



# North East Independent School District

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Associate Superintendent/Chief  
Instructional Officer

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Students in grades 3 - 11 must meet the requirements of the state mandated assessment program, the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS). The TAKS test will assess the following subjects and grade levels:

<i>Grade Levels Tested with State Assessment</i>									
Subject Area	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Reading	√	√	√	√	√	√	√		
Writing		√			√				
English/Language Arts								√	√
Mathematics	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Science			√			√		√	√
Social Studies						√		√	√

In addition to the state assessment program passed by the 76<sup>th</sup> Legislature, the Student Success Initiative (SSI) requires that students pass part(s) of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) in order to be promoted to the next grade level. **Recent legislation (2009) has repealed the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade SSI requirement. SSI now applies only to Grades 5 & 8.**

Effective Date:	Grade Levels:	Passing Tests Required for Promotion:
<b>Repealed HB3</b>	<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>Reading</b>
Currently in place	Grade 5	Reading & Math
Currently in place	Grade 8	Reading & Math

Students scheduled for graduation will be responsible for meeting the state requirement of passing the Grade 11 Exit Level TAKS. This test will be comprised of four subtests: English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies. The Exit Level TAKS will be administered in the spring of the student's 11<sup>th</sup> grade year. Once a subtest has been passed it need not be retaken. Students will be afforded five (5) opportunities to pass the Grade 11 Exit Level TAKS prior to graduation. Any student who passes all subtests of the Exit Level TAKS prior to graduation will be permitted to participate in the commencement ceremony as long as all other specific course credit requirements have been met.

Our goal is to ensure academic achievement of the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills at every grade level so that all students will succeed at the next grade level. I hope this information benefits you as you work with us in helping your child to learn the skills necessary for successful school and life experiences. If you have any questions, please contact your student's school principal.

Sincerely,

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Associate Superintendent/Chief Instructional Officer

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