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HISD Announces Preliminary 2024 STAAR Grades 3-8 Results

HISD students showed gains in most tested subjects, with significant increases in math and reading.

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Today the Houston Independent School District (HISD) shared preliminary results for the STAAR grades 3-8 exams, which show HISD students made substantial gains in most tested subjects and grade levels. The most significant increases are in the number of students proficient in math and reading—and while meaningful gains were made across the District, growth in student proficiency at HISD’s New Education System (NES) campuses exceeded Districtwide growth in most subjects.

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	
Reading	3rd Grade	41	40	-1	31	34	3	45	42	-3
	4th Grade	38	45	7	27	35	8	42	48	6
	5th Grade	47	50	3	34	42	8	52	52	0
	6th Grade	41	49	8	23	33	10	49	55	6
	7th Grade	44	47	3	26	32	6	52	53	1
	8th Grade	47	49	2	28	33	5	54	56	2
Math	3rd Grade	38	39	1	28	35	7	42	41	-1
	4th Grade	41	42	1	31	32	1	45	46	1
	5th Grade	43	47	4	29	40	11	49	49	0
	6th Grade	29	32	3	14	22	8	35	36	1
	7th Grade	28	29	1	15	23	8	34	32	-2
	8th Grade	28	35	7	17	31	14	34	36	2
Science	5th Grade	27	22	-5	15	11	-4	31	26	-5
	8th Grade	34	35	1	21	20	-1	39	42	3
SS	8th Grade	23	24	1	10	8	-2	28	30	2

“As I said last week when we announced our high school results, HISD students and teachers did exceptional work this school year,” **Superintendent Mike Miles explained.** “Now that all results are in, I want to congratulate every teacher, principal, and student on their outstanding effort. More HISD students are proficient in core subjects across the District, and that is an accomplishment to celebrate.”

The STAAR exams are the State of Texas indicator for 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 the District will report the “Approaches” data when available, it is a lower bar than Meets or Exceeds. School leaders in HISD are focused 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,” **Superintendent Miles said.** “This data shows we are improving struggling schools and closing achievement gaps that have been too great for too long.”

Additional information about the District's grades 3-8 STAAR results is attached. The Texas Education Agency plans to release statewide data for the grades 3-8 exams 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 approximately 185,000 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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