

# BURGIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

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Burgin Families,

Unbridled Learning test results were released this week, placing Burgin Independent Schools as one of the top districts in the state, with marked growth in middle and high school indices.

The district's middle and high schools made exceptional growth, with the high school increasing their overall index from a 71 to a 79.1 and the middle school increasing their overall index score from 61.2 to 71.5. The overall District index remained a 75 for the second year in a row.

Due to statewide accountability transitions, terminology for the year has shifted. Districts will soon be ranked on a five-star system of accountability to be rolled out in the 2018-19 school year. Burgin's scores from the 2016-17 school year have accelerated the district and placed it in the ranks of what would be labeled "Distinguished," the highest category for districts and schools.

Your school district will continue to work on strategies that enable students to sustain high growth and achievement in any accountability system. Our state assessment data only cements the fact that the strategies, interventions, and delivery of content by our entire faculty is spot on. Our community should be proud of all the hard work our students and staff put forth.

These results, coupled with the twenty-one career pathways we have in place, proves that we are committed to making the Burgin graduate 'Transition Ready' for the 21<sup>st</sup> century workforce.

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming fall break with your families.

It is a great time to be a Burgin Bulldog!

Respectfully,

Will Begley  
Superintendent

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