

PROMOTION STANDARDS

QUICK REFERENCE CARD: HISD 2009–2010 Promotion Standards Grades 1–8

The Houston Independent School District uses three different academic measures to decide if a student will be promoted to the next grade. They are course grades, a local or state test (High Frequency Word Test or TAKS), and a nationally norm-referenced test (Stanford or Aprenda). Please note that student attendance may also affect a student's promotion to the next grade level, since [Elementary School Guidelines](#) and [Secondary School Guidelines](#) define a limit of 7 % unexcused absences during the school year. For a student enrolled 175 days, the student would fail with 13 or more unexcused absences.

	Grades 1-2	Grade 3	Grades 4-5
A	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in reading, other language arts, mathematics, and science or social studies.
B	High Frequency Word Test: Passing Score	TAKS: Passing score ("met minimum expectations") in reading on English or Spanish TAKS	TAKS: Passing score ("met minimum expectations") in reading and math on English or Spanish TAKS
C	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading score Grade 1 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 26 Grade 2 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 33	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading score Grade 3 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 51	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading and total math scores. Grade 4 – Total Reading – Number Correct = 64 Total Math – Number Correct = 37 Grade 5 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 44 Total Math - Number Correct = 30
C	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading Grade 1 standard is K.4 Grade 2 standard is 1.4	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading Grade 3 standard is 2.4	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading and total math scores. Grade 4 standard is 3.4 Grade 5 standard is 3.9
	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8
A	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in three of the four core courses: Language arts (average of reading and English), mathematics, science, and social studies.	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in three of the four core courses: Language arts (average of reading and English), mathematics, science, and social studies.	Course Grades: State requirement of overall yearly average of 70 or above in three of the four core courses: Language arts (average of reading and English), mathematics, science, and social studies.
B	TAKS: Passing score ("met minimum expectations") in reading and math on English or Spanish TAKS	TAKS: Passing score ("met minimum expectations") in reading and math on English TAKS	TAKS: Passing score ("met minimum expectations") in reading and math on English TAKS
C	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for reading and math. Grade 6 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 39 Total Math - Number Correct = 20	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for reading and math. Grade 7 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 36 Total Math - Number Correct = 17	Stanford: Meets appropriate passing standard for reading and math. Grade 8 – Total Reading - Number Correct = 40 Total Math - Number Correct = 19
C	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for total reading and math. Grade 6 standard is 3.9	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for reading and math. Grade 7 standard is 4.9	Aprenda: Meets appropriate passing standard for reading and math. Grade 8 standard is 5.9