

AMENDMENT 2011-2012 Secondary School Information Guide

Date: September 30, 2011

Subject: Student Success Initiative Grade Promotion

Regarding: Correction to English/Language Arts and Reading and Mathematics Student Success Initiative

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1. The strike out below indicates a **deletion** on page 22 under the courses titled “English/Language Arts and Reading” and “Mathematics”

~~In 2011-2012, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) and will replace TAKS for grades 3-8 reading. Mandated by House Bill 3 in the 2009 legislative process, the grades 3-8 STAAR reading assessments must be linked from grade-to-grade to the performance expectations for the English III End-of-Course assessments. Students who fail the grades 3-8 STAAR reading assessments are required to receive remediation.~~

In addition, the strike out below is a deletion under the section “GRADE 8 – MATHEMATICS” of the same page.

Within a well-balanced mathematics curriculum, the primary focal points at Grade 8 are using basic principles of algebra to analyze and represent both proportional and non-proportional linear relationships and using probability to describe data and make predictions. ~~NOTE: 8th graders must pass 8th grade Mathematics TAKS to be promoted to high school mathematics courses. A Grade Placement Committee (parent, principal and teacher) will determine promotion/retention based on TAKS, course grades and attendance criteria.~~

Because there will be no STAAR performance standards set by Texas Education Agency for grades 3-8 in the 2011-2012 school year until fall 2012, students cannot be held subject to the Student Success Initiative (SSI) for this year. Therefore, there is no SSI requirement for the 2011-2012 school year. Districts will make promotions based upon other academic information (teacher recommendations and student grades) in promotion decisions.