacinto Elementary earned an "Exemplary" rating, and Mesa Verde Elementary jumped from "Acceptable" to "Exemplary" in just one year.

Tascosa High School received an "Academically Unacceptable" rating because too few students in certain demographic groups were counted as completing high school. Fannin Middle School earned an unacceptable rating based on eighth-grade science test scores.

The accountability ratings system is based on students' scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS), as well as completion rates and dropout rates. The completion rate (which applies to high schools only) represents the students who first attended ninth grade in the 2004-2005 school year and who either graduated from high school or continued high school past four years.

2009 State Accountability Ratings for Amarillo ISD schools:

Amarillo High School- *Recognized*
Caprock High School- Acceptable
Palo Duro High School- Acceptable
Tascosa High School- Academically Unacceptable
Allen 6th Grade Campus- **Exemplary**
Austin Middle School- Acceptable
Bonham Middle School- *Recognized*
Bowie Middle School- Acceptable
Crockett Middle School- **Exemplary**
De Zavala Middle School- **Exemplary**
Fannin Middle School- Academically Unacceptable
Houston Middle School- Acceptable
Mann Middle School- Acceptable
Travis Middle School- Acceptable
Avondale Elementary- **Exemplary**
Belmar Elementary- **Exemplary**
Bivins Elementary- **Exemplary**
Carver Early Childhood- Acceptable
Carver Elementary- Acceptable
Coronado Elementary- **Exemplary**
Eastridge Elementary- Acceptable
Emerson Elementary- *Recognized*
Forest Hill Elementary- Acceptable
Glenwood Elementary- *Recognized*
Hamlet Elementary- **Exemplary**
Humphrey's Highland Elem.- **Exemplary**
Lamar Elementary- **Exemplary**
Landergin Elementary- **Exemplary**
Lawndale Elementary- **Exemplary**
Lee Elementary- *Recognized*
Mesa Verde Elementary- **Exemplary**
Oak Dale Elementary- *Recognized*
Olsen Park Elementary- **Exemplary**
Paramount Terrace Elem.- *Recognized*
Pleasant Valley Elem.- **Exemplary**
Puckett Elementary- **Exemplary**
Ridgecrest Elementary- **Exemplary**
Rogers Elementary- Acceptable
Sanborn Elementary- **Exemplary**
San Jacinto Elementary- **Exemplary**
Sleepy Hollow Elementary- **Exemplary**
South Georgia Elementary- **Exemplary**
South Lawn Elementary- **Exemplary**
Sunrise Elementary- **Exemplary**
Tradewind Elementary- *Recognized*
Western Plateau Elem.- **Exemplary**
Whittier Elementary- *Recognized*
Wills Elementary- **Exemplary**
Windsor Elementary- **Exemplary**
Wolflin Elementary- *Recognized*
Woodlands Elementary- **Exemplary**