

WEST BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLY TIMES

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Week 10: Onward and Upward!

Dear West Briar Families and Staff,

As we reach the milestone of Week 10, I want to take a moment to extend my deepest gratitude to each of you. Your continued support, dedication, and belief in our shared vision for West Briar have been the driving forces behind the progress we've seen. I am incredibly proud of the growth, resilience, and spirit that our school community has demonstrated since the start of this journey.

A special thank you goes out to our parents and teachers for your patience and flexibility with schedules over the past weeks. I know that adjustments can be challenging, but your understanding and cooperation ensured that we could create the best possible learning experiences for our students. I'm pleased to share that we are now finished with schedule changes, and I truly appreciate everyone's efforts in helping us make these transitions as smooth as possible.

I'd also like to extend a warm welcome to two new additions to our West Briar team: Asly Deras, our main office receptionist, and Tonya Smith, our Wrap Around Specialist. We are thrilled to have them on board, and I know they will bring great energy and support to our school community. Please join me in making them feel welcome as they get settled in.

Our teachers have gone above and beyond to provide high-quality instruction and create a supportive learning environment for our students. Your hard work is laying the foundation for long-term success, and the positive impact you're making in the classroom is evident in the smiles and achievements of our students. To our parents, your trust and partnership are invaluable. Your involvement, whether in the classroom, at events, or through simple words of encouragement, continues to uplift our school community and keep us moving forward.

We are indeed on the rise, and the progress we've made together is a testament to what can be achieved when we all work as one. The road to success is not always easy, but every challenge we face is an opportunity to grow stronger and learn together. The collective efforts of our students, staff, and families have made a significant difference, and I have no doubt that we will continue to reach even greater heights.

As we move forward, let's maintain this momentum. The next weeks will bring new opportunities to learn, grow, and celebrate, and I am confident that our determination will carry us through. Let's continue to keep our focus on our goal of "Growing Every Grizzly, Every Day," knowing that with each step forward, we are shaping a brighter future for our students.

Thank you for all that you do. Let's embrace the challenges and triumphs ahead with the same spirit that has brought us this far. Together, we will continue to rise!

With appreciation and optimism,
Principal Blanchard

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YOU

Power School Access for Parents

Please make sure you are monitoring your student's grades and attendance in PowerSchool. For assistance with accessing your student's information, please email Lauri Lamar at llamar@houstonisd.org

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Weekly Instructional Focus Area

T-Tess 2.3: Communication

- Establishes classroom practices that provide opportunities for **most students to communicate effectively with the teacher and their peers**
- Recognizes student misunderstandings and responds with an array of teaching techniques.
- Provides explanations that are clear and uses verbal and written communication that is clear and correct
- Ask remember, understand and apply level questions that focus on the objective of the lesson and **provoke discussion**
- Use probing questions to clarify and elaborate learning

T-Tess 2.4: Differentiation

- Adapts lessons to address individual needs of all students.
- Regularly monitors the quality of student participation and performance.
- Provides differentiated instructional methods and content to ensure students have the opportunity to master what is being taught.
- Recognizes when students become confused or disengaged and responds to student learning or social/emotional needs.

Strategy for the week cont'd

Think, Ink, Pair, Share

Think – Ink – Pair – Share is a variation of the cooperative learning strategy Think – Pair – Share, and it helps keep students actively engaged through writing. This allows them to confirm their understanding of a concept or process. Students use wait time to think about an idea or question, write down their responses, and then pair with a partner for discussion. Individuals return to what they wrote and modify their first ideas to reflect new thinking. Students can then share their reflections within a small group or with a partner.

Think

Think After a lecture or text reading, ask students to take a few moments to think about the information introduced to them.

Ink

Students elaborate on the information from your lecture or the text by writing down their ideas or reflections. (Provide **Stem**)

Pair

Students discuss their writing in pairs. Based on the conversation with their partner, students return to what they wrote and modify or enhance their writing.

Share

Finally, ideas will be shared through a whole class, small group, or partner format, and students will include how their thinking changed after discussing their thoughts.

Important Links

- [West Briar Handbook](#)
- [HISD Student Handbook](#)
- [School Supply List](#)
- [Bell Schedule](#)
- [Academic Calendar](#)
- [Campus Assessment Calendar](#)
- [Health Inventory Form](#)
- [School Pay](#)



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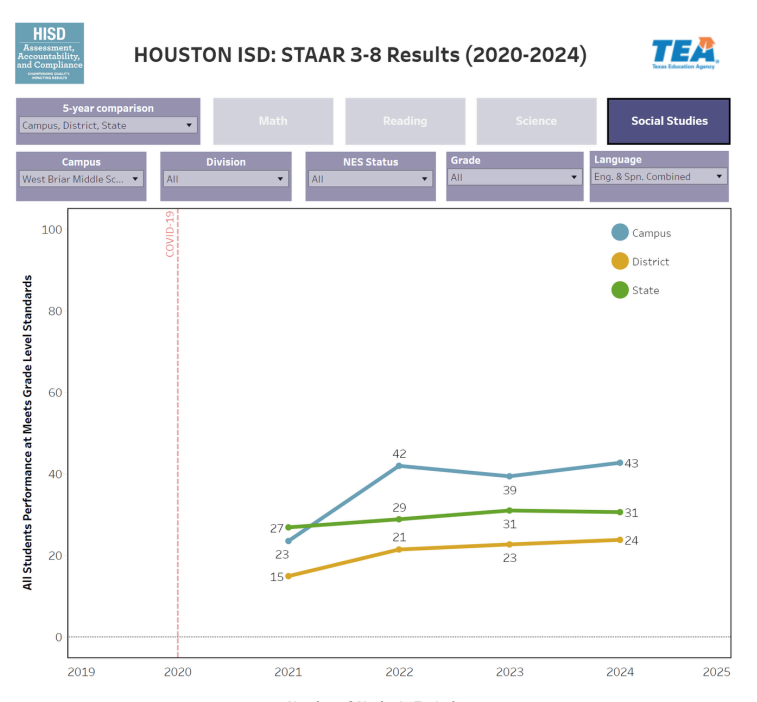
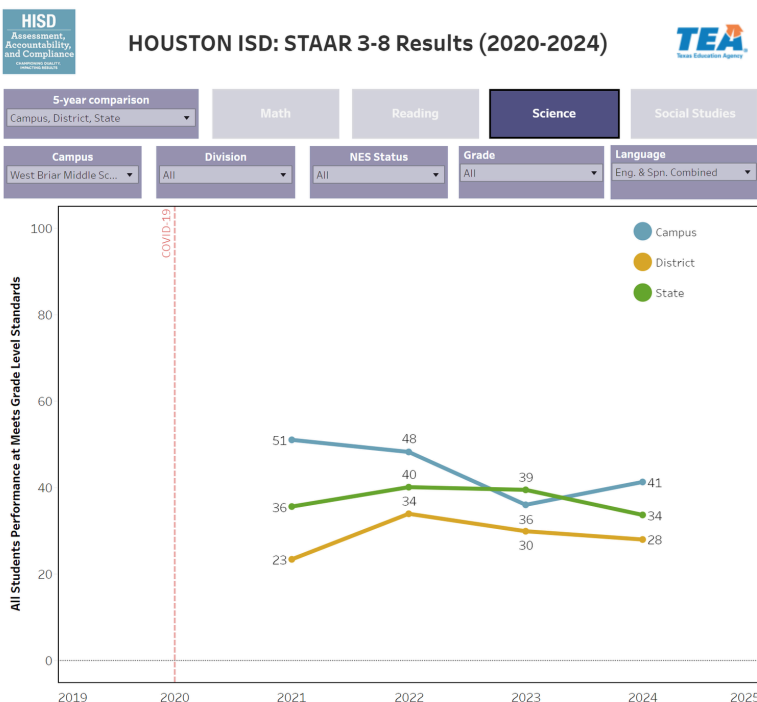
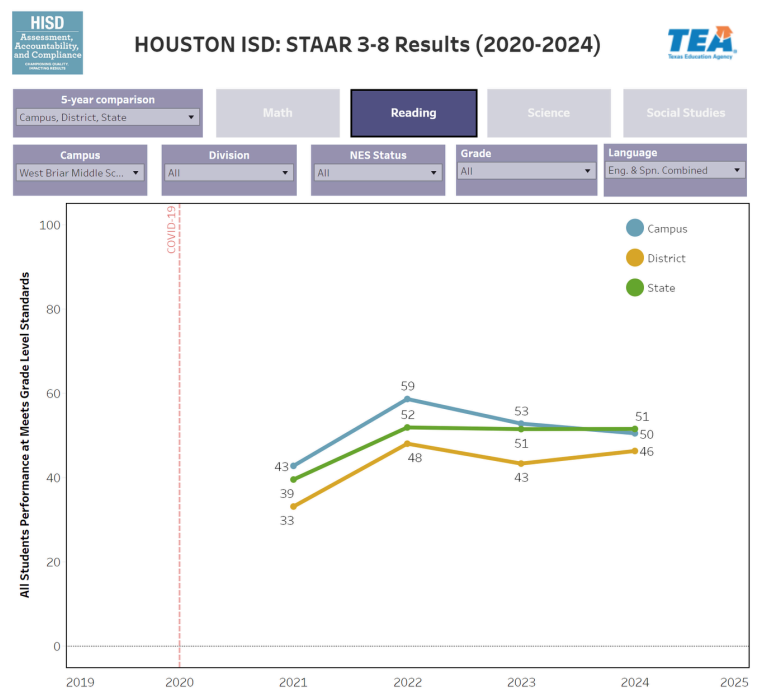
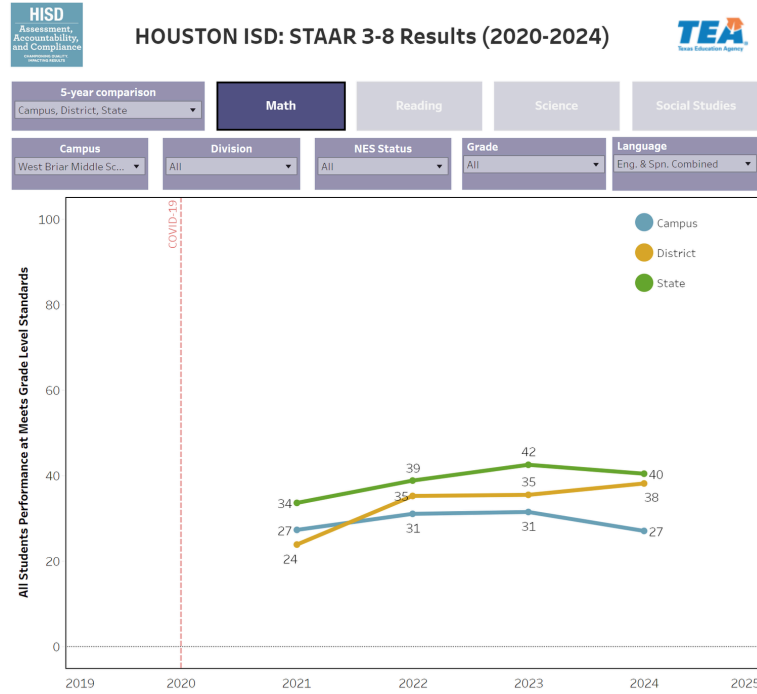
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PTO Meeting Recap

[Presentation...Click HERE](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 14 - 18, 2024

- Girls Basketball - Strength and Conditioning Program 4:00pm

October 15 - 18, 2024

- Homecoming Ticket Sales during lunch

October 14, 2024

- Modern Ensemble Practice 7:00am
- Varsity Drum Line Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm

October 15, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- Varsity Band Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm
- 8th grade football vs Meyerland - Cowart Stadium 5:00pm

October 16, 2024

- Christian Club Meeting 7:50am
- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- Varsity Band Practice 4:05pm - 4:45pm

October 17, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- Band All Regions Lessons 4:05pm - 4:45pm
- West Briar Volleyball (7th/8th) vs Rice @ West Briar 6:00pm/7:00pm

October 18, 2024

- Dance Company Rehearsal 7:00am
- School Store 11:30am
- Progress Report 2 Sent Home

October 19, 2024

- Band All City Auditions - Bellaire HS

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL MONTH

OCTOBER

October is National Principals Month, a time to celebrate and recognize the hard work and dedication of school principals across the country. As the principal of West Briar Middle School, I am honored to serve our students, staff, and families. Together, we are building a brighter future for every Grizzly, every day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a positive and successful learning environment.

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Special Shoutout

Mr. Coulter and Coach Crawford

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Student Name	Birthday	GRADE
Al Rubaye, Aya Ahmed Imad	10-13	8
Boone, Naeem Qais	10-13	7
Lopez, Mateo David	10-13	8
Edun, Inioluwa Ewajesu	10-14	8
Garcia, Grecia Mabel	10-14	8
Lynch, Julia Marie	10-14	6
McClain, Damoni Lashaun	10-14	6
Rodriguez, Manuela	10-14	8
Trishin, Eric Alexander	10-14	7
Ballado Cadena, Luis	10-15	6
Carrizales, Martin	10-15	8
Leyva Perez, Leider	10-15	6
Maye Carrasco, Jesus Marcelo	10-15	7
Onamade, Oladapo Isaac	10-15	6
Vallecilla Mosquera, Zully Joancy	10-16	8
Fairley, Myla Jaice	10-17	7
Hutchinson, Elliott Lee	10-17	7
Jones, Madyson Lafaye	10-17	6
Tellez, Nathalie Francisca	10-17	7
Parker, Denim Anthony	10-18	6
Alvarez, Naeliyah Sabina	10-19	6