




# College Station Independent School District

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Eddie Coulson, Superintendent

From: Dr. Clark Ealy, Deputy Superintendent for Administrative Services 

Date: June 13, 2012

Subject: 2012 Preliminary TAKS and STAAR EOC Report

Agenda Item: K-3

Board Priority/  
District Goal: Priorities A, B and C: Goals 1, 2, 4 and 5

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## BACKGROUND

The 2011-2012 school year is the first year for the transition from the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test to the new State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness (STAAR). Students in 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade are still under the TAKS system and must pass all four sections of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade (Exit Level) TAKS test to graduate.

Students in grades nine and below are under the new STAAR system. Students in grades 3-8 took the STAAR assessments for the first time this year in the same grade levels and subject areas that TAKS used to cover. Districts across the state have received raw score data for individual students in grades 3-8, but no passing rate data is available. The Texas Education Agency will not determine the passing rates for all STAAR tests in grades 3-8 until October. Summary reports for performance in grades 3-8 will be available in January 2013.

Grade nine students and below must now pass 12 end of course assessments to be able to graduate. These ninth graders took end of course assessments for the first time this fall. Middle school students who are taking high school end of course exams (Algebra I or Geometry) were also assessed with the new STAAR EOC tests this spring.

## RECOMMENDATION – REPORT ONLY

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of College Station ISD receive a report summarizing the preliminary results on the 2012 TAKS test for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and STAAR EOC results for 9<sup>th</sup> grade and middle school students enrolled in high school EOC courses.

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