

# Comal Independent School District

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Comal ISD 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders do well on 1<sup>st</sup> administration of math TAKS exam**

The preliminary TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) scores are in and 94 percent of Comal Independent School District's fifth-graders, and 89 percent of its eighth-graders passed their math test the first time. In addition, Comal ISD students exceeded the state-passing rate at both grade levels.

Students in fifth and eighth grade must pass the math and reading exams in order to advance to the next grade in 2009-10.

Comal ISD's fifth-grade student math test scores were up 1 percent over last year, and scores of the district's eighth-grade students were up 2 percent over last year.

The state percentage-passing rate in fifth grade was 84 percent, and eighth grade's was 79 percent.

"Our students continue to outperform their peers from past years, and students from other districts statewide," said Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent. "We are very proud of them!"

Sixty percent of Comal ISD's fifth-graders, and only 44 percent of students statewide, reached the high mastery level known as commended performance.

Students who perform at this level miss no more than one or two questions on the math test.

At the eighth-grade level, 30 percent of the district's students passed the exam at the commended level. Statewide, 24 percent received commended status.

Students not passing the first administration of math at these two grade levels have two more opportunities — on May 21 and June 30.

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