



# San Antonio Independent School District

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IMPORTANT  
ACCREDITATION  
INFORMATION

*Office of the Superintendent*

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**To:** All Parents and Property Owners of the  
San Antonio Independent School District

**Subject:** Assignment of Accreditation Status to the  
San Antonio Independent School District

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the 2009-2010 accreditation status of SAISD is **Accredited-Warned**. Under state law, the accreditation statuses that may be assigned to districts include Accredited, Accredited-Warned, Accredited-Probation, and Not Accredited-Revoked. A status of **Accredited-Warned** means that a district exhibits deficiencies in performance that, if not addressed, will lead to probation or revocation of the district's accreditation status.

SAISD has been assigned an **Accredited-Warned** status due to the ratings assigned to the district in the state's academic accountability rating system. Specifically, SAISD was assigned a rating of Academically Unacceptable in 2009 and 2010 based on the Class of 2008 and Class of 2009 high school completion rates.

The district is taking the following steps to address the areas of identified deficiency. The District created a Completion Rate Task Force focused on early identification of students that might be at risk of dropping out and offering support to these students. In addition, Leaver Teams have been established at each high school to follow up on all students that leave school to ensure that they continue their education. The interventions put in place over the past two years have resulted in steady improvement and the preliminary estimates for the Class of 2010 meet or exceed state standards.

Under law, if the current accreditation concerns for the district are not addressed, the district may be assigned an accreditation status of **Accredited-Probation** or **Not Accredited-Revoked**. A Not Accredited-Revoked status means that that TEA no longer recognizes the district as a Texas public school. Districts with an accreditation status below Accredited also may be subject to additional accreditation sanctions as referenced in statute and rule. SAISD has shown significant gains in both academics and projected completion rate. The district is expected to be identified as Accredited next year.

For more information regarding the assignment of accreditation statuses to school districts, you may access the TEA website at <http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/accredstatus/>. This website will provide you with background information as well as links to the Texas Education Code and current commissioner's rules related to accreditation.

If you have additional questions regarding the assignment of an Accredited-Warned status to the SAISD or if you would like additional information about the district's ongoing improvement efforts, please Ms. Betty Burks, Deputy Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction at 210-554-2271 or by email at [mburks1@saisd.net](mailto:mburks1@saisd.net).

Thank you for your continued support.

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