

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Comal ISD meets 2009-10 federal AYP standards**

For the eighth consecutive year, preliminary results show Comal ISD has met the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) standards required by the annual federal evaluation system under the No Child Left Behind Act. In addition, 100 percent of the district's schools also met AYP for the third year in a row. Statewide, 78 percent of the schools met the federal standard. Official results will be released in the fall.

Comal ISD received this news shortly after learning that 12 campuses earned an "Exemplary" rating and the district and 10 more campuses earned a "Recognized" rating and from the TEA (Texas Education Agency) based on student performance on the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) tests. The federal AYP system is different from the TEA accountability system (TAKS tests).

"Every year, our accountability (TAKS) and federal evaluation (AYP) systems change with increasing passing rates and more challenging material for our teachers to teach and our students to learn," said Comal ISD Superintendent Dr. Marc Walker. "And every year, our students continue to outperform the state standards. We are very proud of the hard work and dedication of our students and staff, and we thank our parents and community for their continued support."

AYP ratings are based on various indicators including participation and passing rates on state mathematics and reading/English language arts tests for grades 3-8 and 10; graduation rates for high schools and districts; and attendance rates for elementary and middle schools.

Data for all students and each student subgroup (African American, Hispanic, white, economically disadvantaged, special education, and limited English proficient) are analyzed, and at least 95 percent of students have to be tested on each test. Comal ISD had 100 percent participation rates on the reading/English language arts and math tests, and all students (grades 3-8 and 10) exceeded the required passing standards for both tests.

At least 73 percent of the tested students must pass the reading/English language arts test, which is a six percent increase from last year's 67 percent

passing standard. This year, 94 percent of all Comal ISD students mastered the test. On the math test, at least 67 percent of the tested students have to pass (58 percent passing standard last year), and 91 percent of Comal ISD students mastered the TAKS math test (up from 88 percent last year).

The 2009 graduation rate was 91.1 percent, which is up from 88.1 percent in 2008. The required federal graduation percentage to meet AYP is 75 percent (70 percent graduation standard in 2008). All Comal ISD middle and elementary schools exceed the attendance rate standard, which is 90 percent for each campus, by five percent or more.

The AYP system imposes sanctions on schools and districts that miss AYP for the same reason for two or more years in a row. No Comal ISD schools fall into this category.

To review all of the preliminary AYP reports for Comal ISD and its schools, visit [http://www.comalisd.org/About\\_Us/AYP.asp](http://www.comalisd.org/About_Us/AYP.asp).

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