

## 2015-2016 STAAR Accountability FAQ

**Question:**

**Will students in grades five and eight need to pass STAAR in Mathematics and Reading to be promoted to the next grade level?**

**Answer:**

No – The Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath, stated that, “As a result of ongoing reporting issues with our testing vendor, we will be removing student consequences attached to STAAR testing for grades five and eight for the remainder of the 2015-16 assessment cycle.”

**Question:**

**Will students who did not meet the passing standard on the fifth- and eighth-grade March and May tests in Mathematics and Reading need to take the STAAR assessment in June?**

**Answer:**

No - The Commissioner of Education, Mike Morath, stated that, “Given that June STAAR test results will not be required to be used for promotion decisions for SSI purposes and are not used for accountability, I am cancelling the June administration of STAAR for grades five and eight. “

**Question:**

**Will summer accelerated instruction (summer school) be available for students who did not meet the passing standard on the March and May grades five and eight STAAR assessment of in Mathematics and Reading be offered?**

**Answer:**

Yes – FBISD will still offer accelerated instruction (summer school) for those students who did not meet the passing standard on the STAAR assessment for grades five and eight Mathematics and Reading assessment. Even though students no longer need to pass the assessment to be promoted to the next grade level, the district strongly encourages students to attend.

**Question:**

**For students who did not meet the passing standard for fifth- and eighth-grade Mathematics and Reading STAAR assessments, what will determine promotion or retention?**

**Answer:**

Local discretion and all relevant and available academic information to make promotion/retention decisions will be utilized for these students as the district sees fit, such as the recommendation of the teacher and the student’s grade in each subject.

**Question:**

**When will I receive my student's results for STAAR tests in grades three through eight?**

**Answer:**

Originally TEA stated that STAAR assessment results would be delivered to districts by June 15<sup>th</sup> and FBISD would be required to communicate scores to parents within five days. Due to delays in reporting scores from ETS (the new company managing the STAAR Test Assessments), FBISD is unsure of when scores will be delivered to the District. More communication is expected from TEA and the Commissioner of Education to clarify on when scores will be delivered. Once the scores are delivered to FBISD, the district will still have only five days to communicate scores to parents. More information will be coming in the future.