

MEMORANDUM

June 11, 2012

TO: Board Members

FROM: Terry B. Grier, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: **APRIL 2012 HISD TAKS EXIT-LEVEL PERFORMANCE OF RETESTERS**

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The Houston Independent School District (HISD) received the results from the April 2012 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. This was a special exam only offered to eleventh and twelfth-grade HISD students who had not yet passed each or any of the TAKS subtests (English/language arts, math, social studies, and science) during the prior administrations. The data presented provide a status report identifying the number of students by subject who still need to pass the TAKS to graduate. The next testing opportunity will be during the week of July 9–12, 2012.

There were 422 eleventh-grade students who were expected to be tested during the April 2012 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. Of these students, 341 were actually tested, 21 were counted as absent, and 60 were not tested due to other reasons. There were 1,046 twelfth-graders who were expected to be tested during the April 2012 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam. Of these students, 890 were actually tested, 13 students were counted as absent, and 142 were not tested for other reasons. The results from an analysis of the performance of students who were administered the exam at the districtwide and school levels are presented in the following summary and attached tables.

Table 1 provides HISD student performance for the 2012 April TAKS Exit-Level exams by subtests, for grades eleven and twelve. The results are presented for the following demographic groups: all students, racial/ethnic subgroups, economically disadvantaged students, limited English proficient students, and those students served by Special Education. The districtwide results from Table 1 examine the number of eleventh and twelfth-grade students retesting on the April Exit-Level TAKS, the percent of these students that met the state's passing standard, and the number of students who failed to meet the state's passing standard.

All Students-Eleventh Grade

- On the 2012 April administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam, 341 eleventh-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 21 percent met the standard on all subject tests they took. These students have now met the TAKS graduation requirement. Conversely, 269 of those students tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 236 juniors not having passed TAKS at this time in 2011.
- The highest passing rate for all eleventh graders was in social studies at 51 percent, followed by English/Language Arts at 39 percent. The lowest passing rate for all eleventh-grade retesters was in mathematics, where 20 percent of the students assessed met the passing standard. Mathematics also had the highest number of retesters with 243, followed by science, with 221.

Table 1: Districtwide Results From Eleventh and Twelfth-Grade Students Retesting on the April 2012 TAKS Exit-Level Exam by Ethnicity and Student Group

	Grade	<u>English Language Arts</u>			<u>Mathematics</u>			<u>Social Studies</u>			<u>Science</u>			<u>All Tests Taken</u>		
		N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail	N Take	% Pass	N Fail
All Students	11	142	39	87	243	20	194	79	51	39	221	30	154	341	21	269
	12	376	23	290	520	21	409	140	46	76	466	34	309	890	27	654
Am. Ind./ Alaska	11	2	*	*	0			0			0			2	*	*
	12	2	*	*	2	*	*	0			3	*	*	6	33	4
Asian American	11	1	*	*	3	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	4	*	*
	12	28	39	17	10	50	5	10	80	2	13	54	6	32	38	20
African American	11	35	37	22	85	22	66	19	74	5	62	29	44	103	16	87
	12	70	31	48	191	20	153	34	50	17	150	37	94	279	27	205
Hispanic	11	96	38	60	143	18	117	55	40	33	145	30	102	217	22	169
	12	257	17	214	294	19	237	83	35	54	285	31	198	538	24	407
Hawaiian/ Pacific Is.	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	2	*	*	1	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
White	11	7	57	3	10	30	7	3	*	*	8	38	5	11	27	8
	12	12	58	5	14	50	7	11	82	2	10	50	5	22	55	10
2 or More Eth. Gr.	11	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*
	12	2	*	*	5	0	5	1	*	*	3	*	*	6	0	6
Eco Dis.	11	112	44	63	184	18	151	66	52	32	168	30	118	254	21	201
	12	261	21	206	337	19	274	101	37	64	322	30	224	578	23	445
LEP	11	35	17	29	30	27	22	8	38	5	32	19	26	55	16	46
	12	239	15	204	171	13	149	78	31	54	170	15	144	328	14	283
Special Ed	11	12	8	11	21	10	19	8	25	6	19	5	18	33	6	31
	12	40	18	33	97	13	84	19	26	14	76	16	64	134	16	113

*Numbers masked when fewer than five students tested.

All Students-Twelfth Grade

- On the April 2012 administration of the TAKS Exit-Level Exam, 890 twelfth-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 27 percent passed all subject tests they took. These students have met the TAKS requirements for graduation. Conversely, 654 of the seniors tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 769 seniors at this time in 2011 not having passed TAKS.
- The highest passing rate for twelfth graders was in social studies where 46 percent of the students assessed met the passing standard. The lowest passing rate was in mathematics, where 21 percent of the 520 twelfth-grade students assessed met the passing standard. After the April 2012 retest, 409 seniors still have not passed the mathematics exam, and 309 have not passed the science exam.

Figure 1 shows the district percents passing for both grade levels by subject, and **Figures 2 and 3** present the number tested and the number failing for grades 11 and 12 by subject.

Figure 1: 2012 April TAKS Exit Retest, District Percent Passing

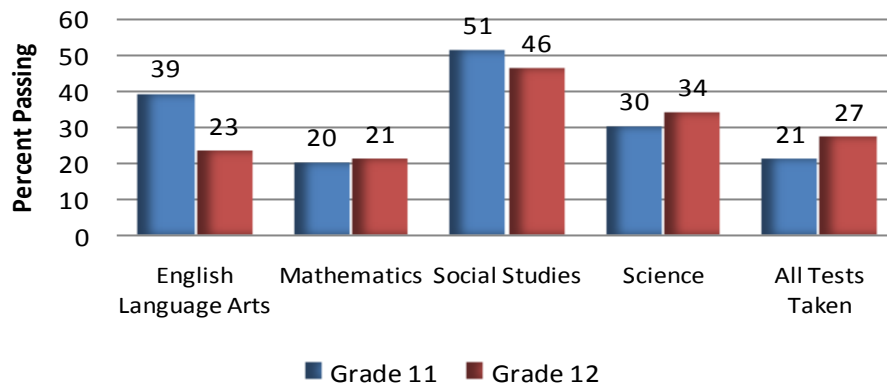


Figure 2: 2012 April TAKS Exit: 11th Grade Performance

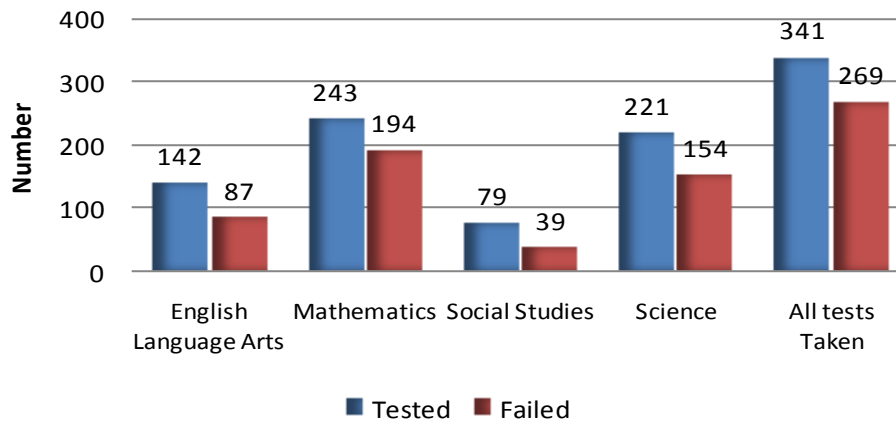
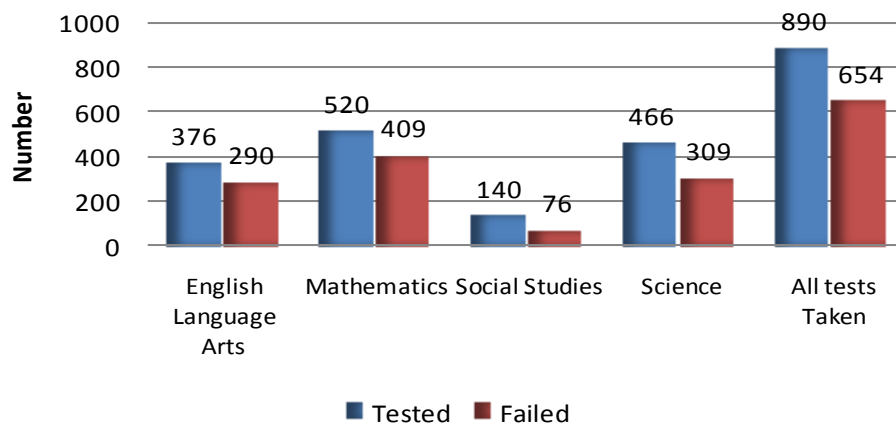


Figure 3: 2012 April TAKS Exit: 12th Grade Performance



Results by Number of Tests Taken

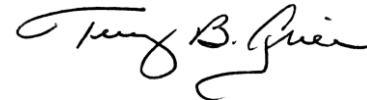
Districtwide results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students by the number of tests taken for the April 2012 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 2**.

Table 2: District Results on the April 2012 TAKS Exit-Level Retest by the Number of Tests Taken					
Grade Level	N Tests Taken	N Students	N Met	Percent Met	N Not Met
11	1	148	50	34	98
11	2	89	11	12	78
11	3	57	4	7	53
11	4	47	7	15	40
11	Total	341	72	21	269
12	1	517	201	39	316
12	2	209	22	11	187
12	3	89	7	8	82
12	4	75	6	8	69
12	Total	890	236	27	654

- On the April 2012 exit-level retest, 148 of the 341 eleventh-graders tested only took one subject test and 34 percent met the passing standard. Of the eleventh-grade students who took two or more tests, the percents passing ranged from 7 percent to 15 percent.
- For twelfth-grade students, 517 of the 890 seniors taking the April 2012 exit-level retest only took one subject test, and 39 percent met the passing standard. Of the twelfth-grade students who took two or more tests, the percents passing ranged from 8 percent to 11 percent.

School-Level Results

School-level results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students for the April 2012 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 3**, with Apollo campus results in **Tables 4 and 5** (see attachment). Additional graphs by campus can be found in **Appendix A** and results for Apollo campuses can be found in **Appendix B**. The passing standard for retesting students is the state standard that was applicable on the exit-level test during the student's first attempt on the test. The school-level results include the number taking, the percent passing, and the number that did not meet the passing standard for each subject.



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Attachments

cc: Superintendent's Direct Reports
Chief School Officers
School Improvement Officers
High School Principals
Sowmya Kumar
Matilda Orozco
Martha Salazar-Zamora

Table 3: 2012 April TAKS Exit-Level Retest Exam Results by Campus

Campus	Grd	English Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			All Tests Taken		
		N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing	N Taking	% Passing	N Failing
Houston ISD	11	142	39	87	243	20	194	79	51	39	221	30	154	341	21	269
	12	376	23	290	520	21	409	140	46	76	466	34	309	890	27	654
Adv. Vir. Aca.	11	10	40	6	27	22	21	7	86	1	23	35	15	40	20	32
	12	3	*	*	13	15	11	0			7	14	6	18	17	15
Austin	11	4	*	*	8	0	8	4	*	*	7	29	5	14	36	9
	12	18	17	15	21	10	19	2	*	*	22	32	15	47	21	37
Bellaire	11	9	11	8	16	50	8	3	*	*	18	39	11	23	30	16
	12	6	17	5	7	57	3	1	*	*	4	*	*	15	47	8
Chavez	11	3	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	6	33	4	8	38	5
	12	11	0	11	16	31	11	2	*	*	19	63	7	36	36	23
CLC HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*
Community Services	11	0			1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Davis	11	1	*	*	3	*	*	0			2	*	*	4	*	*
	12	16	6	15	32	34	21	5	20	4	21	19	17	42	29	30
Eastwood Academy	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Furr	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	0			3	*	*	3	*	*
	12	7	43	4	13	8	12	2	*	*	13	46	7	20	20	16
Hope Academy	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*
	12	0			11	9	10	2	*	*	13	62	5	20	35	13
Houston Academy for International Studies	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			1	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
HSLECJ	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
HSPVA	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Sam Houston M, S, T	11	1	*	*	6	17	5	1	*	*	4	*	*	7	14	6
	12	34	32	23	43	19	35	1	*	*	41	32	28	82	29	58

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Jones	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	4	*	*	9	22	7	1	*	*	6	17	5	12	25	9
Jordan, Barbara	11	2	*	*	0			0			0			2	*	*
	12	4	*	*	12	33	8	4	*	*	3	*	*	17	29	12
Kashmere	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	6	17	5	9	0	9	1	*	*	8	25	6	13	15	11
Lamar	11	2	*	*	2	*	*	0			3	*	*	3	*	*
	12	20	70	6	22	55	10	21	95	1	17	53	8	45	58	19
Lee	11	6	67	2	3	*	*	0			4	*	*	7	43	4
	12	20	15	17	6	50	3	2	*	*	13	46	7	31	32	21
Liberty	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	99	4	95	82	10	74	59	20	47	89	10	80	121	5	115
Madison	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	12	17	10	23	26	17	3	*	*	33	33	22	46	26	34
Milby	11	5	20	4	14	29	10	1	*	*	24	21	19	32	16	27
	12	8	13	7	9	22	7	2	*	*	14	57	6	25	32	17
Mt. Carmel	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*	2	*	*
New Aspirations	11	1	*	*	6	17	5	0			3	*	*	6	17	5
	12	2	*	*	8	38	5	2	*	*	9	22	7	12	25	9
REACH	11	63	46	34	96	15	82	47	51	23	85	26	63	114	17	95
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Reagan	11	0			0			0			0			0		
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Scarborough	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
	12	2	*	*	6	17	5	1	*	*	4	*	*	7	14	6
Sharpstown	11	8	25	6	5	0	5	3	*	*	3	*	*	15	20	12
	12	8	38	5	2	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	13	31	9
Sharpstown International School	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	1	*	*	2	*	*	0			0			3	*	*

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Sterling	11	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*
	12	3	*	*	10	30	7	1	*	*	13	46	7	18	39	11
Waltrip	11	6	17	5	12	33	8	1	*	*	7	43	4	16	25	12
	12	2	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*	3	*	*
Washington	11	1	*	*	4	*	*	0			4	*	*	5	0	5
	12	11	18	9	24	21	19	5	80	1	12	42	7	33	21	26
Westbury	11	2	*	*	3	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*
	12	29	34	19	40	10	36	6	50	3	23	22	18	64	22	50
Westside	11	1	*	*	8	38	5	1	*	*	2	*	*	8	38	5
	12	10	30	7	20	30	14	2	*	*	14	36	9	29	28	21
Wheatley	11	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*
	12	8	0	8	27	11	24	8	50	4	27	48	14	35	26	26
Worthing	11	12	33	8	20	20	16	5	20	4	15	33	10	23	22	18
	12	9	44	5	16	13	14	0			9	67	3	23	22	18
Yates	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	4	*	*	10	60	4	0			6	100	0	15	73	4

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April TAKS Exit Retest Results for Apollo Schools, 2012 and 2011

Table 4: 2012

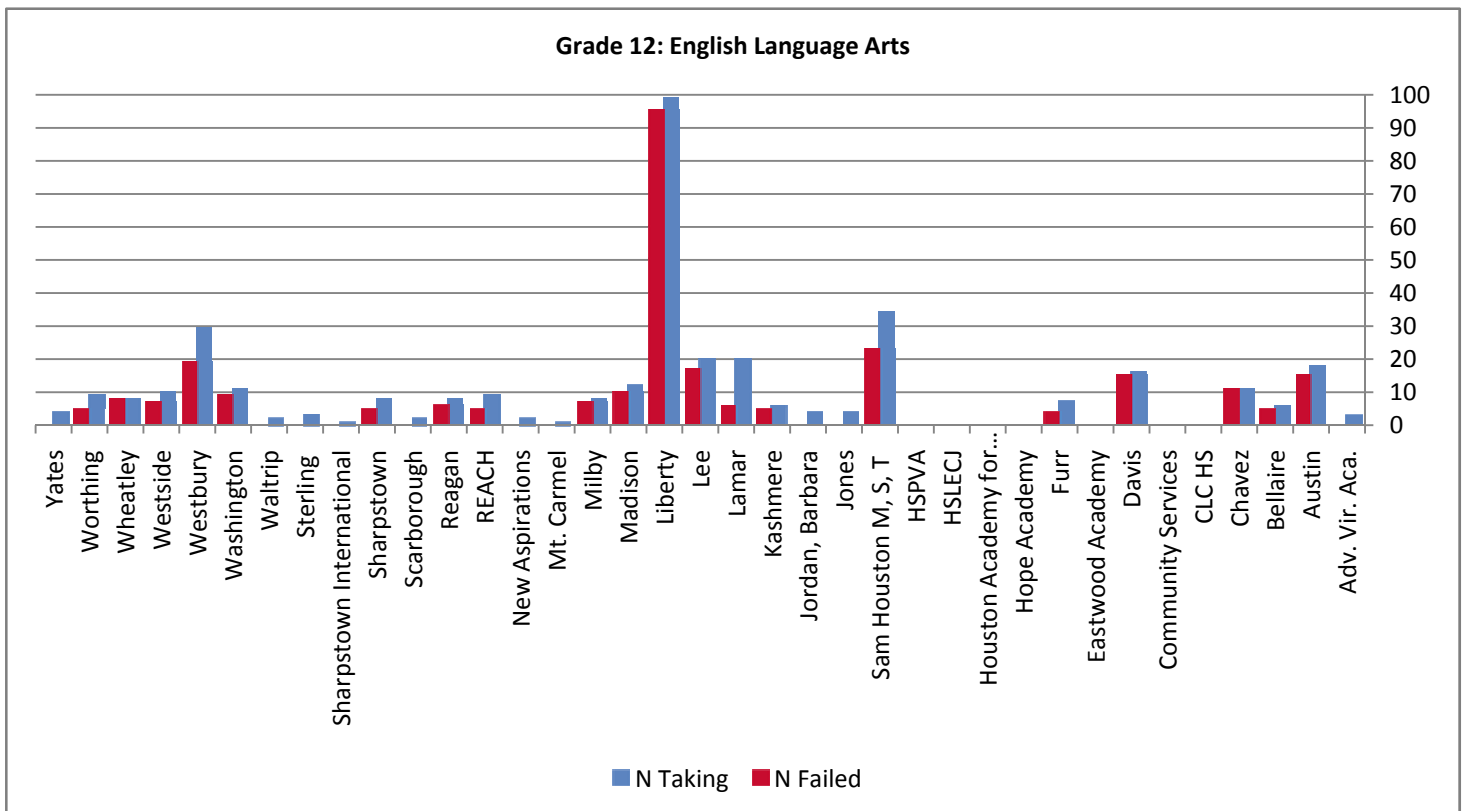
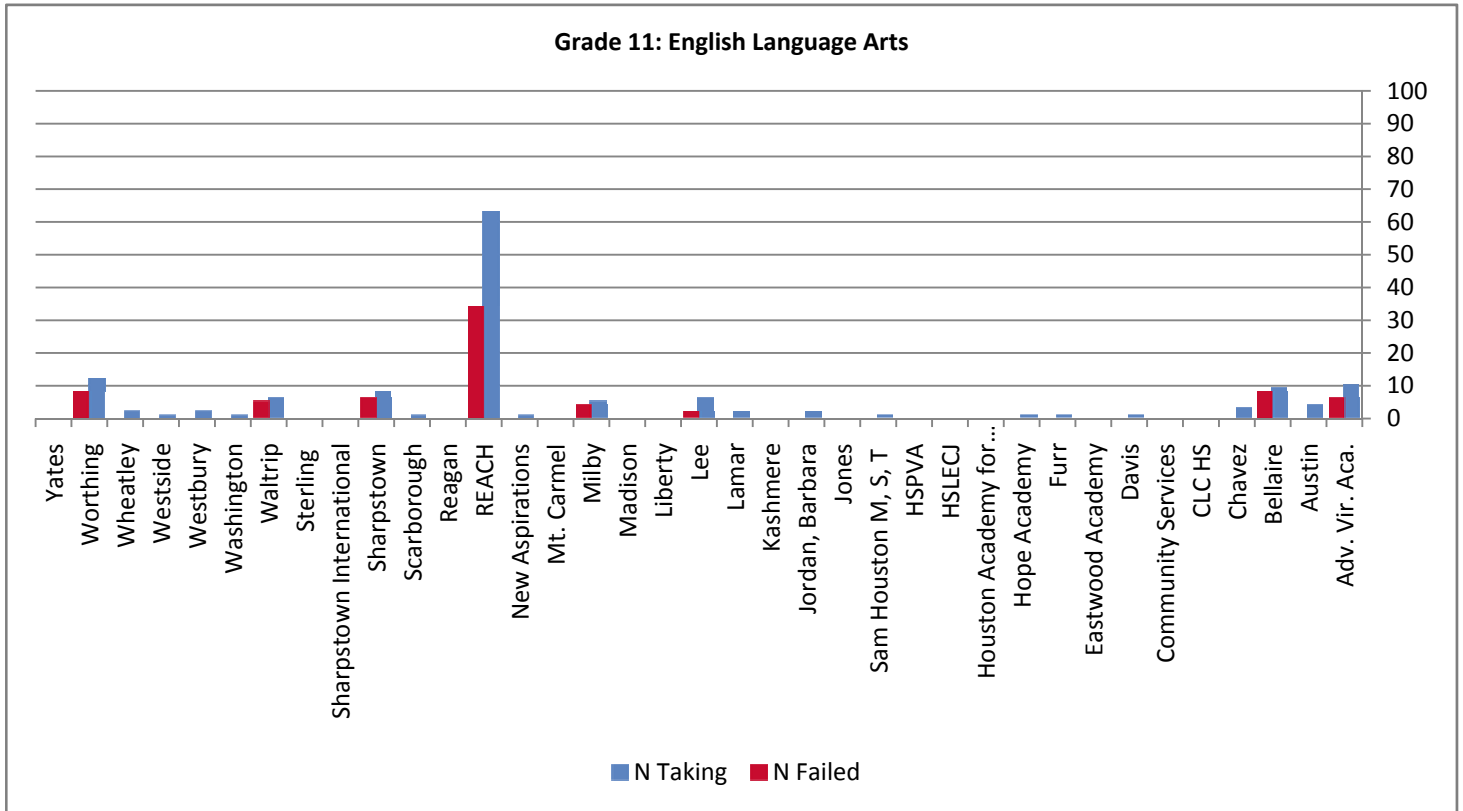
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Jones HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	4	*	*	9	22	7	1	*	*	6	17	5	12	25	9
Kashmere HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	6	17	5	9	0	9	1	*	*	8	25	6	13	15	11
Lee HS	11	6	67	2	3	*	*	0			4	*	*	7	43	4
	12	20	15	17	6	50	3	2	*	*	13	46	7	31	32	21
Sharpstown HS	11	8	25	6	5	0	5	3	*	*	3	*	*	15	20	12
	12	8	38	5	2	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	13	31	9
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Table 5: 2011

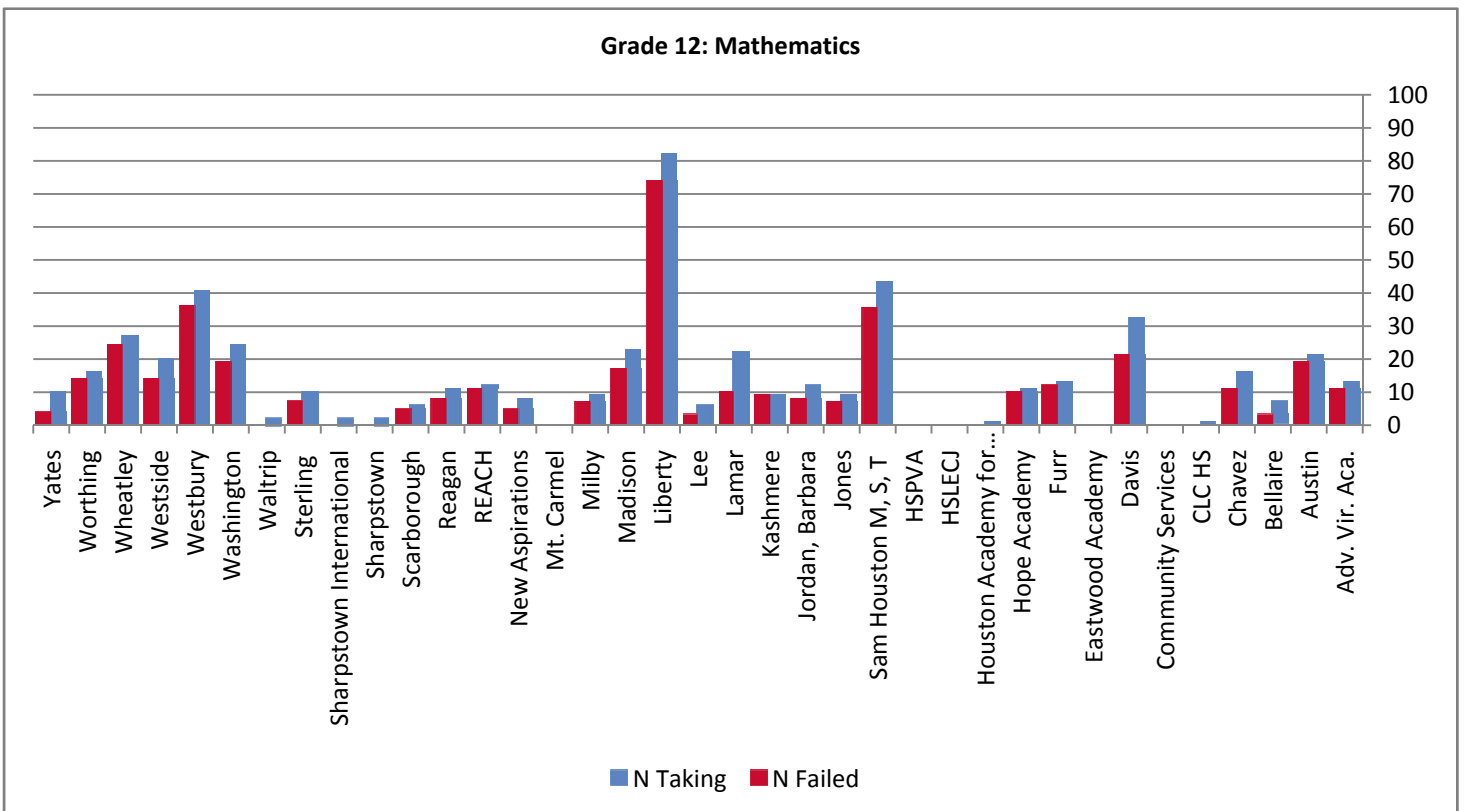
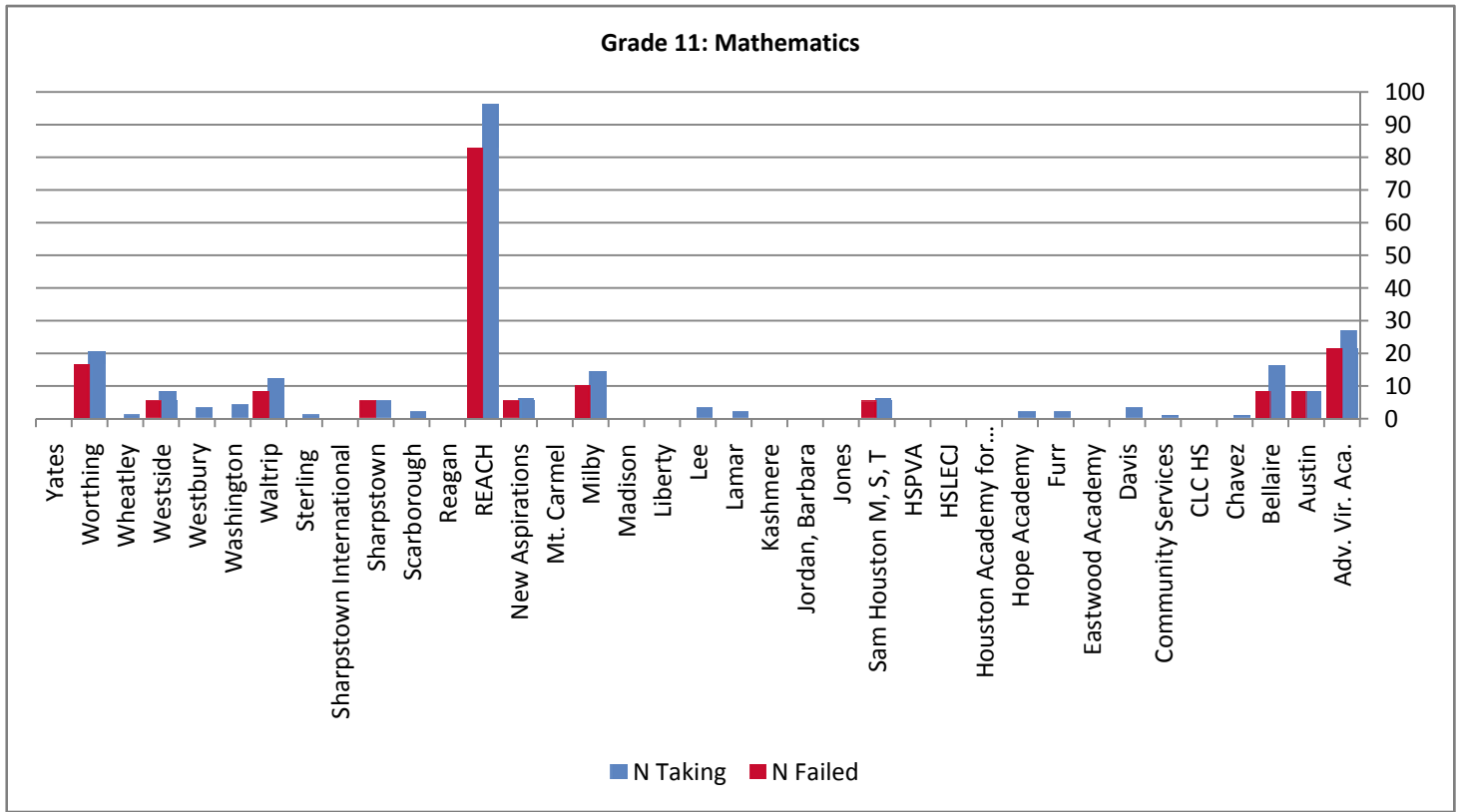
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Jones HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	3	*	*	2	*	*	0			2	*	*	6	33	*
Kashmere HS	11	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*
	12	1	*	*	4	*	*	0			4	*	*	8	50	*
Lee HS	11	10	10	9	11	27	8	2	*	*	6	17	5	15	20	12
	12	38	26	28	29	41	17	2	*	*	6	0	6	55	31	38
Sharpstown HS	11	4	*	*	5	20	4	1	*	*	4	*	*	7	14	6
	12	14	36	9	19	32	13	3	*	*	17	18	14	23	22	18
Houston ISD	11	102	29	72	215	17	178	83	54	38	156	12	138	282	16	236
	12	433	33	290	690	28	499	137	51	67	449	19	364	1,028	25	769

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Appendix A: 2012 TAKS April Exit-Level Retest by Campus

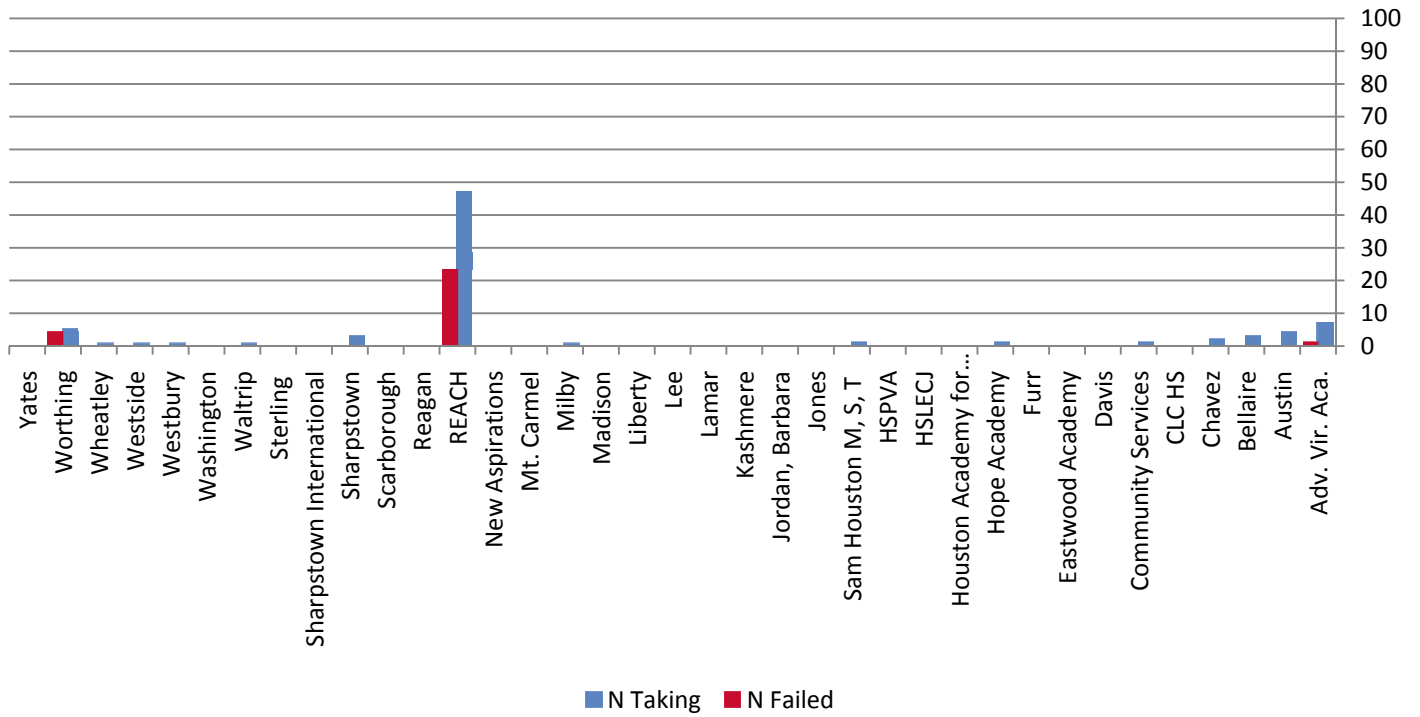


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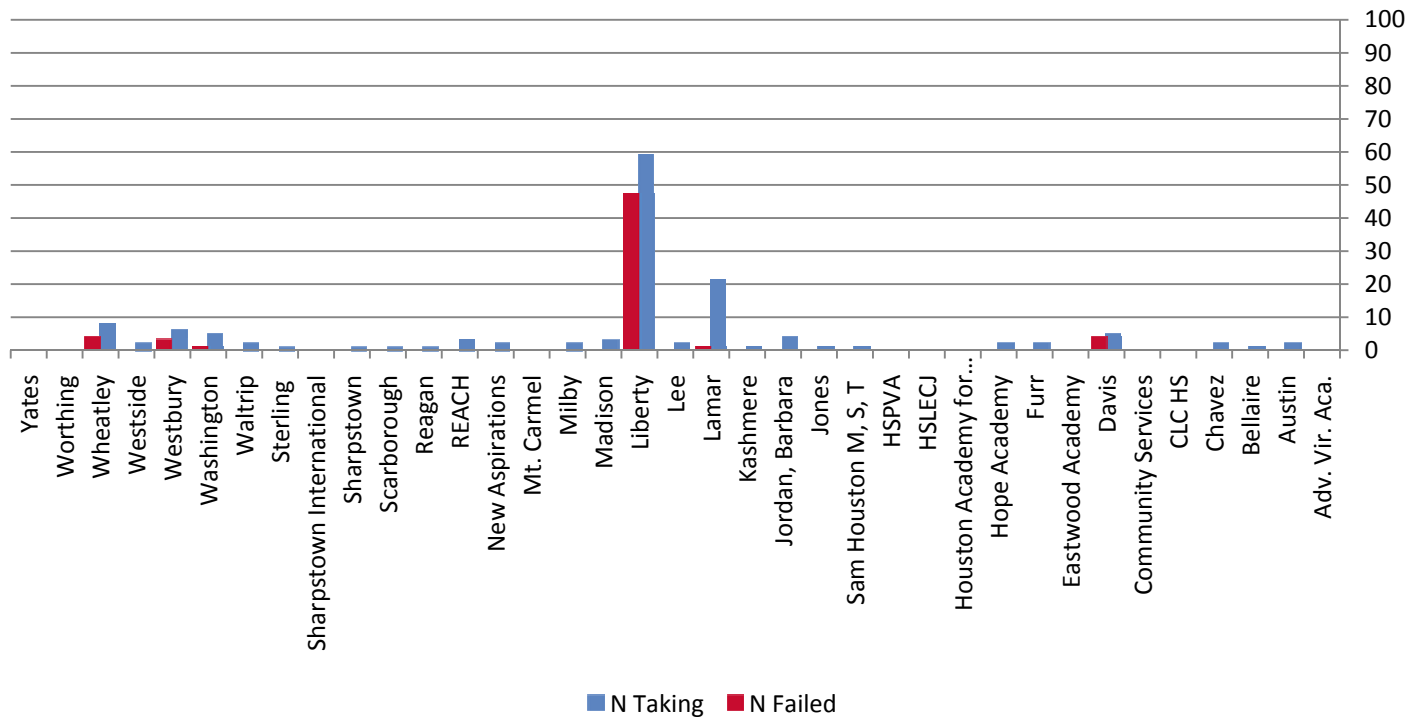


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Grade 11: Social Studies

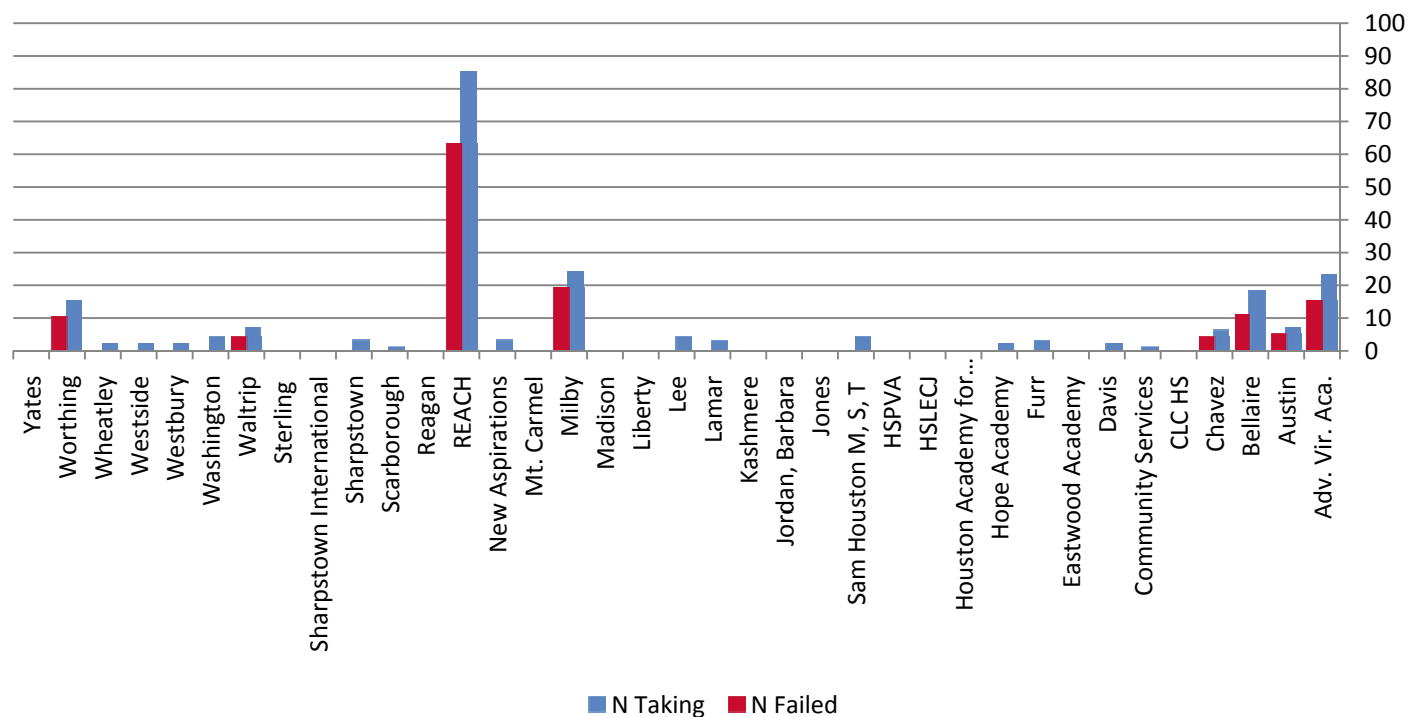


Grade 12: Social Studies

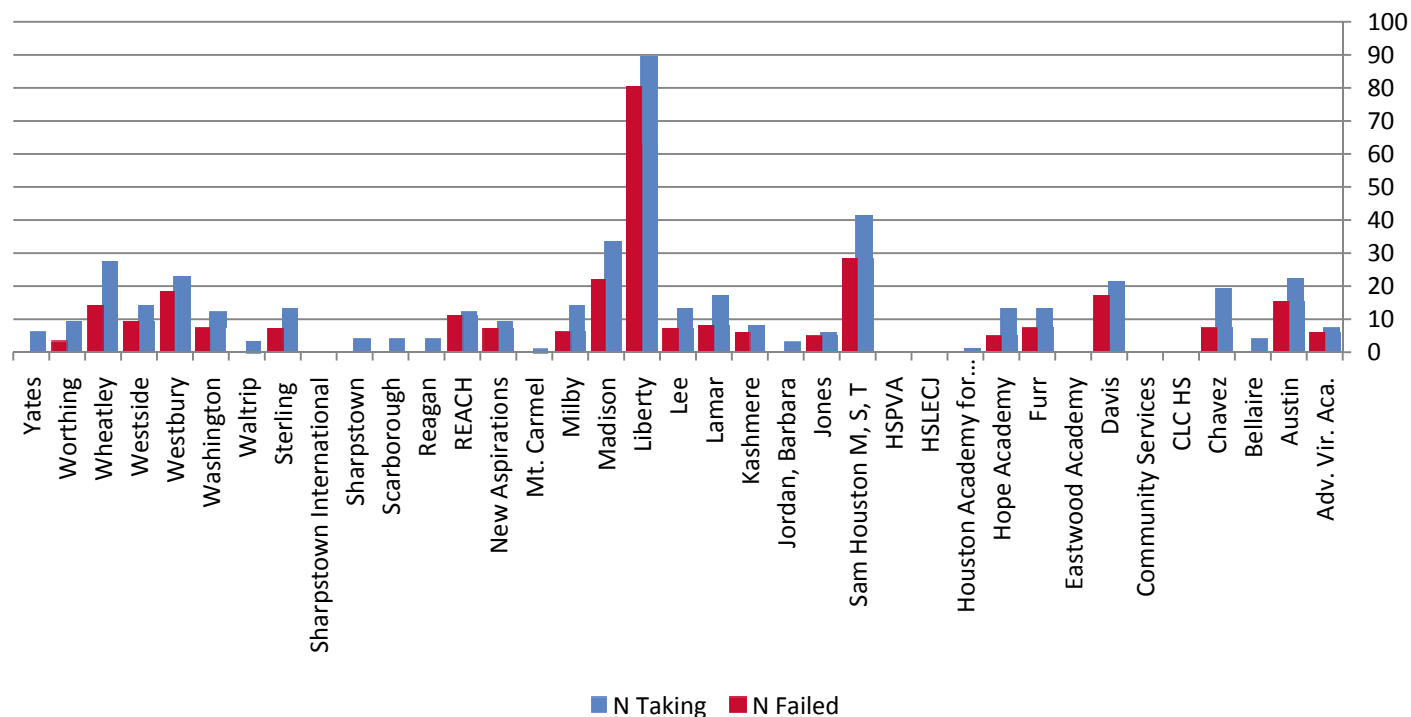


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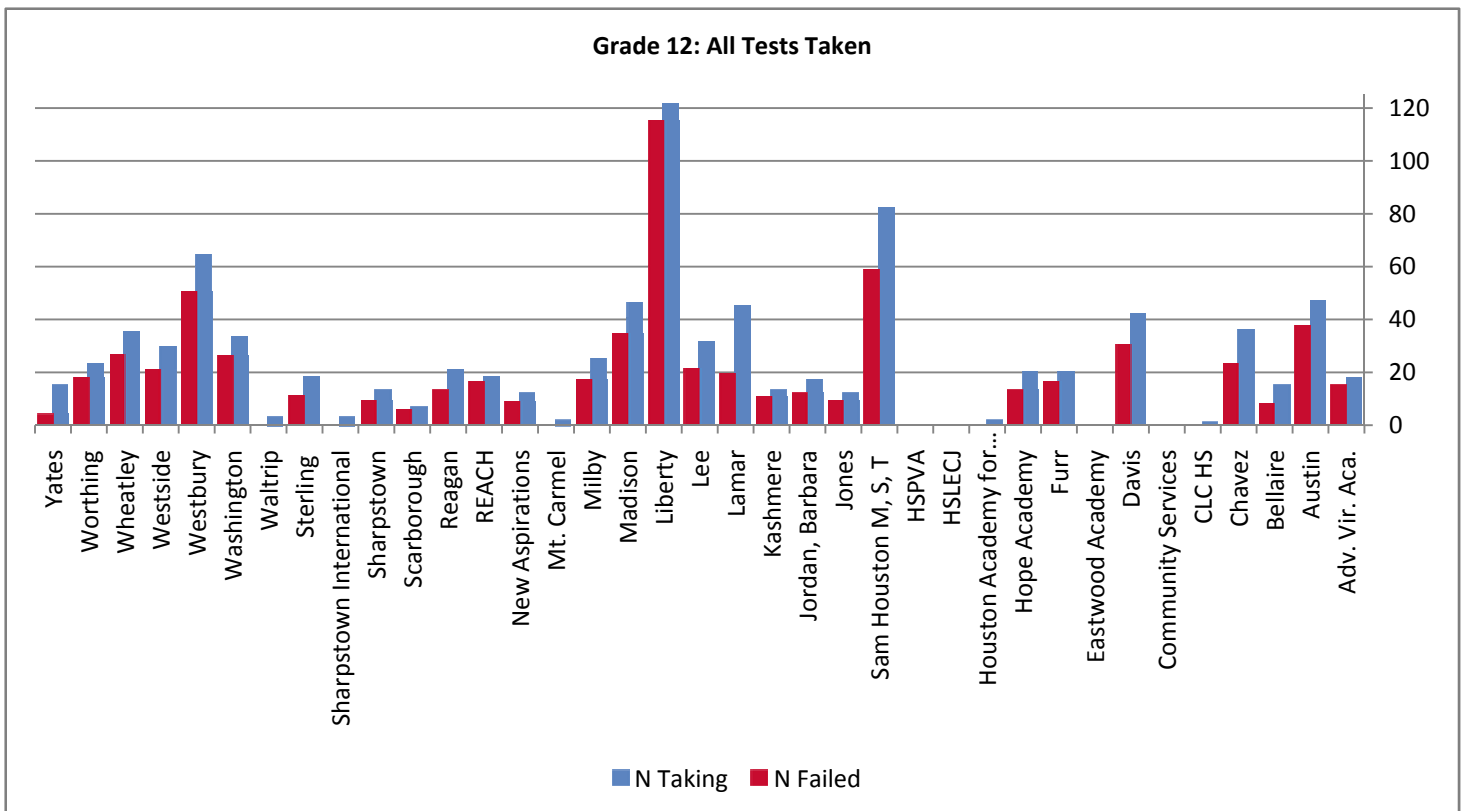
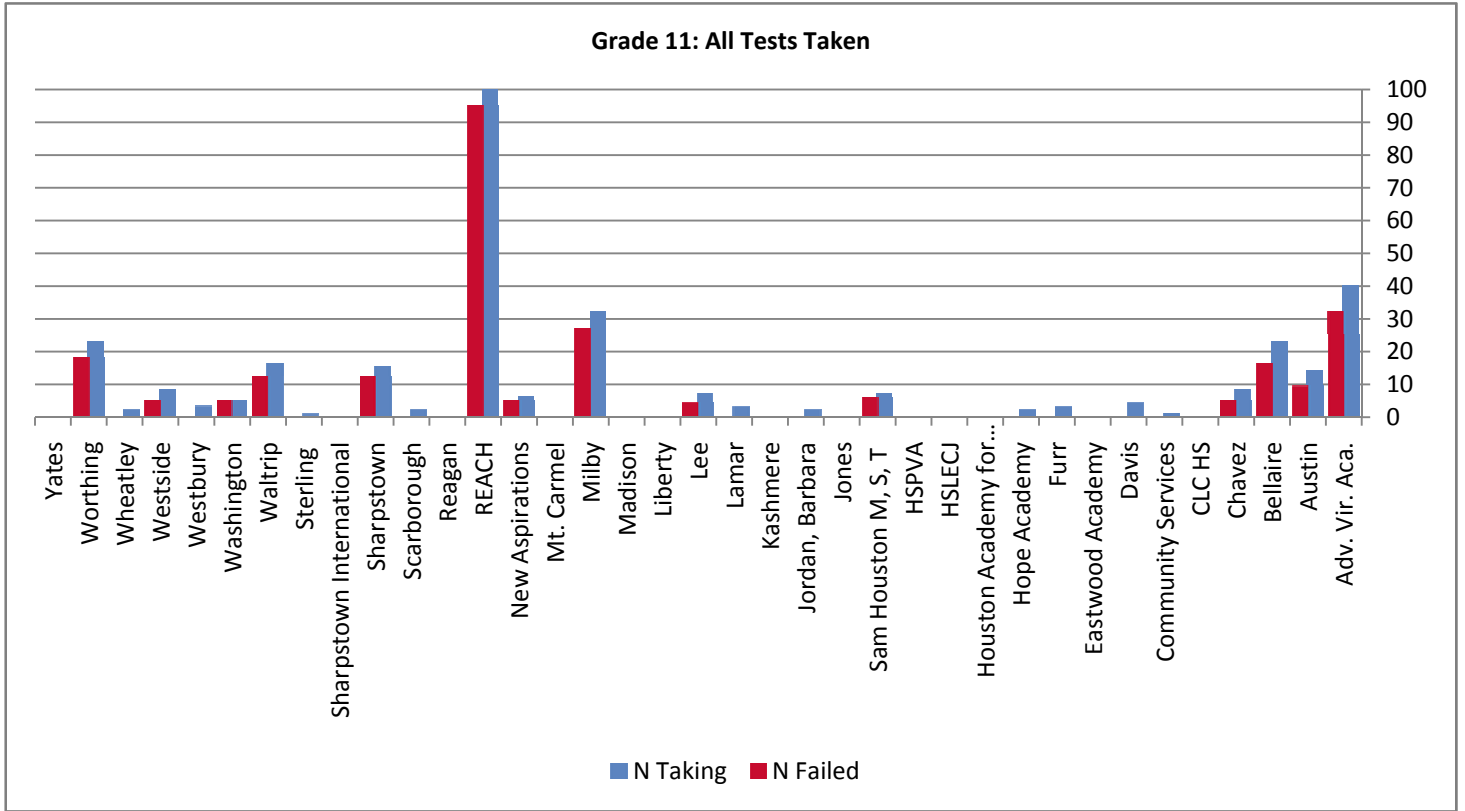
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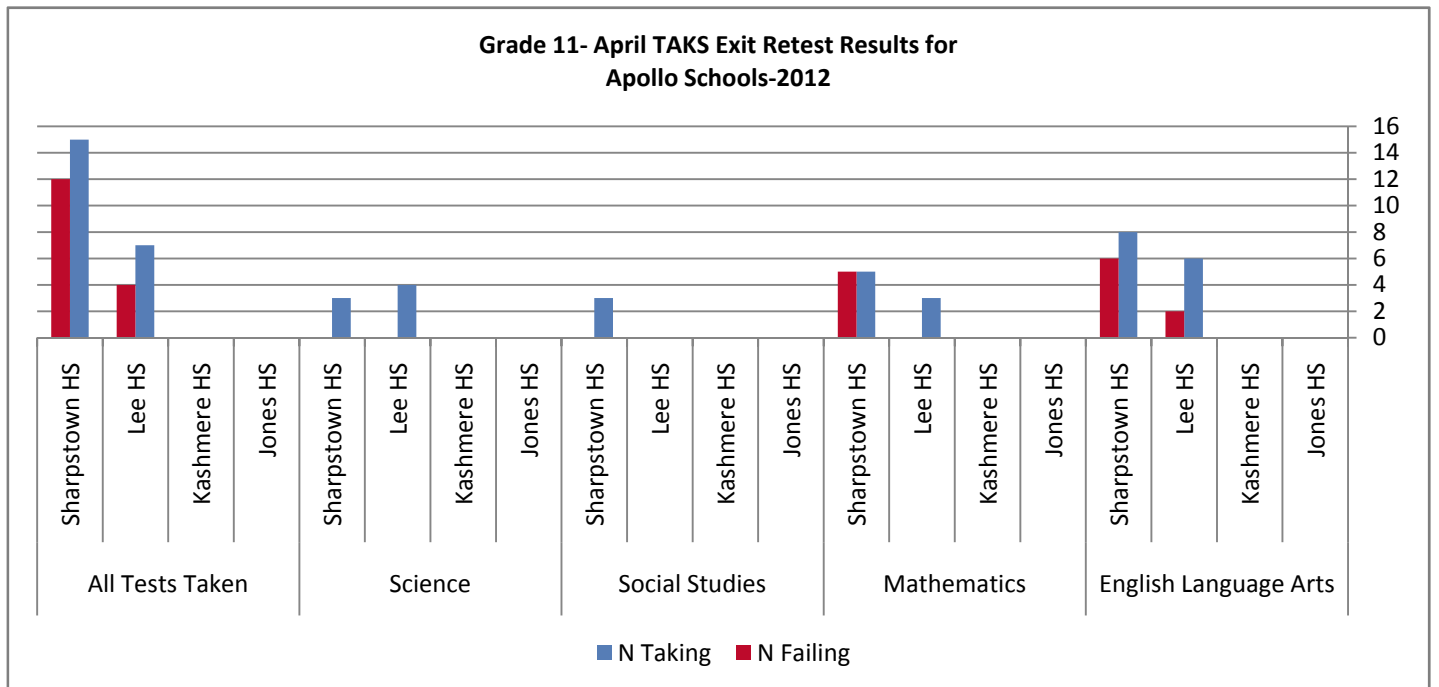
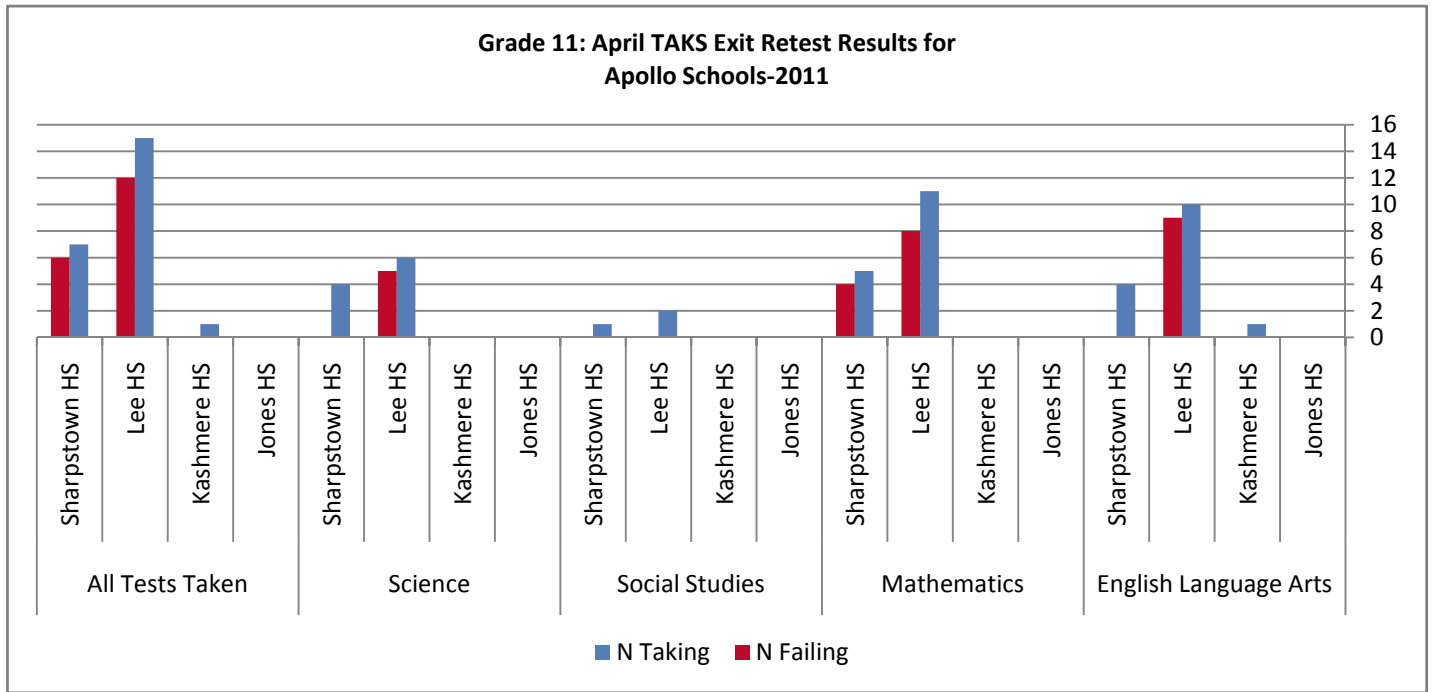
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Appendix A: 2012 TAKS April Exit-Level Retest by Campus



Appendix B: 2011 and 2012 TAKS April TAKS Exit Retest Results for Apollo Schools



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