

Comal Independent School District

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Comal ISD 3rd and 5th graders do it again — they outperform their peers across the state on TAKS reading exam

The preliminary TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) scores are in and Comal Independent School District's third- and fifth-graders continue to outperform their peers across the state on the first administration of the TAKS reading test. Comal ISD students also did very well at the higher mastery level, called the commended performance level.

"Congratulations to our students and teachers," says Dr. Marc Walker, superintendent. "All of their efforts are paying off and they have been working so hard. We are proud of them."

At the third-grade level, 92 percent of Comal's third-graders passed the reading test the first time in February. They must pass the exam in order to advance to the fourth grade. The percent passing is a slight decrease, however, over last year due to more inclusive testing. At the state level, 89 percent of the third-grade students passed the test.

Even better, 49 percent of Comal ISD's third-graders reached the high performance level known as commended performance. Students who perform at this level miss no more than two questions on the reading test. At the state level, 36 percent of them earned commended performance.

Fifth-graders also must pass the TAKS reading exam in order to advance to the sixth grade. In Comal ISD, 89 percent of them passed the exam, the same as last year, and 31 percent of them reached the commended level.

Only 82 percent of the state's fifth-graders passed the reading exam the first time around and only 25 percent of them reached the commended level. Third- and fifth-graders that did not pass the reading test in February have two more opportunities — April 18 and June 27.

In addition, fifth-graders must pass the TAKS math test to be promoted to sixth grade. They will take the math test on April 3.

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