

Homedale School District #370

TO: Board of Trustees; Superintendent Rob Sauer
FROM: Amy Winters, HMS Principal
DATE: August 10, 2015
RE: Board of Trustees Report

Registration

Students in 6-8th grade selected classes online again this year on August 5-7 and parents came to the school on Aug. 10 to complete paperwork and pay fees. Fifth grade students and parents register on Aug. 11 and were able to tour the school and meet their teachers.

Back to School Night

Parents will be invited to meet the teachers and learn about the curriculum and classroom expectations for the year from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Aug. 31.

ISAT English Language Arts (ELA) Scores

5 th grade	8.0% Advanced	35.6% at or above grade level
	27.5% Proficient	
	24.1% Basic	64.3% below grade level
	40.2% Below Basic	
6 th grade	4.3% Advanced	27.1% at or above grade level
	22.8% Proficient	
	39.1% Basic	72.8% below grade level
	33.6% Below Basic	
7 th grade	9.3% Advanced	45.8% at or above grade level
	36.4% Proficient	
	39.5% Basic	54.1% below grade level
	14.5% Below Basic	
8 th grade	8.9% Advanced	46.5% at or above grade level
	37.6% Proficient	
	30.6% Basic	53.4% below grade level
	22.7% Below Basic	

ISAT Math Scores

5 th grade	5.7% Advanced	18.3% at or above grade level
	12.6% Proficient	
	26.4% Basic	81.6% below grade level
	55.1% Below Basic	
6 th grade	0.0% Advanced	9.7% at or above grade level
	9.7% Proficient	
	33.6% Basic	90.2% below grade level
	56.5% Below Basic	

7 th grade	6.2% Advanced	21.8% at or above grade level
	15.6% Proficient	
	34.3% Basic	77.0% below grade level
	42.7% Below Basic	

8 th grade	4.9% Advanced	22.7% at or above grade level
	17.8% Proficient	
	36.6% Basic	77.2% below grade level
	40.5% Below Basic	

Because this is the first year we have had scores from the new ISAT test, I do not have any comparison data. To my knowledge no information has come out from the state to allow schools to compare how they did with other schools/same grade levels.

It was predicted that the majority of students would be below grade level as the test is written two years above what we used to teach. The middle school will continue looking at how best to adapt the curriculum and incorporate learning activities that meet the test's higher expectations. I believe it will take a couple of years to bridge the gap the new test created.