

MEMORANDUM

August 10, 2012

TO: Board Members

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

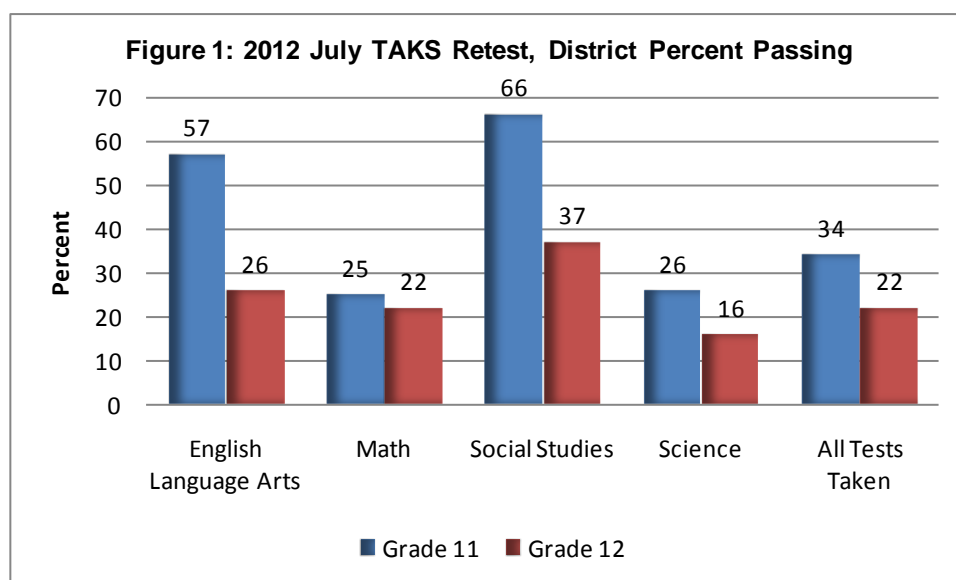
SUBJECT: **JULY 2012 HISD TAKS EXIT-LEVEL PERFORMANCE OF RETESTERS**

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The Houston Independent School District (HISD) received the results from the July 2012 administration of the TAKS exit-level retest. 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 during the prior administrations. 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 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 October 22–25, 2012.

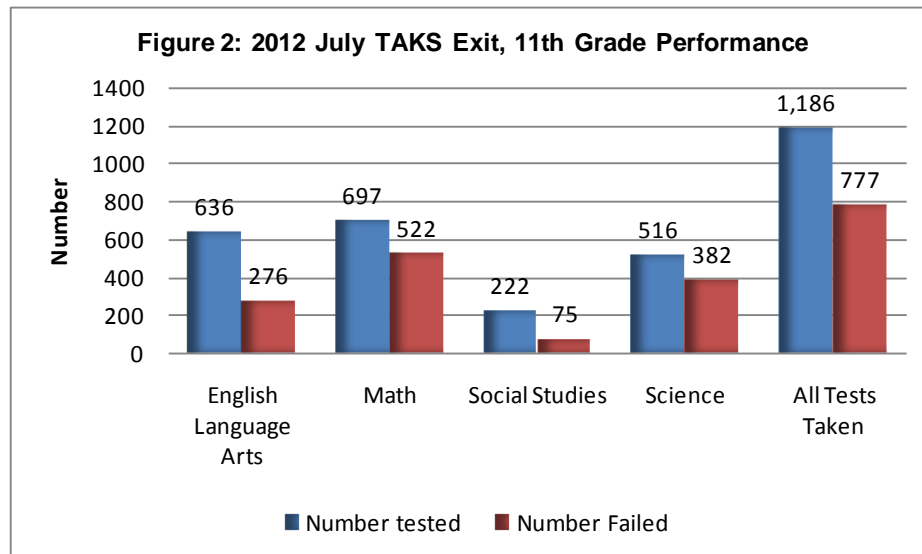
There were 1,888 eleventh-grade students who were expected to be tested during the July 2012 administration of the TAKS exit-level retest. Of these students, 1,186 were actually tested, 95 were counted as absent, and 607 were not tested due to other reasons. There were 713 twelfth-graders who were expected to be tested during the July 2012 administration of the TAKS retest. Of these students, 486 were actually tested, 20 students were counted as absent, one Special Education student was not tested due to ARD committee decisions, and 206 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.

Figure 1 shows the district percents passing for both grade levels by subject.

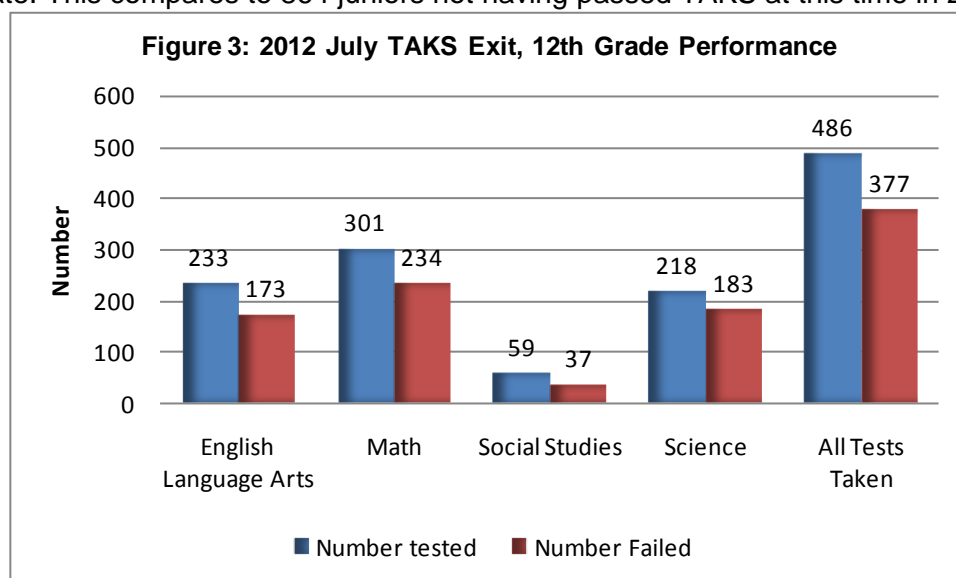


- The highest passing rate for all eleventh graders was in social studies at 66 percent, followed by English/Language Arts at 57 percent. The lowest passing rate for all eleventh-grade retesters was in mathematics, where 25 percent of the students assessed met the standard.
- The highest passing rate for twelfth graders was in social studies where 37 percent of the students assessed met the passing standard. The lowest passing rate was science, where 16 percent of the 218 twelfth-grade students assessed met the passing standard.

Figures 2 and 3 present the number tested and the number failing for grades 11 and 12 by subject.



- On the 2012 July TAKS exit-level retest, 1,186 eleventh-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 409 students, or 34 percent, met the standard on all subject tests they took. These students have now met the TAKS graduation requirement. Conversely, 777 of those students tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 864 juniors not having passed TAKS at this time in 2011.



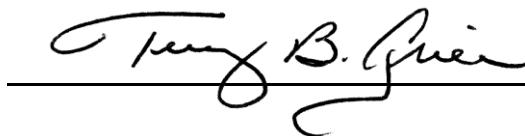
- On the July 2012 administration of the TAKS exit-level retest, 486 twelfth-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 22 percent passed all subject tests they took. These students have met the TAKS requirements for graduation. Conversely, 377 of the seniors tested still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 485 seniors at this time in 2011 not having passed TAKS.

Results by Number of Tests Taken

Districtwide results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students by the number of tests taken for the July 2012 TAKS exit-level retest are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1: District Results on the July 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	674	346	51	328
11	2	258	39	15	219
11	3	135	8	6	127
11	4	119	16	13	103
11	Total	1,186	409	34	777
12	1	293	96	33	197
12	2	103	10	10	93
12	3	48	1	2	47
12	4	42	2	5	40
12	Total	486	109	22	377

Table 2 provides HISD student performance for the 2012 July TAKS exit-level retest by subtests, for grades eleven and twelve for the district and for student groups. 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. School-level results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students for the July 2012 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 3**, with Apollo campus results in **Tables 4 and 5** (see attachment). 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
 Altagracia Guerrero
 Nancy Gregory

Table 2: Districtwide Results July 2012 Exit-Level Retest 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	636	57	276	697	25	522	222	66	75	516	26	382	1,186	34	777
	12	233	26	173	301	22	234	59	37	37	218	16	183	486	22	377
Am. Ind./ Alaska	11	3	*	*	5	0	5	1	*	*	4	*	*	7	14	6
	12	2	*	*	1	*	*	0			2	*	*	4	*	*
Asian American	11	33	52	16	20	20	16	14	57	6	17	24	13	45	44	25
	12	15	7	14	4	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	17	12	15
African American	11	165	63	61	227	23	174	53	57	23	169	30	119	357	33	238
	12	47	36	30	116	21	92	11	64	4	63	17	52	155	23	119
Hispanic	11	411	55	184	413	26	306	144	69	45	310	24	235	729	34	484
	12	157	25	118	165	22	128	42	31	29	137	14	118	288	23	222
Hawaiian/ Pacific Is.	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	0			2	*	*	2	*	*
	12	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*
White	11	19	58	8	21	33	14	7	100	0	8	50	4	35	54	16
	12	5	60	2	4	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	6	33	4
2 or More Eth. Gr.	11	1	*	*	6	50	3	1	*	*	3	*	*	6	50	3
	12	3	*	*	6	17	5	2	*	*	4	*	*	7	14	6
Eco Dis.	11	543	57	232	569	25	424	185	65	65	430	25	323	971	34	641
	12	180	26	134	206	18	169	47	30	33	173	13	151	346	20	278
LEP	11	266	41	157	172	20	138	97	56	43	157	15	133	326	24	248
	12	160	21	126	114	9	104	38	18	31	114	11	101	216	14	185
Special Ed	11	104	50	52	124	15	105	24	67	8	93	25	70	199	25	149
	12	16	19	13	22	14	19	4	*	*	17	0	17	29	14	25

*Numbers masked when fewer than five students tested.

Table 3: 2012 July 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	636	57	276	697	25	522	222	66	75	516	26	382	1,186	34	777
	12	233	26	173	301	22	234	59	37	37	218	16	183	486	22	377
Adv. Vir. Aca.	11	22	73	6	34	15	29	9	22	7	24	8	22	41	22	32
	12	1	*	*	5	40	3	1	*	*	2	*	*	5	40	3
Austin	11	27	52	13	27	19	22	11	36	7	16	13	14	51	35	33
	12	13	46	7	17	18	14	1	*	*	12	8	11	32	28	23
Bellaire	11	13	46	7	18	33	12	5	80	1	17	24	13	30	33	20
	12	5	20	4	1	*	*	0			0			5	20	4
Challenge	11	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Chavez	11	34	50	17	27	41	16	7	71	2	22	23	17	59	42	34
	12	11	18	9	6	33	4	0			5	0	5	18	17	15
Davis	11	38	47	20	46	15	39	14	43	8	31	10	28	75	21	59
	12	10	20	8	17	24	13	3	*	*	11	9	10	23	22	18
East EC	11	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Eastwood Academy	11	2	*	*	2	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	4	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Furr	11	9	56	4	21	33	14	5	60	2	12	17	10	29	34	19
	12	5	40	3	12	42	7	2	*	*	5	20	4	16	25	12
Hope Academy	11	1	*	*	3	*	*	0			1	*	*	3	*	*
	12	0			5	0	5	0			3	*	*	8	0	8
Houston Academy for International Studies	11	1	*	*	3	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*	4	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
HSLECJ	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	1	*	*	4	*	*	7	57	3
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
HSPVA	11	0			2	*	*	1	*	*	0			3	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Houston M, S, T	11	68	57	29	63	14	54	21	57	9	62	27	45	124	30	87
	12	11	27	8	14	50	7	0			13	8	12	27	22	21

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Jones	11	7	43	4	18	22	14	2	*	*	8	0	8	23	22	18
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Jordan, Barbara	11	19	68	6	9	33	6	0			5	40	3	25	52	12
	12	2	*	*	2	*	*	0			0			4	*	*
Kashmere	11	12	33	8	14	7	13	1	*	*	14	14	12	24	17	20
	12	3	*	*	5	0	5	0			4	*	*	7	14	6
Lamar	11	13	62	5	13	23	10	4	*	*	12	42	7	31	48	16
	12	3	*	*	10	70	3	0			6	17	5	14	43	8
Lee	11	74	61	29	46	33	31	18	72	5	38	37	24	93	41	55
	12	12	17	10	1	*	*	0			3	*	*	13	15	11
Liberty	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	84	18	69	67	0	67	35	17	29	73	12	64	101	7	94
Madison	11	47	64	17	54	52	26	20	95	1	38	47	20	89	55	40
	12	2	*	*	10	40	6	1	*	*	6	33	4	14	43	8
Milby	11	33	64	12	32	22	25	6	100	0	27	26	20	70	30	49
	12	7	43	4	5	20	4	1	*	*	6	17	5	16	31	11
New Aspirations	11	2	*	*	3	*	*	2	*	*	2	*	*	3	*	*
	12	5	100	0	10	60	4	3	*	*	7	86	1	12	67	4
North Houston EC	11	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
REACH	11	26	23	20	40	13	35	18	56	8	35	6	33	49	6	46
	12	2	*	*	12	17	10	1	*	*	8	25	6	15	13	13
Reagan	11	12	58	5	14	29	10	0			5	40	3	26	46	14
	12	2	*	*	5	20	4	1	*	*	2	*	*	9	56	4
Scarborough	11	12	42	7	16	31	11	5	60	2	10	10	9	27	30	19
	12	0			2	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
Sharpstown	11	36	58	15	45	38	28	26	77	6	34	26	25	59	24	45
	12	4	*	*	1	*	*	0			1	*	*	6	33	4
Sharpstown Int'l. School	11	5	60	2	6	33	4	0			2	*	*	10	40	6
	12	1	*	*	0			0			0			1	*	*

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Sterling	11	10	80	2	5	0	5	0			5	40	3	14	50	7
	12	0			1	*	*	0			2	*	*	3	*	*
Vision Academy	11	3	*	*	7	14	6	2	*	*	5	40	3	8	25	6
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Waltrip	11	10	70	3	11	9	10	4	*	*	5	20	4	24	42	14
	12	0			0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*
Washington	11	19	68	6	24	21	19	2	*	*	15	20	12	35	29	25
	12	5	20	4	6	0	6	0			4	*	*	11	9	10
Westbury	11	32	44	18	26	8	24	8	38	5	21	14	18	47	32	32
	12	8	13	7	20	35	13	1	*	*	6	50	3	30	27	22
Westside	11	6	67	2	16	19	13	4	*	*	2	*	*	23	39	14
	12	4	*	*	4	*	*	0			4	*	*	8	0	8
Wheatley	11	18	39	11	20	20	16	11	45	6	16	19	13	32	31	22
	12	7	0	7	17	12	15	3	*	*	8	0	8	18	11	16
Worthing	11	7	43	4	9	0	9	7	100	0	8	63	3	9	0	9
	12	26	38	16	45	27	33	6	67	2	25	12	22	66	32	45
Yates	11	14	86	2	21	33	14	5	60	2	15	60	6	32	50	16
	12	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*

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Table 4: July TAKS Exit Retest Results for Apollo Schools, 2012

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
Jones HS	11	7	43	4	18	22	14	2	*	*	8	0	8	23	22	18
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Kashmere HS	11	12	33	8	14	7	13	1	*	*	14	14	12	24	17	20
	12	3	*	*	5	0	5	0			4	*	*	7	14	6
Lee HS	11	74	61	29	46	33	31	18	72	5	38	37	24	93	41	55
	12	12	17	10	1	*	*	0			3	*	*	13	15	11
Sharpstown HS	11	36	58	15	45	38	28	26	77	6	34	26	25	59	24	45
	12	4	*	*	1	*	*	0			1	*	*	6	33	4
Houston ISD	11	636	57	276	697	25	522	222	66	75	516	26	382	1,186	34	777
	12	233	26	173	301	22	234	59	37	37	218	16	183	486	22	377

Table 5: July TAKS Exit Retest Results for Apollo Schools, 2011

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
Jones HS	11	6	50	3	11	45	6	0			15	87	2	23	65	8
	12	3	*	*	2	*	*	0			2	*	*	4	*	*
Kashmere HS	11	6	33	4	10	40	6	1	*	*	7	57	3	15	40	9
	12	0			1	*	*	0			0			1	*	*
Lee HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	82	34	54	56	27	41	12	100	0	52	40	32	120	29	85
Sharpstown HS	11	26	35	17	29	10	26	10	50	5	27	15	23	49	22	38
	12	8	13	7	11	0	11	1	*	*	12	25	9	16	19	13
Houston ISD	11	444	46	239	737	21	579	161	55	72	689	33	462	1,217	29	864
	12	252	31	175	345	15	293	46	65	16	262	29	186	597	19	485

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