

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Percentage passing increases; commended levels are high as well**

The preliminary results are in and Comal ISD students continue to improve their performance as measured on the annual Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) tests. In fact, the percentage passing each test, when summed across all grade levels, improved by one or two percentage points each with the exception of the percentage passing writing which remained at 95 percent.

The percentage reaching the commended level continues to improve as well. To be commended, students could not miss more than a few questions on a test (the number varies by test).

“We are pleased with the results,” says Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent. “Our teachers and students continue to excel and go above and beyond the state TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) curriculum which gives our students an extra leg up on the test.”

When all grade levels taking a test are summed together, the following are the preliminary results for each content area. Typically, all content area scores increase 1 to 2 percentage points after the October PEIMS “snapshot” is taken into account.

- **Math** — 86 percent passed (includes only 1<sup>st</sup> administration of 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade test) compared to 84 percent in 2007
- **Science** — 85 percent passed compared to 84 percent in 2007
- **Reading/English Language Arts** — 95 percent passed compared to 93 percent in 2007
- **Writing** — 95 percent passed compared to 95 percent in 2007
- **Social Studies** — 96 percent passed compared to 95 percent in 2007

“We are excited about our improvement and we are anxiously awaiting our school and district ratings which we will receive this summer,” states Walker.

**Comal ISD Percentage Passing Rate — All Students**

	READING/ELA	WRITING	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
3 <sup>rd</sup>	97		90		
4 <sup>th</sup>	90	95	93		
5 <sup>th</sup>	97		93	92	
6 <sup>th</sup>	97		90		
7 <sup>th</sup>	95	95	90		
8 <sup>th</sup>	98		86	85	98
9 <sup>th</sup>	92		71		
10 <sup>th</sup>	91		75	76	92
11 <sup>th</sup>	96		85	89	97

**Comal ISD Percentage Summed Across All Grade Levels — All Students**

READING/ELA	WRITING	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
95	95	86	85	96

**Comal ISD Percentage Earning Commended Level — All Students**

READING/ELA	WRITING	MATH	SCIENCE	SOCIAL STUDIES
43	45	34	33	49