

PADUCAH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents:

It is a requirement of the Texas Education Association (TEA) for Paducah ISD to inform you that Paducah ISD is on the PEG list for the 2018-2019 school year. For your information, below is an explanation of the PEG program.

What is the PEG program?

In 1995, the Texas Legislature created the Public Education Grant (PEG) program (TEC §§29.201– 29.205). The PEG program permits a parent whose child attends a school on the PEG List to request a transfer to another school within their home district or to a school in a different district. A list of PEG-designated schools is provided to districts annually. By February 1, districts must notify each parent assigned to a school on the PEG List. Parents may then request a transfer for the following school year.

Through the PEG program, districts receive a slightly higher allocation of funding from the state for each PEG-transferred student. (The additional funding is equal to 10 percent of the adjusted basic allotment, which varies by school.).

The following is the explanation for identifying why Paducah ISD is on the 2018-2019 PEG List.

1. For the year designated 2016, on the Preliminary PEG list, the STAAR passing rate in writing was less than or equal to 50%. The STAAR passing rate in social studies was less than or equal to 50%. The campus was rated "Improvement Required" (IR).
2. For the year designated 2017, the STAAR passing rate in social studies was less than or equal to 50%.

I am pleased to announce that Paducah ISD has already taken great measures to remedy the identification of being placed on the PEG list. The district has joined in an exclusive partnership with Brenda Prather M.Ed., a school improvement specialist, who contracts as the District Professional Services Provider (PSP). This partnership began at the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year. Since that time, State Testing scores have improved and the District has earned the State Accountability status of "Met Standard" and does not bear the Title of "Improvement Required" (IR) anymore. An intensive schoolwide "Targeted Improvement Plan", with Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) has been developed and incorporated into the District Improvement Plan. I feel very confident that this schoolwide plan will take the District off of the PEG list before the next determination.

Sincerely,



Gary Waitman
Paducah ISD Superintendent