



September 1, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On May 29, 2017, the Governor signed HB 657 into law. This law requires all school districts to inform parents and legal guardians of the following information regarding the Student Success Initiative for grades 5 and 8:

ARD committees must meet before the second administration for students who do not score at approaches or higher on the first administration of the STAAR reading and/or mathematics assessments.

At this time, the committee shall determine:

1. the manner in which the student will participate in an accelerated instruction program; and
2. whether the student will be promoted or retained

At the meeting the committee, may promote the student to the next grade level if the committee concludes that the student has made sufficient progress in the measurable annual goals contained in the student's individualized education program. A school district that promotes a student under this option is not required to provide additional opportunity for the student to perform satisfactorily on the assessment instrument.

You may find a copy at this link:

<http://www.nisdtx.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=232201&pageId=269879>

If you have any questions, please contact your campus principal.

Sincerely,

Micah Gierkey