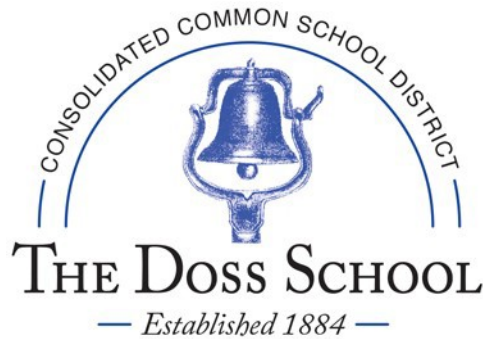


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Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant

October 2021

Parent Notification of Texas Assessment Program Updates for 2021-2022
State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR)

Parents/Guardians of **Grade 3 – 8 Students:**

Student Name: _____

This letter is to inform you of the updates to the Texas Assessment Program for the 2021-2022 school year. Passed in the 87th Regular Legislative Session, House Bill (HB) 4545 eliminated the Student Success Initiative (SSI) grade retention and retesting requirements for grades 5 and 8 mathematics and Reading. As a result, there will be only one administration of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR). This administration will be in May to coincide with the administration of the other STAAR grades 3 – 8 assessments. A summary of STAAR assessment dates is found on a pamphlet attached to this letter.

In addition, HB 4545 established new requirements for districts to provide accelerated instruction for any student who did not achieve a passing score on a STAAR assessment. Accelerated instruction entails either: 1) assigning a classroom teacher who is a certified master, or 2) delivering supplemental instruction (e.g., tutoring) before or after school, embedded in the school day, or in the summer. Accelerated instruction must be provided for no less than 30 hours total. If a student does not pass both math and reading STAAR, they will need to meet the 30-hour requirement for each of the two subjects.

Please note that these testing requirements are part of an overall system of support for student academic achievement, including:

- ✓ **evaluation of student needs** at grades that precede STAAR grades and academic support for students who need more instruction.
- ✓ **ongoing evaluation of student progress** during the school year with help provided to all students with identified academic weaknesses.
- ✓ **other instruction** after the administration of a diagnostic for students who do not meet the passing standard on a subject-area test.
- ✓ **an accelerated instruction plan** for the next school year for every student who did not meet the passing standard.

HB 4545 recognizes and supports the vital role parents play in raising children. We also recognize and acknowledge the key role you play in their education. We are incredibly pleased with the progress our students made on the STAAR assessments administered in the Spring of 2021. We look forward to continuing learning and mastery for all students, so we ask you to remain in close contact with myself and the classroom teachers, Mrs. Sattler, and Mr. Neffendorf. **Please sign and return a copy of this notification.**

Sincerely,
Pam Seipp, Administrative Consultant

Enclosure (1): STAAR Pamphlet

I acknowledge that I have received this parental notification of the Texas HB 4545 Requirements:

Printed name of parent or guardian _____

Signature/date of signature _____

Please return acknowledgement to school!