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## Revised Promotion Standards for the 2014-2015 School Year

Parents and Guardians of HISD Students,

In order for HISD students to move to the next grade level, they must show that they have reached HISD's "Promotion Standards" - The State of Texas requires of all public school children. These standards generally include classroom grades and a local or state test.

The Texas Education Agency has made substantial revisions to the state mathematics curriculum- the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) for Kindergarten through grade 8. In response to these revisions the HISD Board of Education has suspended relevant portions of local policy such that the STAAR Math assessment will still be administered; however the STAAR Math assessment results will **not** be a condition for promotion for the 2014-15 school year.

In addition to local and state promotion requirements, the Texas Legislature created The Student Success Initiative (SSI) to ensure that students receive the instruction and support they need to be academically successful in reading and mathematics. Under SSI, students in 5th and 8th grade must pass the STAAR reading test. However, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade STAAR Math assessment results will **not** be a condition under SSI promotion for the 2014-15 school year.

The Houston Independent School District (HISD) standards for promotion:

| Grade Level | Promotion Standards  |
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| 1 and 2     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass <b>High Frequency Word Test</b> – Recognizing and reading words that appear very often in written and spoken language.</li> <li>State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.</li> <li>Students must have sufficient attendance*</li> </ul>   |
| 3, 4 and 5  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students must pass <b>STAAR</b> (State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness) in reading. <b>The STAAR Math assessment will still be administrated; however STAAR Math results are NOT a promotion standard this year</b></li> <li>State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above and local requirement of an average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.</li> <li>Students must have sufficient attendance*</li> </ul> |

\*Sufficient attendance: A student's total number of unexcused absences cannot exceed 10% of class meetings.

For English Language Learners, the Grade Placement Committee (GPC) in consultation with the Language Proficiency Assessment Committee (LPAC) will determine promotion standards.

For students with disabilities, the campus ARD/IEP committee will determine the promotion status based on mastery of IEP goals and objectives and /or course requirements.

***If your child does not meet Promotion Standards, your school will contact you for further opportunities to receive additional instruction.***