

College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Mike Martindale, Superintendent *MM*
From: Dr. Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer *P.T.*
Date: September 16, 2021
Subject: Waiver Regarding 7th Grade Assessment
Agenda Item: H-5.

BACKGROUND

The Texas Education Code §28.006(c-1) requires each school district to administer at the beginning of 7th grade, a reading instrument adopted by the commissioner to each student whose performance on the grade 6 STAAR reading assessment did not demonstrate reading proficiency.

The commissioner has adopted the following assessments and LEAs are required to use one of these reading diagnostic instruments.

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- Istation's Indicators of Progress, Advanced Reading (ISIP-AR)
- Reading Analysis and Prescription System (RAPS 360)
- Texas Middle School Fluency Assessment (TMFSA)
- Woodcock Johnson III Diagnostic Reading Battery (WJ III DRB)

Districts may request a one time waiver to use another instrument for the 2021-2022 school year. Due to the time it would take to administer some of these assessments on an individual basis, CSISD is requesting the board approve a one time waiver to give these assessments and instead, approve the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment to serve as the assessment to drive individualized instruction for our 7th grade students who did not meet expectations on STAAR. This request was approved by the District Education Improvement Council (DEIC) on September 8, 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the CSISD Board of Trustees approve a one time waiver to have the MAP test serve as the 7th grade required assessment for the 2021-2022 school year.