



2024-2025 FIRST Report

Based upon 2023-2024 Financial Data



Garland Independent School District

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To the Garland ISD Board of Trustees and the taxpayers for Garland ISD:

The 2025 School FIRST Rating is being presented for your information. FIRST stands for 'Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas.' It is the annual rating performed by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to test the financial performance of school districts as required by Title 19, Texas Administration Code, Section 109.

The District is required to hold a public meeting, which can be part of a regular school board meeting, to distribute a financial management report that explains the district's performance under each of the 21 indicators and the resulting district's rating. The 2025 rating is based upon analysis of financial data for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

For this year's rating, 21 indicators are used in this score. Scores totaling between 90 and 100 points will receive an A rating, which means Superior Achievement. Scores totaling between 80 and 89 points will receive a B rating, which means an Above Standard Achievement. Scores totaling between 70 and 79 points will receive a C rating which means a Meets Standard Achievement and Scores totaling below 70 points will receive an F rating, which means a Substandard Achievement.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call my office.

Darrell Dodds
Chief Financial Officer

Executive Summary

Background Information

This is the 23rd year of School FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas), a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate Bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The primary goal of School FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources, a goal made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with Texas' school finance system.

The School FIRST accountability rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, as follows:

- A for Superior Achievement
- B for Above Standard Achievement
- C for Meets Standards Achievement
- F for Substandard Achievement

Reporting Requirement

Under School FIRST, every school district in Texas is required to prepare an annual financial management report that includes the following:

- A. The district's financial management performance rating provided by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) based on its comparison with indicators established by the Commissioner of Education for the State's new Financial Accountability System;
- B. The district's financial management performance under each indicator for the current and previous years' financial accountability ratings;
- C. Additional information required by the Commissioner of Education.
 - 1. The school district must provide a copy of the superintendent's current employment contract that is effective on the date of the School FIRST hearing. In lieu of publication in the School FIRST financial management report, the school district may publish the superintendent's employment contract on the school district's website. If published on the district's website, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.
 - 2. A summary schedule for the fiscal year (12-month period) of total reimbursements received by the superintendent and each board member, including transactions resulting from use of the school district's credit card(s), debit card(s), store-value card(s) and any other instruments to cover expenses incurred by the superintendent and each board member. The summary schedule shall separately report reimbursements for meals, lodging, transportation, motor fuel, and other items (the summary schedule of total reimbursements is not to include reimbursements for supplies and materials that were purchased for the operation of the district).

3. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the dollar amount of compensation and/or fees received by the superintendent from another school district or any other outside entity in exchange for professional consulting and/or other personal services. The schedule shall separately report the amount received from each entity.
4. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the total dollar amount by the executive officers and board members of gifts that had an economic value of \$250 or more in the aggregate in the fiscal year. This reporting requirement only applies to gifts received by the school district's executive officers and board members (and their immediate family as described by Government Code, Chapter 573, Subchapter B, as a person related to another person within the first degree by consanguinity or affinity) from an outside entity that received payments from the school district in the prior fiscal year, and gifts from competing vendors that were not awarded contracts in the prior fiscal year. This reporting requirement does not apply to reimbursement of travel-related expenses by an outside entity when the purpose of the travel is to investigate or explore matters directly related to the duties of an executive officer or board member, or matters related to attendance at education-related conferences and seminars whose primary purpose is to provide continuing education (this exclusion does not apply to trips for entertainment related purposes or pleasure trips). This reporting requirement excludes an individual gift or a series of gifts from a single outside entity that had an aggregate economic value of less than \$250 per executive officer or board member.
5. A summary schedule for the fiscal year of the dollar amount by board members for the aggregate amount of business transactions with the school district. This reporting requirement is not to duplicate the items disclosed in the summary schedule of reimbursements received by board members; and
6. Additional information that the district's board of trustees deems useful. Refer to the Commissioner's Rules Concerning the Financial Accountability Rating System (Chapter 109, Subchapter AA) for more information.

District Ratings

The Texas Education Agency converted the Schools FIRST to a four-tier rating system as shown in page 6.

For 2024-2025 the Garland Independent School District
received a Schools FIRST rating of:
A = SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT
Based upon the 2023-2024 Financial Date

Four-tier rating system

DETERMINATION OF RATING

A.	Did the school district fail any of the critical indicators 1, 2, 3, or 4? If so, the school district's rating is F for Substandard Achievement regardless of points earned.	
B.	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points.	
	A = Superior Achievement	90-100
	B = Above Standard Achievement	80-89
	C = Meets Standard Achievement	70-79
	F = Substandard Achievement	<70
No Rating = A school district receiving territory that annexes with a school district ordered by the commissioner under TEC 13.054, or consolidation under Subchapter H, Chapter 41. No rating will be issued for the school district receiving territory until the third year after the annexation/consolidation. The school district receives an F if it scores below the minimum passing score, if it failed any critical indicator 1, 2, 3, or 4, if the AFR or the data were not both complete, or if either the AFR or the data were not submitted on time for FIRST analysis.		

CEILING INDICATORS

Did the school district meet the criteria for any of the following ceiling indicators 4, 5, 6, 16, 17, 20, or 21? If so, the school district's applicable maximum points and rating are disclosed below. Please note, an F = Substandard Achievement Rating supersedes any rating earned as the result of the school district meeting the criteria of a ceiling indicator.		
Determination of rating based on meeting ceiling criteria.	Maximum Points	Maximum Rating
Indicator 4 (Timely Payments) - School district was issued a warrant hold.	95	A = Superior Achievement
Indicator 5 (Total Net Position) - Negative total net position and do not have 7% or more or 1,000 or more increase in growth in students in membership over 5 years.	79	C = Meets Standard Achievement
Indicator 6 (Average Change in Fund Balance) - Response to indicator is No.	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 16 (PEIMS to AFR) - Response to indicator is No.	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 17 (Material Weaknesses) - Response to indicator is No.	79	C = Meets Standard Achievement
Indicator 20 (Property Values and Tax Discussion) - Response to indicator is No.	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 21 (FSP Repayment Plan) - Response to indicator is Yes.	70	C = Meets Standard Achievement

There are currently four critical error indicators (Yes and No) that result in failure (F) of FIRST. These indicators and descriptions are outlined in the above chart. The default indicators that would result in a substandard achievement include a No answer to any of the four indicators (Questions 1, 2, 3 and 4).

From the financial data submitted for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the District answered yes to all critical indicators. The complete results to the indicators begin on page 7 of this report.

There are seven ceiling indicators. The chart above shows the maximum points and rating for failing to meet a ceiling indicator.

Reporting, Notices and Public Meetings

The Board of Trustees will publish an annual report describing the financial management performance of the district. The report must include the information provided by the Texas Education Agency and any supplemental information as may be determined by the local Board of Trustees. A copy of the report is available, upon request, from the Finance Department and is available on the district's website.

As required by State law, the Board of Trustees shall hold a public meeting within two months of receiving the School FIRST ratings. Notice of the meeting to discuss the school financial accountability rating must be published in a local newspaper. The notice must be no more than thirty days, or less than ten days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

The district has complied with the public hearing notifications in the local newspaper. The date of publication was October 6th. The public meeting was held in conjunction with the regularly called Board of Trustees meeting on October 28th, 2025.



Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

2024-2025 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

Name: GARLAND ISD(057909)		Publication Level 1: 8/8/2025 12:54:09 PM	
Status: Passed		Publication Level 2: 8/8/2025 4:49:42 PM	
Rating: A = Superior Achievement		Last Updated: 9/18/2025 9:11:13 AM	
District Score: 100		Passing Score: 70	
#	Indicator Description	Updated	Score
1	<u>Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Yes
2	<u>Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Yes

3	<u>Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end? (If the school district was in default in a prior fiscal year, an exemption applies in following years if the school district is current on its forbearance or payment plan with the lender and the payments are made on schedule for the fiscal year being rated. Also exempted are technical defaults that are not related to monetary defaults. A technical default is a failure to uphold the terms of a debt covenant, contract, or master promissory note even though payments to the lender, trust, or sinking fund are current. A debt agreement is a legal agreement between a debtor (= person, company, etc. that owes money) and their creditors, which includes a plan for paying back the debt.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Yes
4	<u>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? (If the school district received a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered to not have made timely payments and will fail critical indicator 4. If the school district was issued a warrant hold, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 95 points, A = Superior Achievement, even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days.)</u>	9/18/2025 9:10:54 AM	Yes Ceiling Passed
			1 Multiplier Sum
5	<u>Was the total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) greater than zero? (If it is not, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement, unless the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership. If the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
6	<u>Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over 3 years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? (If the school district fails indicator 6, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
7	<u>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)? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10

8	<u>Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
9	<u>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? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
10	This indicator is not being evaluated.		10
11	<u>Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the school district's increase of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, then the school district passes this indicator.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
12	<u>What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
13	<u>Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
14	<u>Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? If the student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10
15	<u>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? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	5
16	<u>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 percent of all expenditures by function? (If the school district fails indicator 16, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
17	<u>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 and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern? (The AICPA defines material weakness.) (If the school district fails indicator 17, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
18	<u>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? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	10

19	<u>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?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	5
20	<u>Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
21	<u>Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship?</u>	4/23/2025 6:09:49 PM	Ceiling Passed
			100 Weighted Sum
			1 Multiplier Sum
			(100 Ceiling)
			100 Score

DETERMINATION OF RATING

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	C = Meets Standard Achievement	70-79
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How Ratings are Assessed

Preliminary ratings are released by TEA every calendar year on or before August 8. The commissioner's rules for School FIRST are contained in 19 TAC 109.1001. The rules include an attached figure (rating worksheet) for each rating year that specifies the rating indicators for that year.

The questions a school district must address in completing the worksheet used to assess its financial management system can be confusing to non-accountants. The indicators for rating year 2023-2024 based on fiscal year 2023 financial data are set out below with an explanation of what the questions mean—and what your district's answers can mean to its rating.

1. Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?

A simple indicator. Was your Annual Financial Report filed by the deadline?

2. Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)

Review the AFR for an unmodified opinion and material weaknesses.

3. Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end? (If the school district was in default in a prior fiscal year, an exemption applies in following years if the school district is current on its forbearance or payment plan with the lender and the payments are made on schedule for the fiscal year being rated. Also exempted are technical defaults that are not related to monetary defaults. A technical default is a failure to uphold the terms of a debt covenant, contract, or master promissory note even though payments to the lender, trust, or sinking fund are current. A debt agreement is a legal agreement between a debtor (= person, company, etc. that owes money) and their creditors, which includes a plan for paying back the debt.)

This indicator seeks to confirm that your district has timely paid all bills/obligations, including financing arrangements to pay for school construction, school buses, photocopiers, etc.

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? If the school district received a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered to not have made timely payments and will fail this



indicator. If the school district was issued a warrant hold, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 95 points, **A = Superior Achievement** (even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days).

This indicator seeks to confirm the district fulfilled its obligation to the TRS, TWC and IRS to transfer payroll withholdings and to fulfill any additional payroll-related obligations required to be paid by the district.

5. Was the total net position balance in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) greater than zero? (If it is not, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 79 points, **C = Meets Standard Achievement, unless the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership. If the school district has such an increase, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 89 points, **B = Above Standard Achievement**.)**

This indicator determines if the total net position in the governmental activities column of the Statement of Net Position as reported in the Annual Financial Report is greater than zero. A positive

net position demonstrates financial solvency.

6. Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balance over 3 years less than a 25% decrease or did the current year assigned and unassigned fund balance exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? (If the school district fails indicator 6, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 89 points, **B = Above Standard Achievement.)**

This indicator measures the percentage change in fund balance to see whether the fund balance is declining too quickly, and if it is declining, whether sufficient fund balance remains to operate for at least 75 days.?

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)?

This indicator measures how many days after the end of the fiscal year the school district could have disbursed funds for its operating expenditures without receiving any new revenues. At least 90 days must be covered to receive the maximum points.

8. Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt?

This indicator measures whether the school district had sufficient short-term



assets at the end of the fiscal year to pay off its short-term liabilities. Did you meet or exceed the target amount in School FIRST?

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?

This indicator simply asks, "Did you spend more than you earned?" (the school district will automatically pass this indicator if the school district had at least 60 days cash on hand.)

10. Did the school district average less than a 10 percent variance (90% to 110%) when comparing budgeted revenues to actual revenues for the last 3 fiscal years?

This indicator continues to be paused for the 2023-24 rating period.

11. Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the school district's increase of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, then the school district passes this indicator.)

This question is like asking if a person's mortgage exceeds the market value of their home. Were you below the cap for this ratio in School FIRST? Fortunately, this indicator recognizes that high-growth districts incur additional operating costs to open new

instructional campuses.

12. What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?

This indicator asks about the school district's ability to make debt principal and interest payments. Did you meet or exceed the target amount in School FIRST?

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

This indicator measures the percentage of their budget that Texas school districts spent on administration. Did you exceed the cap in School FIRST for districts of your size?

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)? (If the student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator.)

If a decline in student enrollment is occurring, this indicator measures if the decline in total staff is in proportion to the declining enrollment over a 3-year period. If declining enrollment is occurring, the change in this ratio cannot exceed 15 percent.

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?

This indicator continues to be paused



for the 2023-24 rating period.

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 percent of all expenditures by function? (If the school district fails this indicator, the maximum points and highest rating the district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)

This indicator measures the quality of data reported to PEIMS and in your Annual Financial Report to ensure that the data reported in each case "matches up." If the difference in numbers reported in any fund type is 3 percent or more, your district "fails" this measure.

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, federal funds and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern? (The AICPA defines material weakness.) (If the school district fails this indicator, the maximum points and highest rating the district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement.)

A clean audit of your Annual Financial Report would state that your district has no material weaknesses in internal controls. Any internal weaknesses create a risk of your district not being able to properly account for its use of public funds and should be immediately

addressed.

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? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)

This indicator measures whether the district is complying with laws, rules and regulations related to the expenditure of grant funds, contracts, and other state and federal funds.

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?

This indicator measures whether the district is complying with legal requirements related to financial transparency by posting all required information.

20. Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget? (If the school district fails this indicator, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)



This indicator measures whether the administration and the board had the opportunity to consider the impact of changes in local, state, and federal funding.

21. Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship? (If the school district fails this indicator, the maximum points and highest rating the school district may receive is 70 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement.)

This indicator determines if the district has an adjusted repayment schedule for an overallocation of FSP funds.



Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas

2023-2024 RATINGS BASED ON SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023 DATA - DISTRICT STATUS DETAIL

Name: GARLAND ISD(057909)		Publication Level 1: 8/8/2024 6:33:40 PM	
Status: Passed		Publication Level 2: 8/8/2024 6:33:40 PM	
Rating: A = Superior Achievement		Last Updated: 8/20/2024 1:36:28 PM	
District Score: 100		Passing Score: 70	
#	Indicator Description	Updated	Score
1	<u>Was the complete annual financial report (AFR) and data submitted to the TEA within 30 days of the November 27 or January 28 deadline depending on the school district's fiscal year end date of June 30 or August 31, respectively?</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Yes
2	<u>Was there an unmodified opinion in the AFR on the financial statements as a whole? (The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) defines unmodified opinion. The external independent auditor determines if there was an unmodified opinion.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Yes
3	<u>Was the school district in compliance with the payment terms of all debt agreements at fiscal year end? (If the school district was in default in a prior fiscal year, an exemption applies in following years if the school district is current on its forbearance or payment plan with the lender and the payments are made on schedule for the fiscal year being rated. Also exempted are technical defaults that are not related to monetary defaults. A technical default is a failure to uphold the terms of a debt covenant, contract, or master promissory note even though payments to the lender, trust, or sinking fund are current. A debt agreement is a legal agreement between a debtor (= person, company, etc. that owes money) and their creditors, which includes a plan for paying back the debt.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Yes
4	<u>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? (If the school district received a warrant hold and the warrant hold was not cleared within 30 days from the date the warrant hold was issued, the school district is considered to not have made timely payments and will fail critical indicator 4. If the school district was issued a warrant hold, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 95 points, A = Superior Achievement, even if the issue surrounding the initial warrant hold was resolved and cleared within 30 days.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Yes Ceiling Passed
			1 Multiplier Sum
5	<u>Was the total net position in the governmental activities column in the Statement of Net Position (net of accretion of interest for capital appreciation bonds, net pension liability, and other post-employment benefits) greater than zero? (If it is not, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement, unless the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership. If the school district has an increase of students in membership over 5 years of 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
6	<u>Was the average change in (assigned and unassigned) fund balances over 3 years less than a 25 percent decrease or did the current year's assigned and unassigned fund balances exceed 75 days of operational expenditures? (If the school district fails indicator 6, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
7	<u>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)? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10
8	<u>Was the measure of current assets to current liabilities ratio for the school district sufficient to cover short-term debt? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10

9	<u>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? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10
10	This indicator is not being evaluated.		10
11	<u>Was the ratio of long-term liabilities to total assets for the school district sufficient to support long-term solvency? (If the school district's increase of students in membership over 5 years was 7 percent or more or 1,000 or more students in membership, then the school district passes this indicator.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10
12	<u>What is the correlation between future debt requirements and the district's assessed property value?</u>	8/20/2024 1:36:27 PM	10
13	<u>Was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio? See ranges below in the Determination of Points section.</u>	8/20/2024 1:36:27 PM	10
14	<u>Did the school district not have a 15 percent decline in the students to staff ratio over 3 years (total enrollment to total staff)? If the student enrollment did not decrease, the school district will automatically pass this indicator.</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10
15	This indicator is not being evaluated.		5
16	<u>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 percent of all expenditures by function? (If the school district fails indicator 16, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 89 points, B = Above Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
17	<u>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 and free from substantial doubt about the school district's ability to continue as a going concern? (The AICPA defines material weakness.) (If the school district fails indicator 17, the maximum points and highest rating that the school district may receive is 79 points, C = Meets Standard Achievement.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
18	<u>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? (The AICPA defines material noncompliance.)</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	10
19	<u>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?</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	5
20	<u>Did the school district's administration and school board members discuss any changes and/or impact to local, state, and federal funding at a board meeting within 120 days before the district adopted its budget?</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
21	<u>Did the school district receive an adjusted repayment schedule for more than one fiscal year for an over-allocation of Foundation School Program (FSP) funds because of a financial hardship?</u>	4/19/2024 6:25:58 PM	Ceiling Passed
			100 Weighted Sum
			1 Multiplier Sum
			(100 Ceiling)
			100 Score

DETERMINATION OF RATING

A.	Did the school district fail any of the critical indicators 1, 2, 3, or 4? If so, the school district's rating is F for Substandard Achievement regardless of points earned.	
B.	Determine the rating by the applicable number of points.	
	A = Superior Achievement	90-100
	B = Above Standard Achievement	80-89
	C = Meets Standard Achievement	70-79
	F = Substandard Achievement	<70
No Rating = A school district receiving territory that annexes with a school district ordered by the commissioner under TEC 13.054, or consolidation under Subchapter H, Chapter 41. No rating will be issued for the school district receiving territory until the third year after the annexation/consolidation. The school district receives an F if it scores below the minimum passing score, if it failed any critical indicator 1, 2, 3, or 4, if the AFR or the data were not both complete, or if either the AFR or the data were not submitted on time for FIRST analysis.		

CEILING INDICATORS

Did the school district meet the criteria for any of the following **ceiling indicators** 4, 6, 16, 17, 20, or 21? If so, the school district's applicable maximum points and rating are disclosed below. Please note, an F = Substandard Achievement Rating supersedes any rating earned as the result of the school district meeting the criteria of a ceiling indicator.

Determination of rating based on meeting ceiling criteria.	Maximum Points	Maximum Rating
Indicator 4 (Timely Payments) - School district was issued a warrant hold.	95	A = Superior Achievement
Indicator 6 (Average Change in Fund Balance) - Response to indicator is <i>No</i> .	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 16 (PEIMS to AFR) - Response to indicator is <i>No</i> .	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 17 (Material Weaknesses) - Response to indicator is <i>No</i> .	79	C = Meets Standard Achievement
Indicator 20 (Property Values and Tax Discussion) - Response to indicator is <i>No</i> .	89	B = Above Standard Achievement
Indicator 21 (FSP Repayment Plan) - Response to indicator is <i>Yes</i> .	70	C = Meets Standard Achievement

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Required Disclosures

Superintendent's Employment Contract

The school district is to provide a copy of the superintendent's employment contract that is effective on the date of the School FIRST hearing in calendar year 2025. In lieu of publication in the School FIRST financial management report, the school district may choose to publish the superintendent's employment contract on the school district's Internet site. If published on the Internet, the contract is to remain accessible for twelve months.

Garland ISD has posted the superintendent employment contract on the district's website, and it will be accessible for at least twelve months. The contract is found on the home page under "About", then click "Financial information", there will be a section called "Superintendent's contract".

Reimbursements Received by the Superintendent and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended
June 30, 2024

Description of Reimbursements

	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
	Ricardo López	Larry Glick	Johnny Beach	Linda Griffin	Daphne Stanley	James Miller	Robert Selders, Jr.	Wesley Johnson
Meals	\$ 2,714.84	\$ 60.87	\$ 103.27	\$ 808.63	\$ 166.42	\$ -	\$ 1,959.43	\$ -
Lodging	\$ 3,436.62	\$ 237.01	\$ 4,137.75	\$ 4,125.46	\$ 3,904.18	\$ -	\$ 6,229.61	\$ -
Transportation	\$ 5,433.40	\$ 474.65	\$ 314.04	\$ 1,741.80	\$ 1,010.70	\$ -	\$ 6,482.25	\$ -
Motor Fuel	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116.34	\$ -
Other	\$ 6,590.00	\$ 2,029.00	\$ 731.00	\$ 2,543.08	\$ 1,097.60	\$ 719.00	\$ 4,218.86	\$ 749.00
Total	\$ 18,174.86	\$ 2,801.53	\$ 5,286.06	\$ 9,218.97	\$ 6,178.90	\$ 719.00	\$ 19,006.49	\$ 749.00

Outside Compensation and/or Fees Received by the Superintendent for Professional Consulting and/or Other Personal Services

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended
June 30, 2024

Name(s) of Entity(ies)

	Amount Received
None	\$ -
Total	\$ -

Gifts Received by Executive Officers and Board Members (and First Degree Relatives, if any)

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended
June 30, 2024

	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
	Ricardo López	Larry Glick	Johnny Beach	Linda Griffin	Daphne Stanley	James Miller	Robert Selders, Jr.	Wesley Johnson
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Business Transactions Between School District and Board Members

For the Twelve-Month Period Ended
June 30, 2024

	Superintendent	Board Member 1	Board Member 2	Board Member 3	Board Member 4	Board Member 5	Board Member 6	Board Member 7
	Ricardo López	Larry Glick	Johnny Beach	Linda Griffin	Daphne Stanley	James Miller	Robert Selders, Jr.	Wesley Johnson
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -