

LD IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

STUDENT SUCCESS INCENTIVE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

LAKE DALLAS ISD'S THREE -TIER STUDENT SUCCESS INCENTIVE is a unique program ensuring success for all students in our district.

The program takes into account successful performance on all portions of the state assessment and current promotion standards and offers an early end-of-school date, MAY 22nd, for students meeting those requirements. Classes will continue through June 9 with small group and one-on-one instruction for students needing further assistance to meet promotional standards. Those students who have not met promotional standards after June 9, will be required to attend Summer School from June 15—July 24.

AS PARENT/GUARDIAN, YOU CAN ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- ◆ Encourage your child to develop good study habits
- ◆ Note test dates on your home calendar.
- ◆ Make sure your child gets a good night's rest and eats a normal breakfast before testing.
- ◆ Encourage your child to do the best work possible.
- ◆ Confer with teachers on a regular basis for progress reports.
- ◆ Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework and class study.
- ◆ Do not send your child to school if illness is apparent.
- ◆ Praise your child for work done well.

TIER I

The last day of school for students who passed all portions of their state assessments and met all promotion standards will be MAY 22, 2009.

TIER II

Students who have not yet met all promotion standards will be required to attend classes featuring small group and one-on-one instruction. The last day of school for students meeting all promotion standards after Tier II will be JUNE 9, 2009.

TIER III

Students who have not met promotion standards after the second tier will be required to attend Summer School from JUNE 15 — JULY 24, 2009.

PROMOTION STANDARDS

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Teachers make recommendations for promotion based on:

- ◆ Mastery of Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS)
- ◆ Social development and work habits

GRADES 1-8

- ◆ Promotion to the next grade level shall be based on an overall average of 70 on a scale of 100 based on course-level, grade-level standards (essential knowledge and skills) for all subject areas;
- ◆ A grade of 70 or above in three of the following areas: language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.
- ◆ Students in grades 3, 5, and 8 must meet the passing standard established by the State Board on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in the subjects required under state law in order to be promoted to the next grade listed below:
Grade 3: Reading
Grade 5: Reading and Mathematics
Grade 8: Reading and Mathematics

GRADES 9-12

- ◆ Grade-level advancement for students in grades 9-12 shall be earned by course credits.
- ◆ Credits required for grade level classification:
SOPHOMORE (10th) - 6 to 11.5 credits entering second year in an accredited high school
JUNIOR (11th) - 12 to 17.5 credits and entering third year in an accredited high school
SENIORS (12th) - 18 or more credits, entering at least third year in an accredited high school, and declaring to graduate during the current school year
- ◆ GRADE 12: Student must meet all the local graduation requirements and passing standards established by the State Board on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies.

MASTERY OF ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

Mastery shall be determined as follows:

- ◆ Course assignments and unit evaluation shall be used to determine student grades in a subject. An average of 70 or higher shall be considered a passing grade.
- ◆ Mastery of the skills necessary for success at the next level shall be validated by assessments that may either be incorporated into unit or final exams or may be administered separately.

Mastery of at least 70 percent of the objectives shall be required.

2009 TESTING DATES

DATE	TEST	GRADE
March 3	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Reading	3,5,8,9
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Writing	4,7
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A ESL	10, Exit
April 6	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A LAT Math	5,8
April 7	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Mathematics	5,8
April 27	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A LAT Math	3,4,6,7,10
April 28	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A LAT Reading	3,4,5,6,7,8
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A LAT ELA	10
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Mathematics	3,4,6,7,10
April 29	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Reading	4,6,7,Exit
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Reading Retest	3,5,8
April 30	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Science	5,8,10,Exit
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Mathematics	9
May 1	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A LAT Science	5,8,10
	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Social Studies	8,10,Exit
May 19	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Math Retest	5,8
June 30	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Math Retest	5,8
July 1	TAKS/TAKS-M/TAKS-A Reading Retest	3,5,8

TAKS Modified (TAKS M)

TAKS Accommodated (TAKS A)

Linguistically Accommodated Testing (LAT)