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**2018 School Rankings Updates**

This year, CHILDREN AT RISK tweaked its Annual School Rankings methodology to clearly communicate to schools the exact metrics they need to reach in order to achieve a certain grade in the CHILDREN AT RISK rankings. Below are the major changes to the CHILDREN AT RISK methodology:

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|  | 2017 Rankings | 2018 Rankings |
| Overall | Used percentiles/curve; every year there were a set number of schools in each A-F level; indices were weighted using a 60/20/20 scale (30/20/20/30 for HS) | Using absolute cutoffs meaning there will be a varying number of A-F schools each year; indices are now weighted using a 33/33/33 scale (25/25/25/25 for HS) |
| Student Achievement | Used Masters Grade Level (formerly Level III-Advanced) for STAAR Math and Reading Grades 3-8, English I and II EOC, and Algebra I EOC | Using Meets Grade Level (formerly Level II-Final Recommended) for STAAR Math and Reading Grades 3-8, English I and II EOC, and Algebra I EOC |
| Campus Performance | Used Masters Grade Level in relation to % economically disadvantaged to calculate a regression | Using Meets Grade Level in relation to % economically disadvantaged to calculate a regression |
| Growth | No changes | No changes |
| College Readiness | No changes | No changes |

The above changes result in the following grade distribution for all schools across Texas:

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|  | 2017 | 2018 | Difference | 2017 | 2018 | Difference | 2017 | 2018 | Difference |
|  | Elementary | | | Middle | | | High | | |
| A | 25% | 10% | -15% | 25% | 11% | -14% | 25% | 12% | -13% |
| B | 20% | 27% | 7% | 20% | 28% | 8% | 20% | 27% | 7% |
| C | 20% | 27% | 7% | 20% | 30% | 10% | 20% | 29% | 9% |
| D | 20% | 25% | 5% | 20% | 22% | 2% | 20% | 22% | 2% |
| F | 15% | 11% | -4% | 15% | 8% | -7% | 15% | 10% | -5% |

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