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HISD Announces Preliminary 2024 STAAR High School End of Course Results

HISD students made significant progress on EOC exams, and exceeded expectations for year-over-year increases in proficiency.

June 5, 2024 - Today the Houston Independent School District shared preliminary results for the STAAR Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and US History End of Course Exams. HISD students made substantial gains in four of five tested subjects, and in some cases far exceeded pre-COVID proficiency levels. While meaningful gains were made across the District, HISD’s New Education System campuses grew at least five points in every tested subject, and in Algebra I and Biology these campuses achieved explosive double-digit growth in the number of students proficient.

HISD STAAR COMPARISON 2023 and 2024
(Meets or Exceeds)

	HISD		HISD +/-	NES/A Schools		NES +/-	Non-NES		Non-NES +/-	
	2023	2024		2023	2024		2023	2024		
High School EOC	Algebra I	34	39	5	19	29	10	40	43	3
	English I	41	44	3	21	26	5	51	52	1
	English II	44	49	5	23	32	9	54	56	2
	Biology	40	54	14	22	40	18	49	56	7
	U.S. History	63	63	0	43	48	5	71	69	-2

“Our students and teachers did exceptional work this school year,” said **Superintendent Mike Miles**. “This has been a challenging year in unusual circumstances, and I am unbelievably proud of what this HISD community has accomplished together. When all the results are in, I believe HISD will have achieved some of the biggest proficiency gains in its history.”




The STAAR exams are the State of Texas indicator of how proficient students are in a given subject area. The assessment is administered only one time a year and while it is only a snapshot of proficiency, HISD’s results indicate that many more students are meeting or exceeding grade level standards in most tested subjects. Typically, one to two points in proficiency growth on STAAR is acceptable growth. At the District level, an increase of three or more percentage points over the previous year’s score is strong growth.

HISD is focusing on the “Meets or Exceeds” score to gauge success. While HISD will report the “Approaches” data when available, it is a lower bar than Meets or Exceeds, and HISD school leaders focus on the higher standard, which represents proficiency.

“HISD still has much work to do to increase proficiency for all students, but STAAR tells us that we are headed in the right direction,” explained **Superintendent Miles**. “This data shows we are improving struggling schools and closing achievement gaps that have been too big for too long.”

Additional information about the EOC exams is attached to this release. HISD plans to release preliminary STAAR results for grades 3-8 on June 11. The Texas Education Agency plans to release statewide data for STAAR High School End of Course exams on June 7, and for STAAR exams in grades 3-8 on June 14.

The Houston Independent School District is the largest school district in Texas and the eighth-largest in the United States, with 276 schools and nearly 190,000 students. The 333-square-mile district is one of the largest employers in the Houston metropolitan area, with more than 27,000 employees.

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