

January 20, 2021

Dear Parent:

Gainesville ISD is sharing this information about the district and your child's campus with you as part of its obligations under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA).

Federal Report Cards for the state, the district, and each of the district's campuses are now available on the district's website at this link: www.gainesvilleisd.org or are also available on the Texas Education Agency's website at: https://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/Grants/Federal_Report_Card/.

Information on these report cards includes:

Part (i): General Description of the Texas State Accountability System

On March 27, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) waived statewide assessment, accountability, and certain reporting requirements in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) for the 2019-2020 school year due to widespread school closures related to the novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The waiver includes the report card provisions in section 1111(h)(1)(C)(i) (accountability system description).

Campuses Identified for Support under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) for the 2020-2021 school year are reported.

Part (ii): Student Achievement by Proficiency Level

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii) (assessment results) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Part (iii)(I): Academic Growth

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(iii)(I) (other academic indicator results) for the 2019-2020 school year

Part (iii)(II): Graduation Rate

This section provides information on high school graduation rates for the class of 2019.

Part (iv): English Language Proficiency

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(iv) (English language proficiency results) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Part (v): School Quality or Student Success (SQSS)

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(v) (school quality or student success indicator results) for the 2019-2020 school year for elementary schools and secondary schools without a graduation rate. For secondary schools with CCMR (college, career, and military readiness) data, the results are reported.

Part (vi): Goal Meeting Status

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(vi) (progress toward meeting long-term goals and measurements of interim progress) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Part (vii): STAAR Participation

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(vii) (percentage of students assessed and not assessed) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Part (viii): Civil Rights Data

Part (viii)(I): The section provides information from the 2017-2018 Civil Rights Data Collection (CRDC) surveys, submitted by school districts to the Office for Civil Rights, on measures of school quality, climate, and safety, including counts of in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, expulsions, school related arrests, referrals to law enforcement, chronic absenteeism (including both excused and unexcused absences), incidences of violence, including bullying and harassment.

Part (viii)(II): This section provides information from the 2017-2018 CRDC surveys, submitted by school districts to the Office for Civil Rights, on the number of students enrolled in preschool programs and accelerated coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school.

Part (ix): Teacher Quality Data

This section provides information on the professional qualifications of teachers, including information disaggregated by high- and low-poverty schools on the number and percentage of (I) inexperienced teacher, principals, and other school leaders; (II) teachers teaching with emergency or provisional credentials; and (III) teachers who are not teaching in the subject or field for which the teacher is certified or licensed.

Part (x): Per-pupil Expenditure

This section provides information on the per-pupil expenditures of federal, state, and local funds, including actual personnel expenditures and actual non-personnel expenditures, disaggregated by source of funds, for each school district and campus for the preceding fiscal year.

To be updated by June 30th, 2021.

Part (xi): STAAR Alternate 2 Participation

Due to the impact of COVID-19, the USDE waived reporting requirements in Section 1111(h)(1)(C)(xi) (number and percentage of students with the most significant cognitive disabilities taking an alternate assessment) for the 2019-2020 school year.

Part (xii): Statewide National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

This section provides results on the state academic assessments in reading and mathematics in grades 4 and 8 of the 2019 National Assessment of Educational Progress, compared to the national average of such results.

Part (xiii): Cohort Rate of Graduates Enrolled in Postsecondary Education

This section provides information on the cohort rate at which students who graduated from high school in the 2017-2018 school year enrolled in a Texas public postsecondary education institution in the 2018-2019 academic year.

If you have difficulty accessing the information from the website, hard copies of the reports are available at the district or campus office. If you have questions about the information, please contact your Campus Principal.

Sincerely,

Dr. DesMontes Stewart, Superintendent of Schools