Hereford Independent School District
Texas Student Success Initiative

The Student Success Initiative was created by the Texas Legislature to ensure that all students receive the instruction and support they need to be successful in reading and mathematics.

Under the Student Success Initiative grade advancement requirements, students are required to meet the passing standard on the Grade 3 Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) reading test to be promoted to fourth grade, and to meet the passing standard on the Grade 5 TAKS reading and mathematics test to be promoted to sixth grade. The requirements also apply to students served by special education who take accommodated and modified state assessments.

Beginning this year, 2007-2008, the grade advancement requirements will also apply to students who take the Grade 8 reading and mathematics TAKS and accommodated and modified state assessments for special education students.

Students have three opportunities to meet the passing standard on each of the tests and will receive additional instruction after each testing opportunity on which they do not meet the standard. A grade placement committee, consisting of the principal, teacher and parent or guardian, meets when a students has not met the passing standard after two testing opportunities and decides the most effective way to support a student's academic success. A student who does not meet the passing standard after three testing opportunities is automatically retained; however, if the parents appeal the retention, the grade placement committee may choose to promote the student if all members agree that the student is likely to perform on grade level with additional instruction.