

**MEMORANDUM**

January 21, 2015

TO: Board Members

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Superintendent of Schools

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SUBJECT: **DECEMBER 2014 STAAR END-OF-COURSE PERFORMANCE OF RETESTERS**

Houston Independent School District (HISD) has received the results for the December 2014 administration of the STAAR End-of-Course (EOC) assessments. These exams were administered to eligible students which includes students retesting as a result of a previous failure.

Only students who started high school in 2011–2012 or later are included in the results presented here as these are the students required to pass the exams for graduation. This report disaggregates the data provided by all testers, first time testers, and students who had previously failed the test (retesters). The data presented provides the number of students by subject who passed or failed the STAAR EOC assessment at the Phase I Standard.

**Table 1** shows the number of students tested on each assessment, the number that failed, the average scale scores, and the percent included in each performance category for all students tested. The percent Unsatisfactory (UnSat.) is the percent of students who failed the assessment, and the percent Satisfactory is the percent of students who passed.

Table 1: HISD STAAR and STAAR L Combined EOC Test Results, December 2014 Retest: All Students								
					Did not Pass		Passed	
STAAR EOC Assessment Subject		# Taken	# Failed	Avg. Scale Score	% UnSat.	% Sat.	% Adv.	
Math	Algebra I	3,145	2,311	3,361	73	27	1	
Science	Biology	1,825	1,316	3,363	72	28	0	
History	U.S. History	929	572	3,436	62	38	1	
English <sup>1</sup>	English I	5,732	3,141	3,672	55	45	0	
	English II	4,413	2,384	3,683	54	46	0	

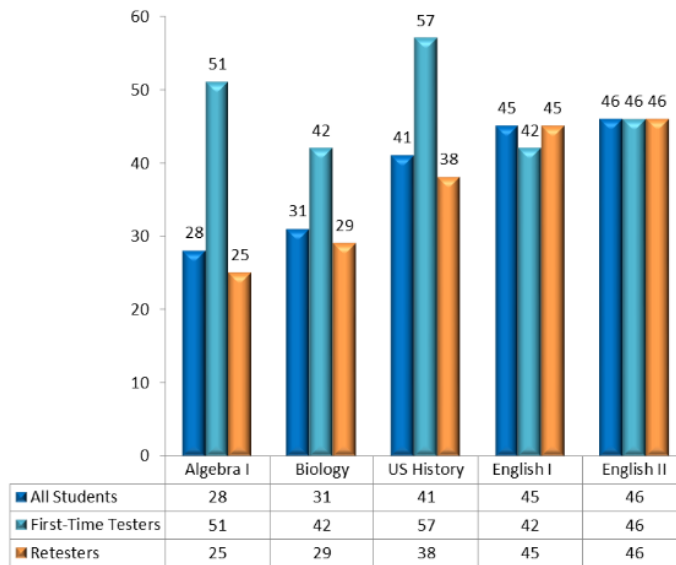
Percentages are rounded – 0% may not indicate that 0 students met the standard.

\* Fewer than 5 students tested.

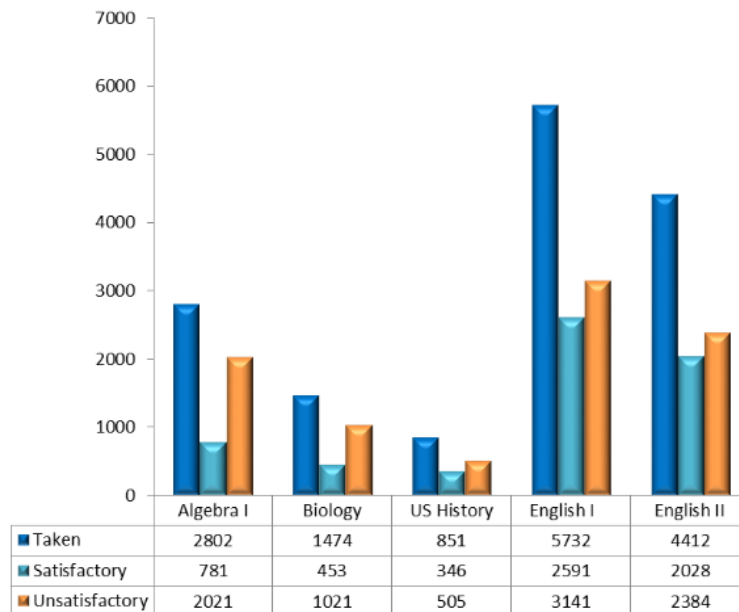
<sup>1</sup> English EOC results do not include STAAR L data.

The percentage of students who achieved Satisfactory on the STAAR EOC (**Figure 1a**) and are shown below. The data is disaggregated by whether the student was a first-time tester or retester. Students who had never taken the EOC assessment prior to fall 2014 are “First-Time Testers.” Students who failed the EOC assessment every time they took it prior to fall 2014 are “Retesters.” The number of students taking the STAAR EOC (**Figure 2a**) and are shown below along with number of students at the Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory performance levels.

**Figure 1a: HISD STAAR EOC Fall 2014 Retest:  
% Satisfactory, by Tester Status**

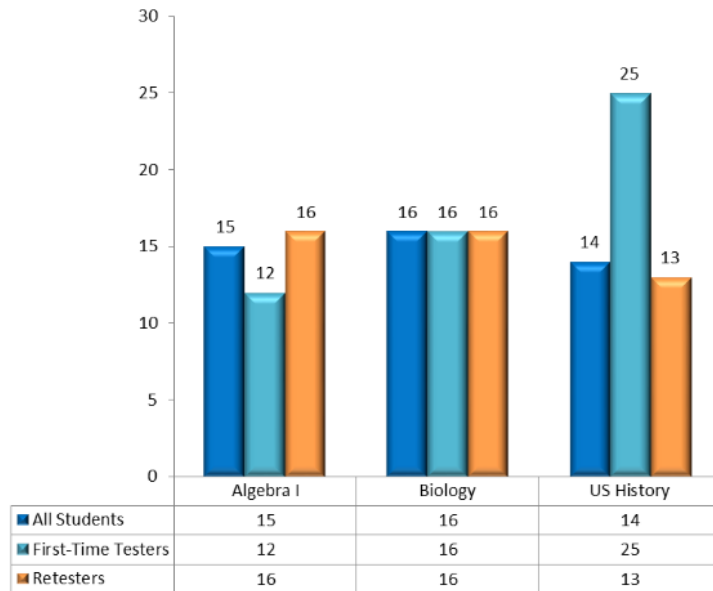


**Figure 2a: HISD STAAR EOC Fall 2014 Retest:  
N Satisfactory, All Students**

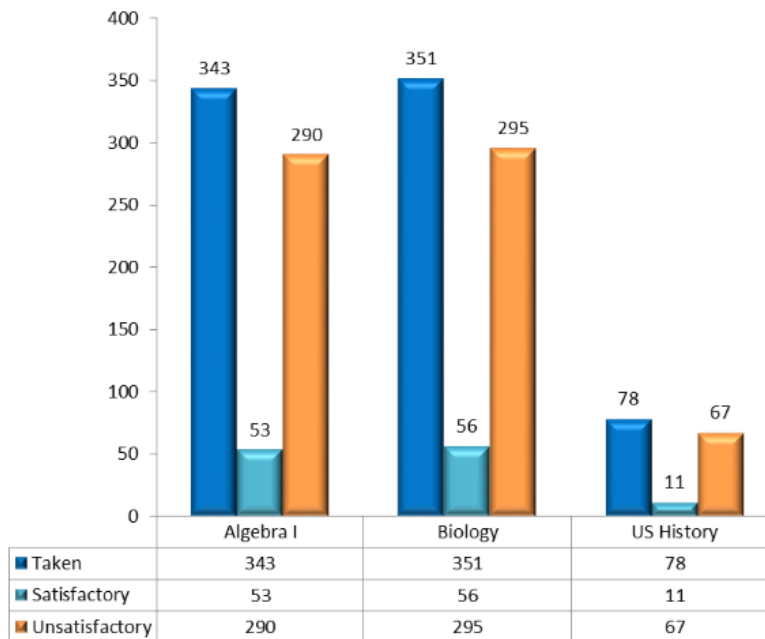


The percentage of students who achieved Satisfactory on the STAAR-L EOC (Figure 1b) and are shown below. The data is disaggregated by whether the student was a first-time tester or retester. Students who had never taken the EOC assessment prior to fall 2014 are “First-Time Testers.” Students who failed the EOC assessment every time they took it prior to fall 2014 are “Retesters.” The number of students taking the STAAR-L EOC (Figure 2b) and are shown below along with number of students at the Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory performance levels.

**Figure 1b: HISD STAAR-L EOC Fall 2014 Retest:  
% Satisfactory, by Tester Status**



**Figure 2b: HISD STAAR-L EOC Fall 2014 Retest:  
N Satisfactory, All Students**



**Tables 2-6** in the **Appendix** show the percent of students who scored at the satisfactory level (including advanced) on each STAAR EOC assessment by secondary campus for all students tested on the retest. Within these figures, the district’s percent of students who scored satisfactory is also indicated. **Table 7** in the **Appendix** provides the number of students assessed for each subject, for each secondary campus.

## **Administrative Response**

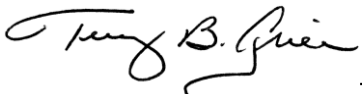
The High School Office (HSO) strategy for improving the results of students who need to pass an EOC Exam includes the following:

- Implementation of a “Powerful Practice” across all content areas to strengthen literacy skills. The Powerful Practice is a literacy practice that can be executed with a high degree of accuracy and high frequency in all content areas.
- Data Doctors program. Each school has a trained Data Doctor who is supported by our Strategist in identifying and monitoring students who need to re-test.
- Several departments have collaborated on an online HUB course that will be available to all EOC testers beginning February 1st.
- Coaching schools on maximizing Power Up resources to increase student access to tutorials and time-on-task.
- Implement math talks and performance tasks in algebra classes so that teachers can begin to pitch their instruction to the right level of rigor.
- School Support Officers (SSO) will ensure more effective execution and monitoring of school specific re-tester plans.

The Secondary Curriculum and Development Office has developed support materials, identified resources, and enhanced practices to help schools and students prepare for success on STAAR EOC tests. For each of the EOC courses, a 20-day EOC-prep curriculum planning guide has been created that addresses the assessed readiness and process standards with which students are most likely to struggle according to districtwide data. In addition, the office has created STAAR-prep writing guides for expository and persuasive writing, as well as a high school writing handbook. All the materials are posted on the PowerUp:HUB and in HISD eLearn.

Additionally, Teacher Development Specialists (TDS) have access to the A4E Data Dashboard and can support examining and interpreting school data. The TDS are prepared to individualize support based on the specific needs of each campus, especially in the areas of using data to drive instruction and helping teachers unpack the standards on which students perform the lowest in order to support planning for effective EOC course instruction and intervention. TDS also provide ongoing support to schools in the areas of Math and ELA Rtl.






































Should you have further questions, please contact my office or Carla Stevens in the Department of Research and Accountability at (713) 556-6700.

  
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## **Attachments**

cc: Superintendent’s Direct Reports  
Chief School Officers  
High School Principals  
Middle School Principals

**Table 2. HISD ALGEBRA I STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Campus, December 2014**

	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	
Energy Inst HS	57	2	98	
E-STEM West HS	8	50	50	
H AIS HS	6	50	50	
Lamar HS	60	57	43	
Bellaire HS	128	58	42	
Sharpstown Intern'l	5	60	40	
Austin HS	84	64	36	
TCAH	196	65	35	
Reagan HS	91	68	32	
Middle College HS - Fraga	24	71	29	
Community Services	7	71	29	
Lee HS	112	71	29	
Washington HS	53	72	28	
Houston MSTC HS	287	72	28	
Mount Carmel Acad HS	18	72	28	
Davis HS	101	72	28	
Furr HS	37	73	27	
Waltrip HS	78	73	27	
Jordan HS	27	74	26	
Wheatley HS	97	74	26	
North Forest HS	160	76	24	
Madison HS	177	77	23	
Sterling HS	146	78	22	
Westbury HS	243	78	22	
Westside HS	105	79	21	
Middle College HS - Gulfon	29	79	21	
Chavez HS	209	79	21	
Scarborough HS	61	80	20	
Sharpstown HS	102	81	19	
Milby HS	112	84	16	
Yates HS	66	85	15	
Worthing HS	70	87	13	
Liberty HS	8	88	13	
Kashmere HS	61	89	11	
AVA	19	89	11	
Reach HS	38	92	8	
Hope Acad HS	46	96	4	
Attucks MS	1	*	*	
Eastwood Acad HS	2	*	*	
Jones HS	1	*	*	
South EC HS	1	*	*	
HSPVA	3	*	*	
Leland YMCPA	3	*	*	
Long Acad	3	*	*	
LECJ HS	3	*	*	







































\*Data is masked for fewer than 5 students

**Table 3. HISD BIOLOGY STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Campus, December 2014**

	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	
Mount Carmel Acad HS	5	40	60	
TCAH	76	47	53	
Furr HS	29	52	48	
Lamar HS	42	52	48	
Sharpstown Intern'l	7	57	43	
Madison HS	96	58	42	
Jordan HS	10	60	40	
Middle College HS - Fraga	24	63	38	
Sharpstown HS	59	63	37	
Reagan HS	38	63	37	
Milby HS	109	63	37	
Sterling HS	65	65	35	
Washington HS	19	68	32	
Waltrip HS	43	70	30	
Scarborough HS	34	71	29	
Austin HS	101	71	29	
Chavez HS	134	75	25	
Bellaire HS	52	75	25	
Westbury HS	142	75	25	
Davis HS	49	76	24	
Wheatley HS	83	76	24	
Middle College HS - Gulfton	13	77	23	
Houston MSTC HS	139	78	22	
Kashmere HS	26	81	19	
Yates HS	26	81	19	
Lee HS	104	83	17	
Worthing HS	61	84	16	
AVA	13	85	15	
North Forest HS	109	85	15	
Hope Acad HS	28	86	14	
Westside HS	58	86	14	
Reach HS	17	88	12	
Community Services	4	*	*	
Energy Inst HS	1	*	*	
E-STEM West HS	2	*	*	
H AIS HS	1	*	*	
Liberty HS	3	*	*	
Long Acad	3	*	*	

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**Table 4. HISD ENGLISH I STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Campus, December 2014**

	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	
HAIS HS	6	0	100	
Long Acad	15	7	93	
LECJ HS	6	33	67	
Mount Carmel Acad HS	21	33	67	
Sharpstown Intern'l	31	35	65	
TCAH	216	36	64	
Middle College HS - Fraga	44	36	64	
Yates HS	135	38	62	
Energy Inst HS	12	42	58	
E-STEM West HS	14	43	57	
Jordan HS	43	44	56	
Lamar HS	127	46	54	
Washington HS	88	47	53	
Reagan HS	143	48	52	
Bellaire HS	199	51	49	
Furr HS	122	51	49	
Davis HS	206	52	48	
Sharpstown HS	186	53	47	
Houston MSTC HS	482	53	47	
Waltrip HS	172	54	46	
Madison HS	298	55	45	
Milby HS	316	55	45	
Westbury HS	398	56	44	
Chavez HS	464	56	44	
Community Services	7	57	43	
Kashmere HS	110	57	43	
Wheatley HS	185	57	43	
Austin HS	273	58	42	
Westside HS	196	58	42	
Sterling HS	249	61	39	
Worthing HS	119	64	36	
North Forest HS	273	64	36	
Lee HS	281	67	33	
Scarborough HS	98	67	33	
Hope Acad HS	65	71	29	
Reach HS	61	75	25	
AVA	27	78	22	
Middle College HS - Gulfton	32	81	19	
East EC HS	1	*	*	
E-STEM Central HS	1	*	*	
Leland YMCPA	1	*	*	
Liberty HS	3	*	*	
South EC HS	2	*	*	
YWCPA	4	*	*	

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**Table 5. HISD ENGLISH II STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Campus, December 2014**

	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	
E-STEM West HS	9	11	89	
LECJ HS	7	14	86	
YWCPA	6	17	83	
Long Acad	14	29	71	
Mount Carmel Acad HS	14	29	71	
TCAH	148	30	70	
Middle College HS - Fraga	20	30	70	
Community Services	6	33	67	
Jordan HS	46	37	63	
Lamar HS	118	39	61	
Reagan HS	154	48	52	
Waltrip HS	156	48	52	
Chavez HS	339	48	52	
Austin HS	214	50	50	
Houston MSTC HS	374	52	48	
Sharpstown Intern'l	27	52	48	
Madison HS	239	52	48	
Westbury HS	327	53	47	
Sterling HS	177	54	46	
Yates HS	78	55	45	
Davis HS	163	55	45	
Sharpstown HS	170	56	44	
Westside HS	139	56	44	
Bellaire HS	137	56	44	
Furr HS	91	57	43	
Lee HS	200	59	42	
Kashmere HS	91	59	41	
Wheatley HS	145	60	40	
Milby HS	230	62	38	
Scarborough HS	57	65	35	
Worthing HS	99	66	34	
Reach HS	49	67	33	
North Forest HS	192	68	32	
Washington HS	54	76	24	
Middle College HS - Gulfton	24	83	17	
AVA	46	85	15	
Hope Acad HS	45	87	13	
Eastwood Acad HS	1	*	*	
H AIS HS	1	*	*	
Leland YMCPA	1	*	*	
Liberty HS	1	*	*	
North Houston EC HS	2	*	*	
South EC HS	2	*	*	

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**Table 6. HISD US HISTORY STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Campus, December 2014**

	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)
Westside HS	22	32	68	
Bellaire HS	25	40	60	
Kashmere HS	10	40	60	
Madison HS	31	42	58	
Yates HS	7	43	57	
TCAH	26	46	54	
Houston MSTC HS	72	47	53	
Milby HS	31	48	52	
Waltrip HS	82	57	43	
Lamar HS	33	58	42	
Reagan HS	41	59	41	
Lee HS	39	59	41	
Westbury HS	59	63	37	
Chavez HS	99	65	35	
Sharpstown HS	39	67	33	
Davis HS	29	69	31	
AVA	17	71	29	
Worthing HS	19	74	26	
Wheatley HS	47	74	26	
Furr HS	21	76	24	
Reach HS	34	76	24	
Sterling HS	43	79	21	
Middle College HS - Gulfton	5	80	20	
Scarborough HS	15	80	20	
North Forest HS	28	82	18	
Austin HS	25	84	16	
Washington HS	7	86	14	
Hope Acad HS	8	88	13	
Carnegie HS	2	*	*	
DeBaKey HS	3	*	*	
HAIS HS	1	*	*	
HSPVA	1	*	*	
Jordan HS	2	*	*	
LECJ HS	1	*	*	
Middle College HS - Fraga	1	*	*	
Mount Carmel Acad HS	2	*	*	
Sharpstown Intern'l	2	*	*	

Table 7. HISD STAAR EOC Retest Results (All Students) by Subject and Campus, December 2014

	Algebra I				Biology				English I				English II				U.S. History			
	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Adv	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Adv	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Adv	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Adv	Test N	% Unsat (PH-1)	% Sat (PH-1)	% Adv
Attucks MS	1	*	*	*																
Austin HS	84	64	36	0	101	71	29	0	273	58	42	0	214	50	50	0	25	84	16	0
AVA	19	89	11	0	13	85	15	0	27	78	22	0	46	85	15	0	17	71	29	0
Bellaire HS	128	58	42	6	52	75	25	0	199	51	49	1	137	56	44	0	25	40	60	8
Chavez HS	209	79	21	0	134	75	25	0	464	56	44	0	339	48	52	0	99	65	35	0
Community Services	7	71	29	0	4	*	*	*	7	57	43	0	6	33	67	0				
Davis HS	101	72	28	0	49	76	24	0	206	52	48	0	163	55	45	0	29	69	31	0
E-STEM West HS	8	50	50	13	2	*	*	*	14	43	57	0	9	11	89	0				
Eastwood Acad HS	2	*	*	*									1	*	*	*				
Energy Inst HS	57	2	98	19	1	*	*	*	12	42	58	0								
Furr HS	37	73	27	3	29	52	48	0	122	51	49	0	91	57	43	0	21	76	24	0
H AIS HS	6	50	50	50	1	*	*	*	6	0	100	0	1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*
Hope Acad HS	46	96	4	0	28	86	14	0	65	71	29	0	45	87	13	0	8	88	13	0
Houston MSTC HS	287	72	28	0	139	78	22	0	482	53	47	0	374	52	48	0	72	47	53	0
HSPVA	3	*	*	*													1	*	*	*
Jones HS	1	*	*	*																
Jordan HS	27	74	26	0	10	60	40	0	43	44	56	2	46	37	63	0	2	100	0	0
Kashmere HS	61	89	11	0	26	81	19	0	110	57	43	0	91	59	41	0	10	40	60	0
Lamar HS	60	57	43	2	42	52	48	0	127	46	54	0	118	39	61	1	33	58	42	0
LECH HS	3	*	*	*					6	33	67	0	7	14	86	0	1	*	*	*
Lee HS	112	71	29	0	104	83	17	0	281	67	33	0	200	59	42	0	39	59	41	0
Leland YMCPA	3	*	*	*					1	*	*	*	1	*	*	*				
Liberty HS	8	88	13	0	3	*	*	*	3	100	0	0	1	*	*	*				
Long Acad	3	*	*	*	3	*	*	*	15	7	93	0	14	29	71	0				
Madison HS	177	77	23	0	96	58	42	0	298	55	45	0	239	52	48	0	31	42	58	0
Middle College HS - Fraga	24	71	29	0	24	63	38	0	44	36	64	0	20	30	70	0	1	*	*	*
Middle College HS - Gulfon	29	79	21	0	13	77	23	0	32	81	19	0	24	83	17	0	5	80	20	0
Milby HS	112	84	16	0	109	63	37	0	316	55	45	0	230	62	38	0	31	48	52	0
Mount Carmel Acad HS	18	72	28	0	5	40	60	0	21	33	67	0	14	29	71	0	2	*	*	*
North Forest HS	160	76	24	0	109	85	15	0	273	64	36	0	192	68	32	0	28	82	18	0
Reach HS	38	92	8	0	17	88	12	0	61	75	25	0	49	67	33	0	34	76	24	0
Reagan HS	91	68	32	0	38	63	37	0	143	48	52	1	154	48	52	1	41	59	41	0
Scarborough HS	61	80	20	0	34	71	29	0	98	67	33	0	57	65	35	0	15	80	20	0
Sharpstown HS	102	81	19	1	59	63	37	0	186	53	47	0	170	56	44	0	39	67	33	0
Sharpstown Intern'l	5	60	40	0	7	57	43	0	31	35	65	6	27	52	48	0	2	*	*	*
South EC HS	1	*	*	*					2	*	*	*	2	*	*	*				
Sterling HS	146	78	22	0	65	65	35	0	249	61	39	0	177	54	46	0	43	79	21	0
TCAH	196	65	35	0	76	47	53	0	216	36	64	0	148	30	70	1	26	46	54	4
Waltrip HS	78	73	27	1	43	70	30	0	172	54	46	0	156	48	52	1	82	57	43	0
Washington HS	53	72	28	0	19	68	32	0	88	47	53	0	54	76	24	0	7	86	14	0
Westbury HS	243	78	22	0	142	75	25	0	398	56	44	0	327	53	47	0	59	63	37	0
Westside HS	105	79	21	1	58	86	14	0	196	58	42	0	139	56	44	0	22	32	68	0
Wheatley HS	97	74	26	0	83	76	24	0	185	57	43	1	145	60	40	0	47	74	26	0
Worthing HS	70	87	13	0	61	84	16	0	119	64	36	0	99	66	34	0	19	74	26	0
Yates HS	66	85	15	0	26	81	19	0	135	38	62	0	78	55	45	0	7	43	57	0
E-STEM Central HS									1	*	*	*								
East EC HS									1	*	*	*								
YWCPA									4	*	*	*	6	17	83	0				
North Houston EC HS													2	*	*	*				
Carnegie HS																	2	*	*	*
DeBakey HS																	3	*	*	*