

MEMORANDUM

April 25, 2013

TO: Board Members

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Superintendent of Schools

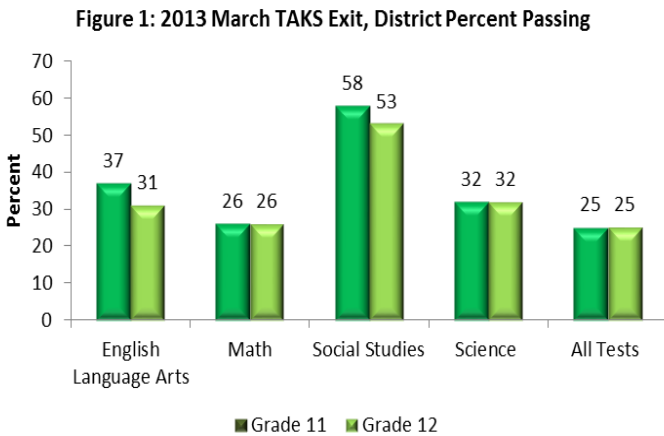
SUBJECT: **MARCH 2013 HISD TAKS EXIT-LEVEL PERFORMANCE OF RETESTERS**

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The Houston Independent School District (HISD) received the results from the March 2013 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 one or more of the TAKS subtests during 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 provides 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 April 22–25, 2013.

There were 574 eleventh-grade students who were expected to be tested during the March 2013 administration of the TAKS exit-level retest. Of these students, 515 were actually tested, 10 were counted as absent, and 49 were not tested due to other reasons. There were 1,306 twelfth-graders who were expected to be tested during the March 2013 administration of the TAKS retest. Of these students, 1,088 were actually tested, 50 students were counted as absent, one student was not tested due to an ARD decision, and 167 were not tested for other reasons.

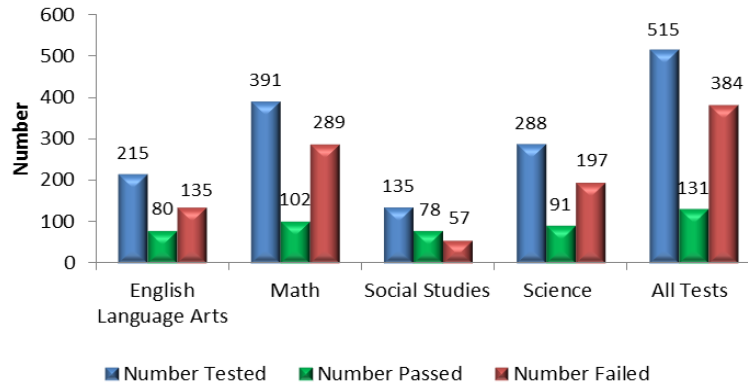
The results from an analysis of the performance of students who were administered the exam at district-wide and school levels are presented in the following summary and attached tables. The district percents passing for both grade levels by subject are shown below in **Figure 1**.



- The highest passing rate for all eleventh graders was in social studies at 58 percent, followed by English/Language Arts at 37 percent.
- The lowest passing rate for all eleventh-grade retesters was in all tests, where 25 percent of the students assessed met the standard.
- The highest passing rate for twelfth graders was in social studies where 53 percent of the students assessed met the passing standard.
- The lowest passing rate was in all tests, where 25 percent of the twelfth-grade students assessed met the passing standard.

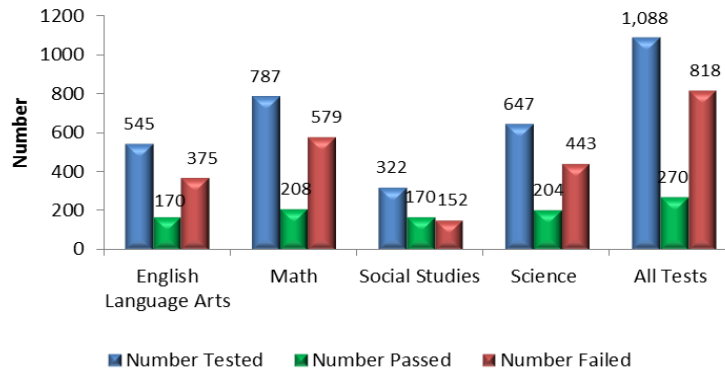
Figures 2 and 3 present the number tested and the number failing for grades 11 and 12 by subject.

Figure 2: 2013 March TAKS Exit, 11th Grade Performance



- On the 2013 March TAKS exit-level retest, 515 eleventh-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 131 students, or 25%, met the standard on all subject tests they took.
- Conversely, 384 out of 10,876 eligible juniors still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 370 out of 11,076 eligible juniors not having passed TAKS at this time in 2012.

Figure 3: 2013 March TAKS Exit, 12th Grade Performance



- On the March 2013 administration of the TAKS exit-level retest, 1,088 twelfth-grade students took at least one subject test. Of these students, 270, or 25 percent, passed all subject tests they took. These 270 students have met the TAKS requirements for graduation.
- Conversely, 818 out of 10,506 eligible seniors still have failed at least one TAKS test needed to graduate. This compares to 871 out of 10,271 eligible seniors at this time in 2012 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 March 2013 TAKS exit-level retest are presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1: District Results on the March 2013 TAKS Exit-Level Retest by the Number of Tests Taken

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>N Tests Taken</u>	<u>N Students</u>	<u>N Met</u>	<u>% Met</u>	<u>N Not Met</u>	<u>% Not Met</u>
11	1	232	95	41	137	59
11	2	124	15	12	109	88
11	3	87	11	13	76	87
11	4	72	10	14	62	86
11	Total	515	131	25	384	75
12	1	499	167	33	332	67
12	2	219	31	14	188	86
12	3	116	13	11	103	89
12	4	254	59	23	195	77
12	Total	1,008	270	25	818	75

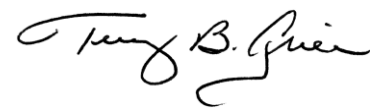
The attachment provides HISD student performance for the 2013 March TAKS exit-level retest by subjects, for grades eleven and twelve for the district and for student groups. **Table 2** presents the results for the following demographic groups: all students, racial/ethnic subgroups, economically disadvantaged students, English Language Learners (ELL), and students with disabilities (SWD). School-level results for eleventh and twelfth-grade students for the March 2013 Exit-Level TAKS retest are presented in **Table 3**, with Apollo campus results in **Tables 4 and 5**. The school-level results include the number taking, the percent passing, and the number not meeting the passing standard for each subject.

Administrative Response

The High School Office will analyze results and look for trends in student performance. The High School Office, in collaboration with the Research & Accountability Department, will prepare data that drills down to the individual student.

The School Support Officer or Lead Principal for each campus will meet with the campus principal to discuss and verify that an individual plan is in place for each student to ensure robust intervention opportunities for students prior to the next two administrations of the exit-level exam (one prior to June graduation, and the second prior to August graduation).

The High School Office will work with the Assistant Superintendent for graduation and completion to continue to monitor and provide appropriate support for the specialized student populations at Liberty and Reach. At all schools the High School Office will ensure a continued variety of targeted interventions are provided for students – tutoring during the day, after-school and Saturday tutorials, and TAKS review classes.


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Attachments

- cc: Superintendent’s Direct Reports
- Chief School Officers
- School Support Officers
- High School Principals
- Sowmya Kumar
- Altagracia Guerrero
- Nancy Gregory

Table 2: Districtwide Results March 2013 Exit-Level Retest by Ethnicity and Student Group

	Grade	English Language Arts			Mathematics			Social Studies			Science			All Tests Taken		
		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
Amer. Ind./ Alaska	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Asian American	11	11	9	10	9	22	7				10	30	7	16	19	13
	12	24	21	19	20	25	15	13	69	4	26	46	14	34	24	26
African American	11	47	32	32	111	23	86	36	50	18	80	31	55	142	22	111
	12	120	36	77	237	24	181	65	55	29	171	29	122	319	23	245
Hispanic	11	146	39	89	254	28	183	86	62	33	186	31	128	333	27	244
	12	374	29	267	493	27	361	230	50	116	414	31	287	680	25	511
Hawaiian/ Pacific Is.	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
White	11	7	57	3	12	17	10	7	57	3	6	17	5	18	33	12
	12	16	50	8	24	42	14	11	73	3	22	45	12	35	37	22
2 or More Eth. Gr.	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			5	0	5	0			6	17	5	7	0	7
Econ. Disadv.	11	185	37	116	331	25	247	114	57	49	237	32	162	436	25	328
	12	449	28	325	641	25	481	270	48	141	547	30	384	893	24	683
ELL	11	86	14	74	75	25	56	32	41	19	75	25	56	115	15	98
	12	320	12	283	300	13	262	187	33	126	287	16	242	423	11	377
SWD	11	18	17	15	37	24	28	7	29	5	21	5	20	54	20	43
	12	55	27	40	108	11	96	16	44	9	77	19	62	148	12	130
All Students	11	215	37	135	391	26	289	135	58	57	288	32	197	515	25	384
	12	545	31	375	787	26	579	322	53	152	647	32	443	1,008	25	818

*Numbers masked when fewer than five students tested.

Table 3: 2013 March 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
Adv. Virtual Academy	11	4	*	*	21	14	18	3	*	*	18	6	17	29	14	25
	12	10	60	4	25	20	20	7	57	3	17	18	14	33	21	26
Austin	11	2	*	*	7	29	5	0			2	*	*	8	25	6
	12	15	27	11	21	33	14	3	0	3	15	47	8	32	28	23
Bellaire	11	19	47	10	34	44	19	15	67	5	23	39	14	41	32	28
	12	11	36	7	24	42	14	6	83	1	16	56	7	33	36	21
Chavez	11	23	52	11	20	25	15	13	62	5	22	36	14	39	31	27
	12	10	30	7	13	8	12	4	*	*	16	25	12	30	20	24
Davis	11	17	35	11	18	28	13	5	80	1	17	18	14	29	28	21
	12	14	29	10	28	7	26	3	*	*	21	19	17	40	13	35
Furr	11	7	57	3	14	36	9	0			5	60	2	16	44	9
	12	32	69	10	40	53	19	23	91	2	29	66	10	57	49	29
Hope Academy	11	4	*	*	12	25	9	6	67	2	10	30	7	14	29	10
	12	2	*	*	10	20	8	3	*	*	8	0	8	12	17	10
Houston M, S, T	11	2	*	*	6	67	2	1	*	*	4	*	*	8	50	4
	12	36	53	17	64	41	38	17	100	0	55	65	19	95	41	56
Jones	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	9	44	5	20	5	19	5	20	4	12	17	10	22	5	21
Jordan, Barbara	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	6	0	6	11	27	8	1	*	*	3	*	*	17	18	14
Kashmere	11	0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	7	57	3	11	18	9	4	*	*	12	25	9	17	18	14
Lamar	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	0			1	*	*	3	*	*
	12	16	63	6	27	70	8	10	90	1	26	62	10	39	54	18
Lee	11	6	17	5	10	10	9	4	*	*	8	25	6	12	17	10
	12	25	16	21	28	32	19	5	80	1	23	30	16	45	18	37
Liberty	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	206	7	191	210	6	197	166	28	120	205	6	192	249	4	238

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Madison	11	0			0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	29	48	15	37	38	23	7	71	2	31	13	27	60	25	45
Milby	11	13	31	9	28	54	13	7	71	2	18	67	6	44	50	22
	12	2	*	*	5	40	3	0			8	38	5	14	36	9
Mount Carmel Academy	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	3	*	*	3	*	*	3	*	*	3	*	*	3	*	*
REACH	11	56	43	32	108	18	89	53	53	25	82	26	61	119	13	104
	12	5	40	3	12	33	8	4	*	*	10	20	8	15	13	13
Reagan	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	6	67	2	21	52	10	2	*	*	10	40	6	27	41	16
Scarborough	11	2	*	*	8	0	8	1	*	*	6	50	3	14	36	9
	12	6	33	4	4	*	*	1	*	*	7	71	2	9	33	6
Sharpstown	11	9	33	6	22	36	14	3	*	*	8	25	6	26	31	18
	12	12	67	4	15	53	7	15	60	6	14	50	7	19	26	14
Sharpstown Int'l. School	11	0			2	*	*	0			1	*	*	3	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Sterling	11	1	*	*	1	*	*	0			1	*	*	2	*	*
	12	15	47	8	20	35	13	1	*	*	18	56	8	35	49	18
Texas Connections Academy	11	1	*	*	2	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*
	12	0			0			0			0			0		
Vision Academy	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	0			5	100	0	1	*	*	2	*	*	5	100	0
Waltrip	11	1	*	*	4	*	*	1	*	*	2	*	*	4	*	*
	12	8	75	2	12	50	6	6	67	2	14	64	5	25	48	13

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Washington	11	0			5	20	4	0	*	*	4	*	*	6	33	4
	12	10	50	5	17	18	14	4	*	*	11	55	5	23	26	17
Westbury	11	23	22	18	36	28	26	7	57	3	27	37	17	48	21	38
	12	16	56	7	32	31	22	8	88	1	22	55	10	40	28	29
Westside	11	6	33	4	10	10	9	6	67	2	8	25	6	15	33	10
	12	11	36	7	26	15	22	3	0	3	11	27	8	34	24	26
Wheatley	11	15	7	14	17	18	14	6	0	6	14	21	11	25	16	21
	12	7	14	6	8	25	6	3	*	*	4	*	*	10	30	7
Worthing	11	3	*	*	5	0	5	2	*	*	4	*	*	6	0	6
	12	14	43	8	24	17	20	5	100	0	18	22	14	30	10	27
Yates	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	2	*	*	14	21	11	2	*	*	6	50	3	18	33	12
Houston ISD	11	215	37	135	391	26	289	135	58	57	288	32	197	515	25	384
	12	545	31	375	787	26	579	322	53	152	647	32	443	1,088	25	818

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Table 4: March 2013 TAKS Exit Retest Results for Apollo Schools

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	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	9	44	5	20	5	19	5	20	4	12	17	10	22	5	21
Kashmere HS	11	0			0			1	*	*	1	*	*	1	*	*
	12	7	57	3	11	18	9	4	*	*	12	25	9	17	18	14
Lee HS	11	6	17	5	10	10	9	4	*	*	8	25	6	12	17	10
	12	25	16	21	28	32	19	5	80	1	23	30	16	45	18	37
Sharpstown HS	11	9	33	6	22	36	14	3	*	*	8	25	6	26	31	18
	12	12	67	4	15	53	7	15	60	6	14	50	7	19	26	14
Houston ISD	11	215	37	135	391	26	289	135	58	57	288	32	197	515	25	384
	12	545	31	375	787	26	579	322	53	152	647	32	443	1,088	25	818

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		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	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	6	17	5	10	0	10	2	*	*	8	25	6	14	7	13
Kashmere HS	11	0			0			0			0			0		
	12	8	0	8	15	33	10	2	*	*	7	14	6	18	28	13
Lee HS	11	6	17	5	7	57	3	2	*	*	8	63	3	11	45	6
	12	35	29	25	25	80	5	7	100	0	20	45	11	54	37	34
Sharpstown HS	11	20	40	12	13	38	8	6	67	2	11	64	4	31	35	20
	12	11	36	7	9	44	5	6	83	1	8	50	4	17	35	11
Houston ISD	11	235	37	149	342	25	257	155	70	47	279	29	199	490	24	370
	12	520	33	347	776	34	511	224	70	67	676	38	420	1,236	30	871

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