

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>August 6, 2020</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Preliminary Charter FIRST Ratings 2019-2020</b>
<b>CATEGORY:</b>	<b>36</b>

9 2020 Charter Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas  
(FIRST) rating is now available in the online. To access Charter FIRST  
rating:

- < access the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website: <http://tea.texas.gov/>,
- < click the Finance and Grants webpage tab link:  
[http://tea.texas.gov/Finance\\_and\\_Grants/](http://tea.texas.gov/Finance_and_Grants/),
- < click the Financial Accountability link,
- < click the Charter FIRST link, and
- < click the 2011 2012 and newer Charter School - Financial Accountability (Select Year from Dropdown) Ratings link.

### **Basis for Charter FIRST Rating**

fiscal year 2019 (the fiscal period ended June 30, 2019, or August 31, 2019, depending on the  
using the financial indicators specified in [19 Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\) §109.1001\(f\)](#).

associated with each of the 15 indicators.

### **Opportunity for Appeal**

If your charter school wants to appeal an adverse issue it identifies in the preliminary rating,  
your charter school may submit a written appeal with supporting evidence to the Financial  
Accountability Section. For the appeal to be considered, we must receive it by **September 8,  
2020**. Send any appeal to the following address:

Texas Education Agency  
Financial Accountability Section  
1701 North Congress Avenue  
Austin, TX 78701

**Please see 19 TAC §109.1001(n) for the rules regarding the filing of an appeal.** As stated in  
that section, we will consider only an appeal that would result in a change to your charter

**If no appeal is submitted by your charter school, the preliminary rating  
becomes final on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the preliminary ratings are released.**

**Final Charter FIRST Rating and Required Reporting**

We will issue final ratings to charter schools after we have reviewed any submitted appeals. Final 2019-2020 Charter FIRST ratings are anticipated to be released in November 2020.