

NEW 2015-2016 PROMOTION STANDARDS FOR GRADES 3, 4, 6, AND 7

Students in grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 not required to pass STAAR tests to be promoted to next grade

In order for HISD students to move to the next grade level, they must meet HISD's promotion standards, which include classroom grades, state tests, and attendance. For more information, see www.HoustonISD.org/PromotionStandards.

The HISD Board of Education voted to change promotion standards for grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 at the Dec. 15, 2015, board meeting due to changes in the state's 2016 testing calendar. Because the STAAR testing dates in math and reading for those grades are now later in the school year, test results are not expected until June 15, 2016. Due to the fact that the last day of school is May 25 and summer school starts on June 1, results will be received too late to make promotion/retention decisions based on STAAR results. **Because of this delay in reporting, the board voted that STAAR data will not be a promotion standard for students in grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 for the 2015-2016 school year.**

Students in grades 5 and 8, however, are still required to pass the STAAR tests to be promoted. Those who fail the first administration of STAAR in March must retest in May and should plan to attend summer school until results from the state indicate that they have passed the retest.

Here are the 2015-2016 HISD standards for promotion. If your child does not meet the promotion standards outlined below, your school will contact you regarding opportunities for your child to receive additional instruction.

Grades 1 and 2 Promotion Standards

- Students must pass the **High Frequency Word Test** – recognizing and reading words that appear very often in written and spoken language.
- State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.
- Students must have sufficient attendance*

Grades 3 and 4 Promotion Standards

- State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.
- Students must have sufficient attendance*

Grade 5 Promotion Standards

- Students must pass **STAAR** (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in reading and mathematics.
- State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and a local requirement of an average of 70 or above in three of the four core courses: Language arts (average of reading and English), mathematics, science, and social studies.
- Students must have sufficient attendance*

Grades 6 and 7 Promotion Standards

- State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.
- Students must have sufficient attendance*

Grade 8 Promotion Standards

- Students must pass **STAAR** (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in reading and mathematics.
- State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in three of four core courses: Language arts (average of reading and English), mathematics, science, social studies.
- Students must have sufficient attendance*

Grades 9-12 Promotions Standards

- Students must pass five **STAAR** (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) End-of-Course (EOC) assessments: algebra I, biology, English I, English II, and U.S. history.
- Students are promoted based on total accumulated course credits prior to beginning of the next school year.
- Individual course credit is earned through a passing grade of 70% or above and sufficient attendance*

***Sufficient attendance: A student's total number of unexcused absences cannot exceed 10% of class meetings.**