



# SAN FELIPE DEL RIO CISD

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## **SFDR CISD EARNS “A” RATING UNDER TEXAS’ SCHOOL FIRST FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM**

San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of “A” for “Superior Achievement” under Texas’ School FIRST financial accountability rating system. The “Superior Achievement” rating is the state’s highest, demonstrating the quality of SFDR CISD’s financial management and reporting system.

This is the 17th year of School FIRST (Financial Accountability 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 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83rd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2013. 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.

“We are very pleased with SFDR CISD’s School FIRST rating,” said Superintendent Dr. Carlos Rios. This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers’ dollars. This rating shows that San Felipe Del Rio CISD’s schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently.”

The Texas Education Agency assigned one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts, with the highest being “A” for “Superior Achievement,” followed by “B” for “Above-Standard Achievement,” “C” for “Standard Achievement” and “F” for “Substandard Achievement.” San Felipe Del Rio CISD has received a score of 92 out of 100 points, thus earning an “A” for “Superior Achievement”. The District has consecutively achieved the highest rating for the past 17 prior years.