

Comal Independent School District

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TAKS tests scheduled for Mar. 4 primary election day rescheduled

No TAKS tests in Comal ISD, or anywhere else in the state of Texas will be given on March 4, which is primary election day.

The tests scheduled for March 4 will be taken on March 5. They are the reading, writing, or English language arts tests in grades 3-5 and 7-11.

Three of the four exit level retests—English language arts, mathematics, and science—will be administered one day later but in the same order as originally scheduled.

The exit-level TAKS social studies exam, which was originally scheduled for Friday, March 7, will be moved to Monday, March 3.

“By moving testing dates, we can preserve schools as polling places and maintain a calm, quiet, secure testing environment for our students,” Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said.

The commissioner decided to change the testing calendar after consulting with many superintendents, testing coordinators and education service center directors.

Many schools are used as polling places.

For the first time, a testing date and election day coincided because of three changes in the law.

Lawmakers moved the March election day up by one week. Another law pushed the start date for schools back to late August and, because of that change, a third bill required testing to occur two weeks later than it did during the 2006-2007 school year.

About 2.6 million students in grades 3-5, 7-11, and any senior who has not met testing requirements for graduation will take the TAKS during this week.