TAKS Reading Grades 3-8: 2009 and Beyond

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Overview of Presentation

- 2009 TAKS Results: Reading Grades 3-8
- Recent Changes to Student Success Initiative
- New ELA/R TEKS
- Educator Focus/Advisory Committee Meetings
- Calendar of Events:2009-2012
- Contact Information

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TAKS Reading Scores

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
3rd	88/35*	89/37	89/43	89/36	88/38	89/46
4th	81/25	79/23	82/20	84/30	83/25	84/29
5th	73/25	75/23	80/22	82/25	83/29	83/30

*Commended

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TAKS Reading Scores

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
6th	79/28*	85/39	91/39	92/51	91/45	91/43
7th	75/19	81/21	79/21	85/25	84/30	84/29
8th	83/22	83/37	83/36	89/42	92/51	93/48

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House Bill 3

Student Success Initiative

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HB 3 requires districts to consider all of the following in determining whether a student should be promoted to the next grade:

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- The recommendation of the student's teacher
- The student's grade in each subject or course
- The student's score on the TAKS (English or Spanish) in grades 3-8 or an alternate assessment under §39.023(b) or (l)
- Any other necessary academic information

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HB 3 amends §28.021 to require the following:

- The removal of the SSI grade 3 requirement that students pass the TAKS reading assessment in order to be eligible for promotion to grade 4
- Accelerated instruction in the applicable subject area for students who fail a TAKS assessment in grades 3-8
- Students who fail the reading or mathematics TAKS in grade 5 or grade 8 and who are promoted to the next grade level to complete the required accelerated instruction as a condition of promotion

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HB 3 amends §28.021 to require the following:

- A grade 5 or 8 student who is promoted by a grade placement committee be assigned to a teacher in the next grade who meets all state and federal qualifications to teach the subject in which the student failed the TAKS
- School districts to make public the requirements for student advancement by the start of the school year 2009-2010

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Other provisions of HB 3

- The commissioner must provide the following to districts:
  - Guidelines based on best practices for use in considering factors for promotion
  - Guidelines on research-based best practices and effective strategies for use in developing an accelerated instruction program

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Student Success Initiative-

Student Assessment Resources

- Grade Placement Manual
- Parent Guides
- Flowcharts
- Sample Forms and Letters

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index3.aspx?id=3230&menu_id3=793#manual

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Student Assessment 2009-2010 Testing Calendar Updates:

- Grade 3 TAKS reading is no longer an SSI grade advancement requirement. Grade 3 will now be administered in April with the mathematics test.

- Grades 5 and 8 TAKS reading will be administered on the same schedule as the April and May SSI mathematics tests.

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Student Assessment 2009-2010 Testing Calendar Updates:

- HB 3 eliminated the Spanish versions of the TAKS grade 6 mathematics and reading tests. These tests have been removed from the 2009-2010 assessment calendar.

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ELA/Reading

Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills

TEKS

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English Language Arts and Reading TEKS

- SBOE approval in May 2008
- Implementation in fall 2009
- Electronic copies available at http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/rules/tac/chapter110/index.html
- Vertical alignment charts and other resources available at https://www.englishspanishteks.net/

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1997	2008
Reading	Reading
Writing	Writing
Listening/Speaking	Listening/Speaking
Viewing/Representing	Embedded in Reading and Writing
Embedded in Reading and Writing	Research
Embedded in Reading and Writing	Oral/Written Conventions

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INTRODUCTION

Chapter 110, Subchapter A, B, and C

(b) Students must develop the ability to comprehend and process material from a wide range of texts. Student expectations for Reading/Comprehension Skills as provided in this subsection are described for the appropriate grade level.

Figure: 19 TAC 110.10 (b)

19 TAC 110.17 (b)

19 TAC 110.30 (b)

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ELA/Reading TEKS — Genres

Literary	Informational
•Fiction •Literary Nonfiction •Poetry •Drama •Media Literacy (embedded)	•Expository •Persuasive •Procedural •Media Literacy (embedded)

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Educator Focus and Advisory Committees Summer/Fall 2009

Topics Discussed Regarding the New Assessments:

- Proposed Test Design
- Published vs. Commissioned Selections
- Genres Tested at Specific Grade Levels
- Proposed New Test Objectives
- TEKS Student Expectations Eligible for Assessment

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