

Academically Acceptable

On July 29, 2011 Mount Vernon ISD received our accountability ratings from the State of Texas. I was very pleased with our ratings as a whole, the district received a recognized rating, the second highest rating the state can give, high school received an academically acceptable rating, junior high, academically acceptable, intermediate school, recognized and elementary, recognized.

I would like to focus on the junior high rating of academically acceptable and try to explain how the state arrived at this rating. The campus did very well in 21 of the 22 measured indicators and because of one measured indicator, the campus received the lower acceptable rating.

I would like to explain this a little further and allow you to make up your mind about the junior high. As stated earlier, the junior high campus was measured in 21 categories. In 14 of those categories the junior high received the state's highest rating of exemplary. In 6 other categories the junior high earned a rating of recognized, the state's second highest rating. But in one category, (that was just added this past year), the campus was rated academically acceptable thus leading the acceptable rating. The campus missed recognized in this category by two students, not two more students passing the assessment, but two more students earning commended performance.

So to put in simpler terms, Mount Vernon Junior High received a report card with 21 grades on it. We earned a 14 A's, 6 B's, and 1 C and received an overall grade of a C. This is not a true reflection of the hard work that our students and teachers have put in throughout the year!

I am very proud of our students' and teachers accomplishments and their scores from this past year and I do not believe that the rating of Academically Acceptable is a fair representation of the campus, hope you agree!