

# HB 4545 & ACCELERATED INSTRUCTION

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Given the disruptions of the 2020-2021 school year, the Texas Legislature has given parents new rights to support their child(ren) who did not meet approaches or higher on one or more STAAR or EOC (high school) assessments.

This parent/student informational sheet explains how HB 4545 will affect students during the 2021-2022 SY.

## STEP 1: TEA BEGINNING-OF-YEAR (BOY) ASSESSMENT GIVEN

**What if my child did not take the Spring (2021) STAAR or EOC assessment during the last school year?**

Your child will take the TEA BOY assessment\*(Sept 13-17) for the test(s) they did not take in the Spring.

\*Starting this school year, STAAR tests (including the TEA BOY), will be given online.  
See [HB 3906](#) for more info.

## STEP 2: HB 4545 PARENT LETTER

**What decision do I need to make?**

The accelerated learning tutoring required for students under HB 4545 states that students are to be in a group of no more than three students to one tutor. We are asking that you provide permission for your student to receive accelerated tutoring in a group that is larger than three students. We believe we can effectively meet your child's needs in a larger group. Your decision will not affect whether your child receives accelerated learning tutoring.

### 1 What is it?

House Bill (HB) 4545 recently passed in the 87th Regular Legislative Session. HB 4545 requires accelerated instruction through tutoring for all students who did not pass STAAR (grades 3-8) or EOC's (every subject area) for the 2021-2022 school year/summer.

### 2 How does it work?

If your child did not meet approaches (*grade level standard*) or higher on one or more STAAR/STAAR EOC assessment, he/she will receive accelerated learning tutoring in the upcoming school year.

### 3 What if my student is in the 5th or 8th Grade?

HB 4545 also removed grade retention and retesting requirements in grades 5 & 8. For students who do not pass the STAAR Math or Reading test in grades 3, 5, & 8 require the district to establish an accelerated learning committee to develop an educational plan for the student and monitor progress. More info will follow on this requirement.

### 4 When will it happen?

The first step for all schools this year is to gather data on all students. After all students have tested, campuses will assign accelerated learning tutoring to students not meeting grade-level-standard in a STAAR-tested subject. As this requires substantial planning, we're still working out the logistics and how it will work.

