

PROMOTION STANDARDS

- **Houston Independent School District (HISD) general standards for promotion**

NOTE: If your child does not meet the promotion standards outlined below, your school will contact you regarding opportunities for the child to receive additional instruction.

Grade Level	Promotion Standards
1 & 2	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ pass with at least 80% mastery on the High Frequency Word Exam- Recognizing and reading words that appear very often in written and spoken language. ○ meet state requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and the local requirement of an average of 70 or above in four core courses: reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies. ○ have sufficient attendance*
3 - 5	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meet state requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and the local requirement of an average of 70 or above in four core courses: reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies. ○ have sufficient attendance* <p>TEA has waived the promotion standard requirement that 5th graders pass the spring 2021 school STAAR exam.</p>
6 - 8	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ meet the State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and the 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, social studies. ○ have sufficient attendance* <p>TEA has waived the promotion standard requirement that 8th graders pass the spring 2021 STAAR exam.</p>
Grade Level	Graduation Requirements
9 - 12	<p>Students must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students must pass five STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments: Algebra I, Biology, English I, English II, and U.S.

History. Students who earned one course credit in any of these five courses in the Spring or Summer semester of 2020 will not have to take or pass the corresponding EOC exam. course credit during the 2019-2020 school year.

- If a student is a senior and has not passed all EOC exams for graduation, they should contact their campus counselor or administrator to discuss their eligibility to complete Individual Graduation Committee (IGC) projects.
- High school grade placement is based on the number of credits earned: sophomore classification requires 6 credits, junior classification requires 12 credits, and senior classification requires 18 credits.
- Seniors must have earned credits for courses required by state and local to meet graduation

NOTE: Individual course credit is earned through a passing grade of 70 percent or above and sufficient attendance.

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