

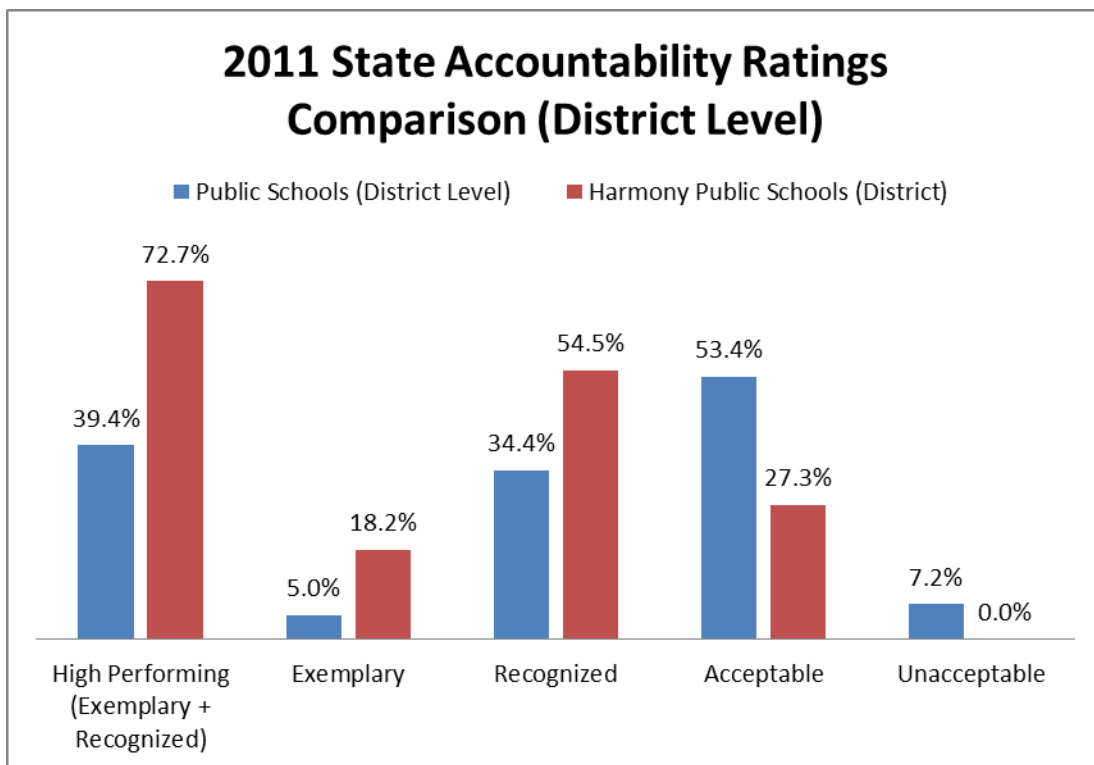
Continued Success in TAKS Tests

Harmony Public Schools are high performing K-12 College Preparatory public charter schools in Texas with strong focus on science, math and technology education to provide opportunities for underserved communities.

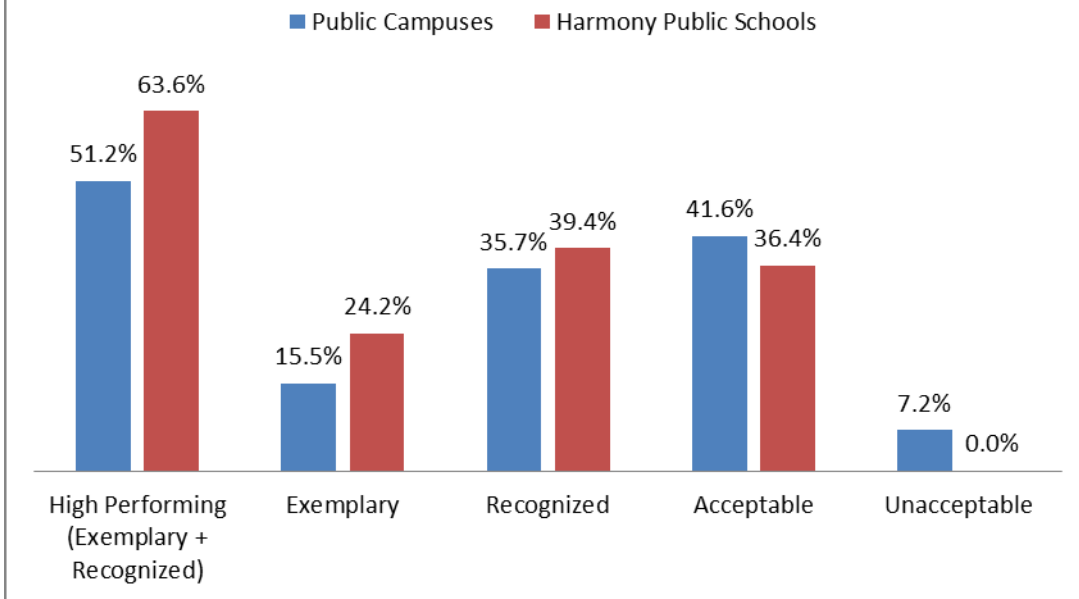
Texas Education Agency has published 2011 State Accountability Ratings for all Public and Charter Schools of Texas on July 29, 2011 at 1:00PM. This year's accountability rating calculations included the changes below;

- The elimination of the TPM, which was used for the 2009 and 2010 ratings.
- Increasing the TAKS indicator standards for the Academically Acceptable rating by five points each for mathematics and science.
- The inclusion of additional results for more than 119,000 students receiving special education services who were tested on the TAKS-Modified and TAKS-Alternate assessments.
- The inclusion of a measure for English language learners based on TAKS passing standards and progress on the Texas English Language Proficiency Assessment System (TELPAS) reading, an assessment that measures a student's English reading proficiency and progress.
- Adding a new commended performance indicator.
- Increasing the rigor of the annual dropout rate for grades 7-8 from 1.8 percent to 1.6 percent for the Recognized and Exemplary rating categories.

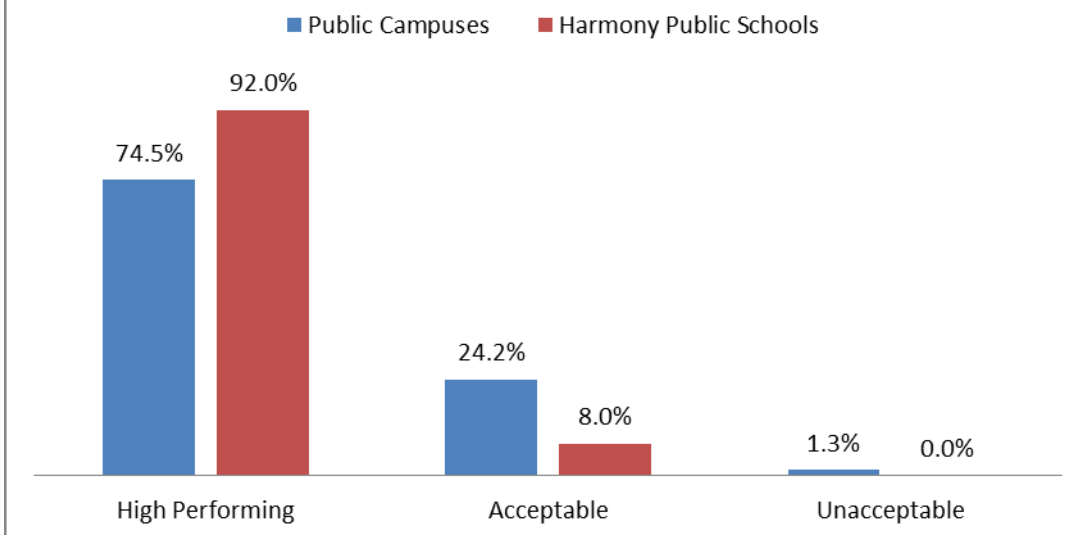
Despite increased measures in the state tests, Harmony Public Schools have displayed continued success in the state assessment tests in 2011. 21 out of 33 Harmony Public Schools are high performing campuses (Exemplary or Recognized) and 12 of them received Acceptable rating based on the 2011 State Accountability Ratings. Congratulations to all students, teachers and administrators for their efforts to achieve this success.



2011 State Accountability Ratings Comparison (Campus Level)



2010 State Accountability Ratings Comparison with TPM



Source: TEA 2011 State Accountability Ratings

<http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2011/index.html>