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Sharyland ISD 1 of 5 State Recognized Districts

Sharyland ISD did it again- received the postsecondary distinction for 3 years in a row. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) announced that only 24 school districts in 2016, including Sharyland ISD, received a distinction designation for postsecondary readiness from over 1,200 districts in the state. Amazingly, Sharyland ISD is 1 of 5 districts state-wide that earned the postsecondary readiness recognition for 3 consecutive years. The postsecondary readiness distinction – the only distinction at the district level under the state accountability system – takes into account factors such as graduation rates, ACT/SAT participation and performance, Career and Technical Education (CTE) graduates, and dual-credit course completion rates.

Along with all campuses meeting state standards, Sharyland ISD had other phenomenal academic results. Distinction designations are awarded to campuses based on achievement in performance relative to a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size, and student demographics. Up to seven distinction designations can be earned for: Academic Achievement in English Language Arts/Reading; Academic Achievement in Mathematics; Academic Achievement in Science; Academic Achievement in Social Studies; Top 25 Percent: Student Progress; Top 25 Percent: Closing Performance Gaps; and Postsecondary Readiness.

“Earning one or more campus distinctions is noteworthy and should be a source of pride in a community,” said Commissioner of Education Mike Morath. “Earning all possible distinctions is a significant accomplishment.” 8 Sharyland campuses received all TEA distinctions possible. All five secondary campuses received perfect distinctions. In the State, Sharyland ISD is the **only** district with multiple High Schools where all secondary campuses earned all distinctions. As a district Sharyland ISD is simply outstanding. Sharyland ISD earned a total of 74 out of 83 possible distinctions. Additionally, Sharyland campuses placed in the top 10 of their comparison group for Student Progress and Closing Performance Gaps 22 out of 26 times. “Based on these results you can see that Sharyland ISD is a high performing district not just in South Texas but also when compared across the state” said

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Sharyland ISD Superintendent Dr. Rob O’Connor. “If you compare our results with any district in the State you will see that Sharyland ISD truly stands out.” Dr. O’Connor gives credit for these results to his students, teachers, staff, parents, principals and school board members. Sharyland is a district where “Excellence is the Tradition.”

To view the 2016 state accountability ratings and distinction designations for districts, charters and campuses, visit the Texas Education Agency website at <http://tea.texas.gov/2016Accountability.aspx>.