

# North Zulch ISD

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## North Zulch ISD Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

North Zulch 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 North Zulch ISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the 17<sup>th</sup> 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 76<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature in 1999 and amendments under House Bill 5, 83<sup>rd</sup> 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 North Zulch ISD's School FIRST rating," said North Zulch ISD Superintendent Alan Andrus. This rating shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that NZISD'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 rating 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."