

### **Information on the Third and Fifth Grade TAKS Reading Tests Administered February 23, 2005**

Passing rates on the third and fifth grade state reading tests continued to rise this spring at the state level, even as the passing requirements increased.

Results released this week by the Texas Education Agency show that 89 percent of the 267,009 third-grade students passed the English version of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading exam, which they took Feb. 23. Seventy-five percent of the 273,003 students who took the fifth-grade TAKS reading test in English passed the exam.

Results in Beeville ISD show that 84 percent of the 225 third grade students passed the English version of the TAKS reading exam. Sixty-four percent of the 235 students who took the fifth-grade TAKS reading test in English passed the exam.

Texas has phased in the passing requirements for the more rigorous TAKS since 2003. The passing standards are fully implemented for grades 3-10 as of this spring and will be fully implemented for the exit-level test in 2006.

The chart is a summary of the BISD scores. These are the percentages of students in each group who met the passing standard.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>All Students</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>African American</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	<b>White</b>	<b>Eco. Disadv.</b>	<b>Non-Eco. Disadv.</b>
3	84	85	83	---	84	83	81	96
5	64	59	69	33*	62	75	55	86

---This means there were only 4 students in this category so the percentages are not given in the TEA supplied reports.

\*There are only 9 African American students in fifth grade in BISD.

Third and fifth graders have two more chances to pass the TAKS reading test—April 20 and June 29. In addition to passing the fifth grade reading TAKS test, fifth graders must also take and pass the TAKS mathematics test. The first administration for that test will be April 5.

For more information, contact your campus principal.